

Lavender Languages VII

September 24-26, 1999
American University, Washington DC

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The 1999 Conference Program

All conference sessions take place in the Mary Graydon Center (MGC), a fully accessible facility in the center of the American University campus. Conference registration, the book stall and exhibits are on the **3rd floor** of the MGC. [Note: this is a change from previous postings.] Conference meeting rooms are on the 2nd and 3rd floors of the MGC. Food service is available on MGC main floor, in the cafeteria in the MGC basement, in the coffee bar and pizzeria on the underpass behind MGC, and at the deli counter in the lobby of the Ward Circle Building. There are vending machines for cold drinks and snacks on the MGC first floor and elsewhere across the campus. Plenty of complementary parking is available in the lot across from campus on Nebraska Avenue. Visit the homepage for access to DC and campus maps and for directions to campus..

Friday, Sept. 24th

9:00 a.m. registration opens Gianni Room, MGC 2nd floor

10:00 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. Text analysis workshop: Textual evidence for Lavender Languages
venue: Gianni Room, Mary Graydon Center, 2nd floor
moderator: Birch Moonwomon-Baird

Leap, Bill (American) Greetings, road rules, and brief opening remarks:

Where's the gay in gay men's English?

Ullman, Char (U Arizona) 'He's gay for sure, but...' Queer collaborations and the pedagogical implications of one teacher's coming out in class'

On-your-own lunch break

Provencher, Denis (U Wisconsin-La Crosse) 'Where's the gay language in Tetu?'

van Helden, Caspar (U Amsterdam) 'Boy power: Language identity and gay youth media'

Lemke, Jay (CUNY) Commentary and reaction

General discussion and end-of-workshop wrap-up

On-your-own Dinner break

7:30 p.m. Special guest artist performance:

Strange Fruit: Exploring race, gender, and sexual identity in the rural South
guest artist: E. Patrick Johnson (UNC)

venue: AU's Experimental Theater (the northwest corner of Freidham quad,

sponsors: AU's Office of Multicultural Affairs, AU-GLBTA Resource Center, and the Theater

Program in AU's Department of Performing Arts

admission: gratis (but modest donations to help defray performance expenses will be cheerfully accepted at the door)

Saturday, Sept 25

8:00 a.m. Registration, book stall, and exhibits open ' MGC 3rd floor foyer

9:00 a.m.- 12 N **Plenary session: Latina/o Lavender Languages**

venue: Taishoff Reading Room, MGC room 328

moderator and session organizer: Marielena Fina (Washington DC)

Romo-Carmona, Mariana (Goddard College) 'The languages of the conqueror and a journey between them'

Pantelis, Irene (Washington DC) 'Bisexuality in the Latina/o culture'

Fernandez-Aleman, Manuel (U Southern California) 'Speaking the unspeakable': How discussions of sexuality, especially homosexuality, are kept out of public discourse in Latin America'

Audience comments and general discussion.

12N - 1:00 p.m. On-your-own lunch break

Lunchtime roundtable discussion : Issues in Bi-language research

venue: Student Life Conference room, MGC 2nd floor

discussion leaders: Christa Craven (American) and Brett Beemyn (Western Illinois)

1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Concurrent sessions

Session 1.1 **Lavender languages and sexual politics I: Claiming identities**

venue: Taishoff Reading Room, MGC 328

Nakamura, Karen (Yale) ' 'Queer' in Japan: LGBT Identities and sexual politics in Japanese sign language'

Convey, Mark (Central Connecticut State) 'Queer public sphere: Eastern European queer identities on the internet'

Grimard, Marcel and Normand Labrie (Centre for Franco-Ontarian Studies, OISE)

' Silence, taboos, and hegemony, or how French speaking gays and lesbians produce discourse on identity'

Minning, Heidi (Syracuse) Qwir-English code-mixing in Germany: Constructing a rainbow of identities

Session 1.2 **Scripting Lavender Sexualities**

venue: Gianni Room, MGC 2nd floor

Junge, Benjamin (Emory) 'Sex, risk and the internet: A discourse analysis of websites used by gay men to arrange unsafe sex'

Mustanski, Brian (Northwestern) 'Defining sexual activity for gay men: Researcher vs. their subjects vs. dominant culture'

Abrams, Brett (American U) 'Gender hijinks and ribald humor: Female impersonators and the Hollywood nightlife, 1917-1940'

Peterson, David J. (Auburn) 'Apologia pro sua vita sexualis: Whitman's Children of Adam'

Session 1.3 Lavender Lexicon, Political Authority

venue: DSL Conference Room, MGC 2nd floor

Padilla, Mark (Emory) and Leonardo Sanchez 'Defining our terms: Construction of a Dominican gay dictionary'

Sivori, Horacio (Universidad de Buenos Aires) 'Que es un vedadero chongo: Gay authority in language practice'

Nader, Nicholas (American) 'Lesbian and gay movements beyond borders: Transnational diffusion of rhetoric, symbols and issues in comparative perspective'

van Helden, Caspar (U Amsterdam) 'Language and the dialectical evolution of gay youth culture'

3:00 - 3:15 p.m. Break for refreshments

your hosts: The Women's and Gender Studies Program, American University

3:15 - 6:30 p.m. **Plenary session: Globalizations of Gay English**

venue: Weschler Theater, MGC 3rd Floor

session moderator: Jeff Maskovsky (Temple)

Welcoming remarks

Kay Mussell, (Acting) Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, American University

Provencher, Denis (U Wisconsin-La Crosse) 'Vague English creole: (Gay English) text-making in the French gay press'

Gaudio, Rudy (U Arizona) 'Homos like us: Anglo-gay influence (& its limits) in a Nigerian Hausa subculture'

Hall, Kira (Yale) "Lambdas, ranis and beards, oh my!": Gay English in queer India'

Hawkins, Joe (U Southern California) 'Japan, the popular press and globalizing homophobia'

Moriel, Liora (U Maryland) Dancing on the needle's edge: Gay lingo in an Israeli gay disco

Amory, Deb (SUNY Purchase) Kuchu culture: Language and local/global gay identity in Nairobi, Kenya

Kennedy, Kieran (Columbia) Gay English and (Gay) Gaelic

6:30 p.m. **The 1999 Conference reception**

venue: Taishoff Reading Room, MGC 328

your hosts: AU Lavender Graduate Students Association

After the reception, you are invited to join the AU Lavender Grad Students for a pay-as-you-go visit to a DC-area lavender-friendly restaurant. Or make your own arrangements to enjoy DC's legendary lavender hospitality on your own.

Sunday, September 26th

8:30 Registration, book stall and exhibits open ' MGC 3rd floor foyer

9:00 - 11:00 a.m. Concurrent sessions

Session 2.1 **Lavender languages and sexual politics II: Citizenship and subjectivity**

venue: Gianni Room, MGC 2nd floor

Craven, Christa (American) 'The self in community: Constructions of lesbian community'

Higgins, Ross (Concordia) "Love me a little, Sappho, for I am utterly desolate': Lesbian and gay friendship in early 20th century Montreal'

Chamberland, Line (Maisonneuve College) 'Elsa Gidlow: Letters from Montreal'

Cahill, Sean (NGLTF) 'Language struggles in gay rights controversies: Anti-gay discourse and queer subjectivity in contemporary US politics'

Session 2.2 **Lavender languages, language socialization and the linguistics of 'coming out':**

venue: DSL Conference room, MGC 2nd floor

McKeown, Frank (American) XY magazine and gay language socialization

Weinberg, Jessica and Robert L. Whitman (Arizona) "Getting a grip': Learning masculinity in the movies'

Fletcher, John (U Minnesota) 'I am out, therefore I am: Some queer thoughts on the speech act of coming out'

Fu, Chong-Hao (Yale) 'Coming-out stories and Linde's flexibility of the self'

11:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. **Special Presentation: Lexicon and lesbian lect**

venue: Taishoff Reading Room, MGC 328

presenter: Birch Moonwomon-Baird

11:45 A.M. - 1:15 P.M. Concurrent sessions

Session 3.1 **Workshop: Analysis of lavender conversation**

venue: Gianni room, 2nd floor, MGC

organizer and moderator: Brian Heisterkamp (Arizona State U)

Busbee, Elizabeth (Yale) "What kind of a faggot are you, then?' Gender, sexuality and power in conversation'

Wright, Josh (Yale) 'Queer gossip'

Heisterkamp, Brian (ASU) 'Does your talk 'out' you? Finding gayness through conversation analysis' (includes hands-on practice in analysis of conversational text)

Session 3.2 **The whole sexual self: An interactive meditation and investigation of sex as a mediator of the presence of God**

venue: DSL Conference room, MGC 2nd floor

presenter and discussion leader: Christian Mendenhall (American)

1: 15 - 2:15 p.m. On-your-own lunch break

2: 15 - 3: 00 p.m. **Special presentation: Queer speaking: An artist describes his work**

venue: Taishoff Reading Room, MGC 328

presenter: Ira Tattelman (Washington DC)

3:00 - 5:00 p.m.: **Special session: Language and Lavender Space in Washington DC**

venue: Taishoff Reading Room, MGC 328

organizer and moderator: Mindy Michels (American)

Presentations, research reports, discussions and commentary from: Brett Beemyn (Western Illinois U), Alan Hersker (American), Loraine Hutchins (Union Institute, DC activist), Bill Leap (American), Mindy Michels (American), Ron Simmons (Us Helping Us, DC Activist) , Lili Vincenz (DC activist).Sheila Wise (American) ,

5:00 p.m. Lav Lqs VII adjourns (sigh) , but '