

The 8th American University Conference on Lavender Languages and Linguistics

September 22-24, 2000
American University, Washington DC

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Conference Agenda

All conference events take place in the 6th floor Meeting Rooms of the Butler Pavilion. See the campus map and other logistics details elsewhere on the conference web site.

Friday, September 22

8:30 a.m. Registration opens, refreshments available

9:00 - 12N *Text Analysis Workshop* (part I) (Butler Board Room)
organized and chaired by Jay Lemke (CUNY) and Birch Moonwomon (Sonoma State)
Presenters Birch Moonwomon, Marcel Grimaud, Normand Labrie, Jay Lemke, Caspar van Helden, Denis Provencher, and Joe Hawkins describe how they study lavender and other sexuality/gender through conversation, oral narrative, and print media text. A practical, hands-on, user friendly discussion.

12N - 1:30 p.m. **Lunch break**

Special lunchtime presentation (Butler Conference Room)
Lesbian art historian Flavia Rando discusses lesbian self-representations in the paintings of Romaine Brooks (some of whose works are currently on exhibit at the National Museum of Women in the Arts in downtown DC) and the influence of her work on Harmony Hammond, Fran Winant, and other, more recent women-identified artists.

1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. *Text Analysis Workshop*, part II

7:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. **Opening events and First Plenary session** (Butler Board Room)

Plenary session: *Lavender Languages in Will & Grace*
organized and chaired by Denis Provencher (U Wisconsin - La Crosse)
Provencher, Denis (U Wisconsin - La Crosse) A kiss is not just a kiss: Heteronormative narrative strategies in Will and Grace
Ison, John M. (U California - Riverside) Will's body: Camp, sexuality, and materialism in Will and Grace
Kanner, Melinda (Antioch) Queering the gay text: Karen as the queer center of Will and Grace
Rogers, Henry and Ron Smyth (U Toronto) Will and Jack: Gay but different
commentator: Roger Streitmatter (American)

Saturday, September 23

8:00 a.m. registration opens, refreshment available

8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. **Session 1: Power and Ideology in Lavender Languages**
(Butler Board Room) session chair: Ellen Feder (American)

Busbee, Elizabeth (Yale) Unequal footing; Goffman's models for deference, demeanor and face
in dominant/submissive communication

Solomon, Harris (Emory) White lies: Hiding and misrepresentation in Hebrew HIV/AIDS
educational materials

Ritchie, Jason (Duke) Ideology and M4M Chat

Gosse, Douglas, Normand Labrie, Marcel Grimard and Brigitte Roberge (OISE/U Toronto)
Violence in discourse of Gay and Lesbian Francophones

11:00 a.m.- 11:15 a.m. **Mid-morning refreshment**

11:15 a.m. **Concurrent sessions**

11:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. **Session 2a** : Cherchez the queer!
session chair: Liora Moriel (U Maryland)

Nakamura, Karen (Yale) and Husako Matsuo What's queer about Tarakazua ?

Willhite, Erika (UCLA) Differences between heterosexual and homosexual representations
in advertising

Hawkins, Joseph (U Akron) Japanese *gei* language: A modern polyglot mapped through
community publications

Keesling, Ryan (Northwestern) I could identify my name: How pop-artist God-des relates to queer
youth

11:15 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. **Session 2b**: Beartalk

organized and chaired by Les Wright (Mt Ida College/ Bear History Project)

Cox, Barth (U New Orleans) Asking to see the Soul: Video documentary on bears

Moran John (New Orleans) Now yer talkin' Bear: Orthography and identity in BEAR magazine

Suresha, Ron (Gay Lesbian Review) Grammbear and urso-masculinity: Neologisms and linguistic
innovations in Bear-specific discourse

Wright, Les (Mount Ida College/ Bear History Project) From anthropology to stars: The
transformation of the quasi social Bear Codes into the moral measure of Bearishness

commentator: David Bergman (Towson)

12:45 - 2:00 p.m . **Lunch break**

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. **Concurrent Sessions**

Session 3a : Express yourself !

session chair: Joe Hawkins (U Akron)

Johnsen, Ole (U Bergen) He's my sister! Gender inversion in gay men's speech

Armbrrecht, Thomas J.D. (William and Mary) Saturday night semiotics: Hanky-codes and
non-verbal communication among gay men

Grimard, Marcel, Brigitte Roberg, Normand Labrie and Douglas Grosse (OISE/ U Toronto)

Sexual narratives in the discourse of French-Canadian gay men living in Toronto

Baker, Paul (U Lancaster) Constructing Polari-speaking gay identities: The triangulation approach

Session 3b: Rethinking the Lavender Lexicon

session chair: Ron Butters (Duke)

Chakravorty, Bonnie (Tufts) Yours or mine: Variations in gay men's use and perceptions of
the term *fag-hag*

Morris, Bonnie (George Washington) A Lexicon of Festivalese: The slang of Lesbian music
festivals

Taub, Sarah (Gallaudet) and Loraine Hutchins (Union Institute) Sex and Spirit in the western
cognitive unconscious

4:00 - 4:15 **Mid-afternoon refreshment**

4: 15 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. **Second Plenary Session**

session chair: Bill Leap (American)

Welcoming remarks: Kay Mussell, Dean, College of Arts and Science

Featured speakers:

Anna Livia (UC Berkeley) Truck Drivers and Dandies: Lesbian Appropriations of
Masculinity and Class

Peter Jackson (Australia National University) Gay adaptation, Tom-Dee resistance and
Kathoei indifference

5:45 p.m. **Conference Reception** (sponsored by AU's Lambda Graduate Student Association)

The remainder of Saturday evening is free, so that you may enjoy DC's legendary lavender hospitality on your own.

Sunday, September 24

9:00 a.m. registration opens; morning-after refreshments available

9:30 - 10:30 a.m. **Third plenary session**
session chair: Bill Leap (American)

Featured Speaker

Birch Moonwomon (Sonoma State) Queermo meets queerling, queerling meets queermo:
Can the academic discourses of queer language study make peace and progress?

10:30 a.m. - 12:30 N **Concurrent Sessions**

Session 4a : Communities of Practice

organized and chaired by Liz Morrish (Nottingham Trent)

Levon, Erez (NYU) Variable performance: The effect of discourse environment on the overt
indexation of gay male identity

Minning, Heidi (Syracuse) Communities of Practice and sexual identities in the narratives of 20
former East Germans

Morrish, Liz (Nottingham Trent) Communities of Practice: Implications for Lavender Linguists

Session 4b: 19th Century Lavender Identities in Literary and Medical Texts

organized and chaired by David Peterson (Peru)

Peterson, David (Peru) Havelock Ellis' (and John Addington Symonds') Sexual Inversion:

A case study in the complexities of reading 19th century sexological texts.

Tougaw, Jason (American) Exposing the Invert: Oscar Wilde, Teleny, and the Sexologists
group workshop: practical analysis of sample 19th century texts

12:30 - 2:00 p.m. **Lunch break**

2:00 - 4:00 Session 5: The annual Sunday afternoon session on Language and Lavender Space
session chair: Mindy Michels (American)

Beemyn, Brett (U Rochester) "It was like the sun rose": The coffeehouse and the development
of Black LGB community in Washington DC

Livingston, McKenzie A. (New York City) Gay space and urban politics

Leap, Bill (American) Rethinking the language of *gay city*

Thompson, Damien (American) Negotiating gay presence in an urban African American
community undergoing gentrification

Streitmater, Roger (American) The White House "10"

respondent: Harvey Molotch (NYU)

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