Call for Papers from University of Maryland Graduate Students

African American Identity Travels

Are you a graduate student at the University of Maryland?

Does your current or prospective thesis or dissertation research address some aspect of the question
How have African American people, ideas, culture and politics traveled outside the U.S. and what has
been the effect of those travels on the identity and politics of black people within the United States?

Would you appreciate a chance to get feedback on your work at an early stage from scholars of the
African Diaspora drawn from across the country?

If so, you are invited to submit a proposal for a special panel at "African American
Identity Travels," a conference to be held on campus September 17 and 18, 2004. The conference will focus on the history of African Americans traveling and/or living outside the U.S. and the impact of travel on African American identities and political struggles in the U.S.

We invite proposals from graduate students in the early stages of defining a research project who would like to present their research ideas and get feedback on their projects. The conference organizers will select approximately six students to present brief proposals of their work-in-progress on a panel during the conference. In addition, a very small number of students who are close to defending their dissertations may be invited to present a full conference-length paper during other sessions. Graduate students who are not selected to be on the program, but who share an interest in the conference theme, will be invited to a networking lunch with the conference speakers. This conference is designed to afford graduate students the chance to engage a range of senior scholars working in African Diaspora Studies.

Submission Deadline: June 25, 2004

Proposals must be submitted as Word documents by email to identitytravels@umd.edu

Submit a one-page proposal summarizing your research project along with a short CV.

Please complete the accompanying worksheet and submit it as the cover sheet for your proposal. For those who wish to present full papers, please also include a detailed outline of your dissertation chapters and your anticipated dissertation defense date.

Applicants will be notified of the organizers' decision by July 9, 2004.

Address any questions to: identitytravels@umd.edu
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Name__________________________________________________________________
Department_____________________________________________________________

Title of Your Project
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Your Program Status (e.g. ABD, completed exams, finished coursework, M.A. student)________________________________________________________________

Contact Information for Summer 2004

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Will this contact information be the same for next academic year?   Yes □   No □
If not, please include anticipated mailing address and phone number for 2004-2005.
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Your Advisor's Name  _____________________________________________________
Advisor’s Email Address ___________________________________________________
Advisor’s Campus Phone Number_____________________________________________

The conference, "African American Identity Travels," will be held at the University of Maryland College Park, September 17 and 18, 2004.

Conference co-organizers: Elsa Barkley Brown, Department of History, and Mary Helen Washington, Department of English.

For more information, contact: identitytravels@umd.edu