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2001-2002 Seminar Series

Language and Diaspora Culture

LANGUAGE AND DIASPORA CULTURE seeks to foster research into how language both affects and is affected by the cultural conditions of diaspora, and how under these conditions linguistic differences and affiliations interact with other categories of identity, be they of geography, race, religion, gender and class. We invite applications from scholars in a broad range of disciplines, including: history, literary studies, linguistics, sociology, psychology, anthropology and philosophy. We are open to an examination of any and all language systems and diaspora cultures. It is our hope that as the linguistic, ethnic, and racial map of the United States becomes increasingly heterogeneous, the work emerging from this project will inform public debate and public policy, particularly in the area of education.

Time: Thursdays, 12:00p.m. – 2:00p.m.

Place: The Simon H. Rifkind Center Seminar Room

North Academic Center, Room 6/316
The City College of the City University of New York
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March 7, 2002: **Our Students Write with Accents**
Dr. Charles F. Coleman, Assistant Professor, English, York College, CUNY

March 21, 2002: **Mobile Subjectivity in African American Travel Writers**
Dr. Cheryl I. Fish, Assistant Professor, English, Borough of Manhattan Community

April 4, 2002: **Eye-dialect and its Correspondence with Black Vernacular Usage**
Dr. Gordon Thompson, Assistant Professor, English, City College, CUNY

April 18, 2002: **Subtleties, Mild Imagination, Rage and Outrage:
The Tone of African American Literary Language**
Dr. Eleanor Q. Tignor, Professor, English, Laguardia Community College, CUNY

May 2: **The Status of Haitian Creole in the City University System**
Dr. Jean Plaisir, Assistant Professor, Education, City College, CUNY

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