

CARIBBEAN & AFRICAN CREOLES AS STRUCTURALLY DEFINED LANGUAGE VARIETIES:

An Interdisciplinary Conference

Saturday, May 10, 2008

8:00 – 5:00

Faculty Dinning Room, AC 2D01

Keynote Address

“Race, Language and National Identity in Jamaican Elementary School Children”

Dr. Hubert Devonish, Department of Language, Linguistics & Philosophy, University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica, WI

CONFERENCE TOPICS:

- Style and Structure of Caribbean and West African Creole Languages and African American Vernacular: Identity and Education (10:30 a.m. – 11:35 a.m.)
- Raising Silent Voices in Classrooms: Schooling of Haitian Students (11:40 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.)
- Researching Language Change: Cases of the Berbice Dutch & Speakers of Guyanese/ African American Language Varieties (1:30 p.m. – 2:25 p.m.)
- Interpretations and Misinterpretations: Perspectives and Practices in Language Variations in Elementary and College Classrooms in NYC (2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.)
- Issues and Challenges: Directions in Language Policy & Classroom Practices (3:35 p.m. – 3:55 p.m.)

Book Launch and Reception (3:55 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

“Constructing Vernacular Shift Culture in the Trans-Caribbean” Edited by Dr. Holger Henke

Presenters/Authors: Dr. Connie Sutton & others

Presenters include:

Dr. Hubert Devonish, Dr. Christa de Kleine, Dr. Walter Edwards, Dr. J.A. George Irish, Dr. MariaLuisa-Ruiz, Dr. Ian Robertson, Dr. Adelaide Sanford, Dr. Arthur Spears, Dr. Coleen Clay, Dr. Jean Francois, Ms. Rasheda Hallet, Ms. Andrene Bonner, and Professor Monica Dyer.

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