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Curriculum Vitae

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Professor & Chair, Anthropology Department, The City College
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GENERAL INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

1977 **Ph.D. IN LINGUISTICS**; University of California, San Diego (UCSD)
Dissertation: *The Semantics of English Complementation*, Prof. Ronald
Langacker, Committee Chair; Sige-Yuki Kuroda; Edward Klima

1972 **CANDIDATE IN PHILOSOPHY IN LINGUISTICS**, UCSD

1969 **M.A. IN LINGUISTICS**; Northwestern University; Evanston, Illinois.

- 1969 **M.A. WITH DISTINCTION IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS;**
The Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies;
Washington, D.C.
- 1965-1966 Fulbright grantee: Universidad de la República; Montevideo, Uruguay &
Universidad de Chile; Santiago, Chile
- 1965 **B.A. IN FRENCH (HONORS), SPANISH, AND POLITICAL SCIENCE**
University of Kansas; Lawrence, Kansas.

EMPLOYMENT

- CUNY** (1983-present)
- Current Professor & Chair (2008-2011), Anthropology Department, The City College
Director, Black Studies Program, The City College (2007-2010)
Professor, Linguistics Program, The Graduate Center
Professor, Anthropology Program, The Graduate Center
- 1996-99, Chair, Anthropology Department, The City College
- 2002-present
- 1992-93 Exchange Professor (Université de Paris VIII – Vincennes à Saint Denis,
Département des études de pays anglophones) CUNY-Paris Exchange Program
(course taught: *L'anglais noir américain et les créoles*)
- 1992-93 Resident Director. CUNY-Paris Exchange Program (Un. de Paris VIII)
- 1988 Acting Director of M.A. Program in Applied Urban Anthropology (City
College)
- 1985-present Doctoral Faculty, Graduate Center. Linguistics Program
- 1984-present Doctoral Faculty, Graduate Center. Anthropology Program
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- 1986 Linguistic Society of America (LSA) Summer Institute (New York City).
Faculty Member
- 1974-1983 University of California, Santa Cruz (UCSC), Faculty member
- 1974 Senior Research Associate; Center for Applied Linguistics; Arlington, Virginia
- 1967-present Contract Interpreter in Spanish, French, and Portuguese; U.S.
Department of State, U.S.A.I.D., Experiment in International Living, African
American Institute, Crossroads Africa, Museum of Natural History (New York,
NY), Université de Paris VIII (faculty organized conference), Andrew Brimmer
(Federal Reserve, Un. of Minn., Economics Round Table), Tom Hayden
(Newark, NJ, 1968), El Obispo de Bata (Equatorial Guinea), Douglas Dáger
(Acción Democrática Social, Venezuela), etc.

OTHER OFFICES/ POSITIONS HELD

- 2009-2011 Immediate Past President. Society for Pidgin and Creole Linguistics
- 2009-2011 Nominations Committee, Chair. Society for Pidgin and Creole Linguistics
- 2007-2009 President. Society for Pidgin and Creole Linguistics
- 2005-2007 Vice-President/ President-Elect. Society for Pidgin and Creole Linguistics
- 2007 American Anthropological Association, Executive Program Committee
- 2005-2011 Society for Pidgin and Creole Linguistics. Executive Committee, elected and ex-officio
- 2003 Linguistic Society of America. Committee on Ethnic Diversity in Linguistics,
- 2000-2002 Council of Black Faculty and Staff, City College, chair and acting chair
- 2000-2003 Society for Pidgin and Creole Linguistics. Officer-at-large, Executive Committee.
- 1992-1994 New York Academy of Sciences, Anthropology Section. Advisory Panel

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2008 Grant from the Office of the President, Gregory H. Williams, The City College, CUNY
- 2001 CUNY Research Institute for the Study of Language in Urban Society (RISLUS) Grant. Training Teachers of African-American Vernacular English Speakers. [Awarded Fall 2000]
- 2000-2001 Rockefeller Fellowship. Language in Diaspora Cultures. Institute for Research on the African Diaspora and the Caribbean, CUNY
- 2000 Eisner Award. Simon H. Rifkind Center for the Humanities and the Arts at CCNY, Division of Humanities, City College. A Theory of African-American English: Grammar, Use and Ideology. [Awarded 1999]
- 1994-1995 CUNY Institute for Research on the African Diaspora in the Americas and the Caribbean. African American English:Language Use
- 1994 Association of Black Anthropologists (American Anthropological Association) Distinguished Service Award (for founding and serving two terms as editor of *Transforming Anthropology* and general editor of the ABA)
- 1991 City College President's grant #7657. For *Transforming Anthropology*
- 1989-1990 Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, Scholars-in-Residence Fellowship. 1985 PSC-CUNY Research Award. Tense, Aspect, and Mood in Haitian Creole (#6-65344)
- 1984 PSC-CUNY Research Award. Tense, Aspect, and Mood in Haitian Creole (#664-338)
- 1982 American Council of Learned Societies Grant-in-Aid. Tense, Aspect, and Mood in Black English
- 1980-82 UCSC Faculty Research Grants.

1978 UCSC Faculty Research Grants.

EDITORIAL

Journal Founder	<p><i>Transforming Anthropology</i>, the Journal of the Association of Black Anthropologists (a unit of the American Anthropological Association) [<i>Transforming Anthropology</i> became a journal officially under the editorship of Prof. Irma McCl Lauren.]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Founding Editor (1990-1993) • Editorial Board (1993 – present)
2007 - present	Editorial Advisory Committee, <i>Journal of Pidgin and Creole Languages</i>
2005-2007	Editorial Advisory Board, <i>American Speech</i>
2007 - present	Editorial Board, Creole Language Library, John Benjamins Publishers
1991-	Editorial Advisory Board. <i>CUNYForum</i>
1988-1993	General Editor (2 terms), Association of Black Anthropologists (a Unit of the American Anthropological Association)
1988-1989	Editor, <i>Notes from the ABA</i> (a publication of the Association of Black Anthropologists)
1988-1992	Contributing Editor, <i>Anthropology Newsletter</i> (the newsletter of the American Anthropological Association)

CONSULTING AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

1998 Legal consultant. Custody litigation on behalf of Louise Brown, basilectal AAVE speaker. New York City

1998 Legal expert witness. Federal hearing [race, racism, colorism, use of the term *nigga*]. Fayetteville, North Carolina

1983-present Evaluator for tenure, promotion, and job application: Un. of Michigan, Stanford, Harvard, SUNY New Paltz, SUNY Old Westbury, East Carolina University, Un. of South Carolina, New York University

1977-present National Science Foundation. Grant proposal Reviewer

1983-present Proposal reviewer. (Inter alia) Wenner Gren Foundation, NSF, PSC-CUNY Research Foundation, MacArthur Foundation (evaluator)

1975-present Manuscript reviewer – various publishers and refereed journals

1997 School of American Research (SAR); Santa Fe, NM; Panel for Review of SAR Fellowship Applications

1995 Legal expert witness. Federal trial [race and racism]. San Francisco, CA.

- 1992 National Science Foundation, Advisory Panel, Minority Graduate Fellowships. Wash., DC
- 1991 African-American Institute & The City College, consultation entitled "The Content and Future Direction of South African Education." New York City
- 1990 National Science Foundation, Advisory Panel, Visiting Professorships for Women. Wash., DC
- 1985 British Broadcasting Corporation. Technical Adviser for the series "Language and the Brain." New York City
- 1985 British Broadcasting Corporation. Technical Adviser for "The Story of English" telecourse. New York City
- 1975 Center for Applied Linguistics. Consultant. Arlington, VA
- 1974 National Institute of Education, Essential Skills Program. Consultant. Wash., DC

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Linguistic Society of America
American Anthropological Association
Society for Pidgin and Creole Linguistics
American Dialect Society
Associação de Crioulos de Base Léxica Portuguesa e Espanhola
Association of Black Anthropologists
Haitian Studies Association
Society for Caribbean Linguistics
Society for Linguistic Anthropology

LANGUAGES

WORKING LANGUAGES: English, French, Spanish, Portuguese
OTHER, research related: Haitian Creole

WRITINGS ON SPEARS

Wade-Lewis, Margaret. 2008. Spears, Arthur K. In *African American National Biography*, Vol. 7, ed. by Henry Louis Gates, Jr., and Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham, 356-358. Oxford and New York: Oxford University Press.

PUBLICATIONS AND RESEARCH

A. BOOKS AND OTHER VOLUMES

Spears, Arthur K. In preparation. *African American English: Grammar, Use, and History*.

Di Paolo, Marianna and Arthur K. Spears, [co-]eds. Ms. *Increasing Diversity in Introductory Linguistics Courses*. [under review]

Spears, Arthur K., ed. In press. *Black Language in the English-Speaking Caribbean and the United States: History, Structure, Use, and Education*. Lanham, MD: Lexington/ Rowman & Littlefield.

Spears, Arthur K. [first editor] and Carole M. Berotte Joseph, eds. 2010. *The Haitian Creole Language: History, Structure, Use, and Education*.: Lanham, MD: Lexington /Rowman & Littlefield

Spears, Arthur K., ed. *Language, Inequality, and Endangerment: African Americans and Native Americans*. Special Issue of *Transforming Anthropology* 18.1. 2010.

Makoni, Sinfrey, Geneva Smitherman, Arnetha F. Ball, and Arthur K. Spears, eds. 2003. *Black Linguistics: Language, Society and Politics in Africa and the Americas*. New York: Routledge.

Spears, Arthur K., ed. 1999. *Race and Ideology: Language, Symbolism, and Popular Culture*. Detroit: Wayne State University Press.

Spears, Arthur K. and Donald Winford, eds. 1997. *The Structure and Status of Pidgins and Creoles*. Philadelphia & Amsterdam: John Benjamins Inc.

Spears, Arthur K., ed., with Ira E. Harrison, compiler. 1992. *The ABA Directory*. Washington, D.C.:American Anthropological Association.

Spears, Arthur K., 1977. *The Semantics of English Complementation*. Ph.D. dissertation, University of California, San Diego. Ann Arbor:University Microfilms.

Taylor, Orlando, Leo Min, Arthur K. Spears [co-second author], and Paul Stoller. 1974. *Problems in Cross-Cultural Communication: A Study of Blacks and Whites in the U.S. Army*. Arlington,VA: Center for Applied Linguistics. 1974.

B. ARTICLES AND OTHER ACADEMIC WRITING

To Appear

Haitian Creole and Education in Haiti. *Journal of Pidgin and Creole Linguistics*. To appear [accepted pending revision].

Negotiating Racism: How I Got Over. In *Racism in Academe*, ed. by Janis Hutchinson and Audrey Smedley. Forthcoming.

African American English. In *Increasing Diversity in Introductory Linguistics Courses*.

Haitian French Creole. In *Increasing Diversity in Introductory Linguistics Courses*.

Thinking about Diversity. In *Increasing Diversity in Introductory Linguistics Courses*.

Language Contact (1st author, Marianna Di Paolo 2nd author). In *Increasing Diversity in Introductory Linguistics Courses*.

Introduction (co-author with Marianna Di Paolo). In *Increasing Diversity in Introductory Linguistics Courses*.

The Question of Tone in African American English. Ms.

Stressed *Stay*: A New African-American English Aspect Marker. Ms.

Published or In press

Preface. In *Black Language*, ed. by Spears. In press.

Introduction: Black Language in the English-Speaking Caribbean and the U.S. In *Black Language*, ed. by Spears. In press.

African American English: History, Structure, and Use. In *Black Language*, ed. by Spears. In press.

Preface. In *Black Language*, ed. by Spears. In press.

Introduction: Black Language in the English-Speaking Caribbean and the U.S. In *Black Language*, ed. by Spears. In press.

African American English: History, Structure, and Use. In *Black Language*, ed. by Spears. In press.

Transforming Anthropology: The Start Up and the Journey. *Transforming Anthropology* 18.2. 2010.

A Tribute to Yves Dejean & Albert Valdman. In *The Haitian Language*, ed. by Spears and Joseph, xv-xxii. 2010.

Preface. (with C. M. Berotte Joseph). In *The Haitian Language*, ed. by Spears and Joseph, xi-xiii. 2010.

Introduction: The Haitian Creole Language. In *The Haitian Language*, ed. by Spears and Joseph, 1-20. 2010

Orthography. (second co-author; with Nicholas Faraclas, Elizabeth Barrows, and Mayra Cortes Piñeiro), In *The Haitian Language*, ed. by Spears and Joseph, 83-105. 2010.

Language and Speakers: An Introduction to African American English and Native American Languages (with Leanne Hinton, second author) In *Language, Inequality, and Endangerment: African Americans and Native Americans*, guest ed. Arthur K. Spears. Special Issue of *Transforming Anthropology* 18.1:3-14. 2010.

Theorizing African American Women's Language: GIRL as a Discourse Marker. In *African American Women's Language: Discourse, Education and Identity*, ed. by Sonja L. Lanehart, 76-90. Newcastle upon Tyne, UK: Cambridge Scholars Publishing. 2009

On Shallow Grammar: African American English and the Critique of Exceptionalism. In *The Languages of Africa and the Diaspora: Educating for Language Awareness*, ed. by Jo Anne Kleifgen and George C. Bond, 231-248. Bristol, UK: Multilingual Matters. 2009.

Writing Truth to Power: Racism as Statecraft. In *Anthropology off the Shelf*, ed. by Maria Vesperi and Alisse Waterston, 93-100. Malden, MA: Wiley-Blackwell. 2009.

Pidgins/Creoles and African-American English. *The Handbook of Pidgins and Creoles*, ed. by Silvia Kouwenberg and John Victor Singler, 512-542. Blackwell Publishers. 2008.

Haitian Creole and Education in Haiti. Paper presented at the 17th Biennial Conference of the Society for Caribbean Linguistics in conjunction with the Society for Pidgin and Creole Linguistics. Cayenne, French Guiana. [CD]. 2008

Bare Nouns in African American English (AAE). In *Noun Phrases in Creole Languages*, ed. by Marlyse Baptista and Jacqueline Guéron, 421-434. Philadelphia/ Amsterdam: John Benjamins. 2007

African American Communicative Practices: Performativity, Semantic License and Augmentation. In *Talkin Black Talk*, ed. by H. Samy Alim and John Baugh, 100-111. New York: Teachers College Press. 2007

Disapproval Markers—A Creolism: Re-examining the African American English/ Creole Relationship. Papers from the Society Caribbean Linguistics, Sixteenth Biennial Conference; Roseau, Dominica [on CD, 27 pp.]. 2006

Perspectives: A View of the “N-Word” from Sociolinguistics. *Diverse Issues in Higher Education – Online*. July 13, 2006.

Review essay on *Pidgin and Creole Linguistics in the Twenty-First Century*, Glenn Gilbert, ed. *Journal of Pidgin and Creole Linguistics* 20.1:218-27. 2005.

Los Sustantivos sin determinantes en el palenquero y en el inglés afroestadounidense. *Los Criollos de Base Ibérica: ACBLPE* [Asociación de Criollos de Base Léxica Portuguesa y Española] 2003, ed. by Mauro Fernández, Manuel Fernández-Ferreiro, and Nancy Vázquez Veiga, 227-235. Frankfurt am Main & Madrid: Verveurt Verlag. 2004.

Response to Kirk Hazen’s Book Review of *Sociocultural and Historical Contexts of African American English*, edited by Sonja L. Lanehart Amsterdam: John Benjamins, 2001. (with Geneva Smitherman). *American Speech* 79.2: 201-7. 2004

Languages: Africanisms in the Americas. *African Folklore: An Encyclopedia.*, ed. by Philip M. Peek and Kwesi Yankah, 207-210. New York: Routledge. 2004.

Introduction: Towards Black Linguistics (Sinfree Makoni, first author). *Black Linguistics*, ed. by Makoni, Smitherman, Ball, and Spears, 1-17. 2003

Directness in the Use of African-American English. *Sociocultural and Historical Contexts of African-American English*, ed. by Sonja L. Lanehart, 239-259. Amsterdam & Philadelphia: John Benjamins. 2001.

Ebonics and African-American English. *Ebonics and Language Education of African Ancestry Students*, ed. by Clinton Crawford, 235-247. New York: Sankofa World Publishers. 2001

Contested Talk: Language, Ideology, and Social Control. *Transforming Anthropology* 9.1:51-53. 2000.

Preface. *Race and Ideology*, ed. by Spears, 7-9. 1999.

Race and Ideology: An Introduction. *Race and Ideology*, ed. by Spears, 11-58. 1999.

Teaching "Minorities" about Language and Culture. *Race and Ideology*, ed. by Spears, 61-82. 1999.

- Afterword. *Race and Ideology*, ed. by Spears, 225-229. 1999.
- African-American Language Use: Ideology and So-Called Obscenity. *African American English: Structure, History, and Usage*, ed. by Salikoko S. Mufwene, John R. Rickford, Guy Bailey, and John Baugh, 226-250. New York: Routledge. 1998.
- Preface and Acknowledgments. *The Structure and Status of Pidgins and Creoles*. Spears & Winford eds. 1997.
- African American English (with Geneva Smitherman). *Anthropology Newsletter*, Association of Black Anthropologists column, March 1997, p. 31.
- Vers un modèle des systèmes temps-mode-aspect dans trois langues créoles: L'haïtien, le guadeloupéen, et le martiniquais. *Etudes Créoles* 20.2:85-91. 1997
- Grammar, Race, and Ideology. *Anthropology Newsletter*, p. 21. May 1997. (A 1996-97 Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Funded Theme Article, "What *Don't* We Know: The Limits to Knowledge in Anthropology")
- Culture Critique and Colorstruction: Black-Produced Media Images of Blacks. *Transforming Anthropology*: 3.1:24-29. (Special Issue on Teaching as Praxis: Decolonizing Media Representations of Race, Ethnicity and Gender). 1993.
- Foregrounding and Backgrounding in Haitian Creole Discourse. *Focus and Grammatical Relations in Creole Languages*, ed. by Francis Byrne and Donald Winford, 249-265. John Benjamins. 1993.
- Where Did Haitian Creole Come From? *Africanisms in Afro-American Language Varieties*, ed. by Salikoko S. Mufwene, 156-166. Athens, GA: University of Georgia Press. 1993.
- Stem and So-Called "Anterior" Verb Forms in Haitian Creole. *Atlantic Meets Pacific: A Global View of Pidginization and Creolization*, ed. by Francis Byrne and John Holm, 261-275. Amsterdam: John Benjamins. 1993.
- In Memoriam: William Gordon Hawkeswood. *Transforming Anthropology* 4.1,2:52. 1993.
- Foreword. *The ABA Directory*, ed. by Arthur K. Spears, compiled by Ira E. Harrison. Washington, D.C.: American Anthropological Association. 1992.
- Reassessing the Status of Black English. Review article on Ronald R. Butters, *The Death of Black English: Divergence and Convergence in Black and White Vernaculars* (Bamberger Beiträge zur Englischen Sprachwissenschaft, Band 25). *Language in Society* 21:675-682. 1992.

Teaching Race, Racism, and Ideology. *Transforming Anthropology* 2.1:16-21 (Special Issue on Teaching as Praxis:Race and Ideologies of Power). 1991.

Teaching Language and Culture to Minorities. *CUNYForum: Papers in Linguistics*, No. 16, ed. by Robert Hollander, 138-154. New York:Linguistics Department, The Graduate School, CUNY. 1991.

Tense, Mood, and Aspect in the Haitian Creole Preverbal Marker System. *Pidgin/Creole Tense, Modality, Aspect Systems* (Creole Language Library, Pieter Muysken, series editor), ed. by John Victor Singler, 119-142. Amsterdam:John Benjamins. 1990.

The Grammaticalization of Disapproval in Black American English. *CUNYForum: Papers in Linguistics*, No. 15.1 & 2, ed. by Robert Rieber, 30-44. New York:Linguistics Department, The Graduate School, CUNY. 1990.

Ap and *Va* Futures in Haitian Creole. *CUNYForum:Papers in Linguistics*, No 14 (Special Issue in Honor of D. Terence Langendoen), ed. by Judith Tucker, Richard Mc-Kinnon, Thomas L. Maxfield, R.M.R. Hall, 204-210. New York:Linguistics Department, The Graduate School, CUNY. 1989.

Culture Watch: The Race Specials on Television. Notes from the ABA 15.2:7-9. 1989.

Black American English. *Anthropology for the Nineties*, ed. by Johnnetta B. Cole, 96-113. New York:The Free Press. 1988

Reprinted in *Language, Culture and Society: Readings in Linguistic Anthropology*, ed. by James M. Wallace III, 87-100. Dubuque, Iowa: Kendall/Hunt Publishing Co. 1990.

Tense, Aspect, and Mood in Haitian Creole. Report on PSC-CUNY Research Grants #664338 & 665344. 1987.

NWAV Panel Proceedings:Are Black and White Speech Diverging? *American Speech* 62.1:48-55,71,72. 1987.

Black English:The New View. *The Journal* 1.1:94-103. 1984.

The Black English Semi-Auxiliary *Come*. *Language* 58.4:850-72. 1982.

Reprinted in *Readings in African American Language: Aspects, Features, and Perspectives*, ed. by Nathaniel Norment, 173-201. New York: Peter Lang. 2002.

The Other *Come* in Black English. *Working Papers in Socio-Linguistics*, No. 77:1-15. Southwest Education Development Laboratory and National Institute of Education. 1980.

Institutionalized Racism and the Education of Blacks. *Anthropology and Education Quarterly* (Summer) 9.2:127-136. 1978.

On the Notion *Occasion* and the Analysis of Aspect. *Papers from the Tenth Regional Meeting*. Chicago Linguistics Society. 1974.

Significant-Class Predicates: A Study in the Semantics of Complementation. *Papers from the Ninth Regional Meeting*. Chicago Linguistics Society. 1973.

C. REVIEWS (Review articles and essays in above section)

Ralph Fasold. *The Sociolinguistics of Language: Introduction to Sociolinguistics*, Vol. II. *Journal of Linguistic Anthropology* 2.2:212-214. 1992.

Rose-Marie Dechaine, *Operations sur les structures argumentales: Le cas des constructions s rielles en cr ole ha tien* (Travaux de recherche sur le cr ole ha tien, Edited by Claire Lefebvre, No 1, avril 1988); Anne-Marie Brousseau, *Triptyque sur les compos s: Les noms compos s en fran ais, fongbe et ha tien en regard des notions de t te et de percolation* (TRCH, No 2, juin 1988); Marie Denise Sterlin, *Les diff rentes caract ristiques de pou en cr ole ha tien* (TRCH, No 3, juillet 1988). *Journal of Pidgin and Creole Languages* 6.1:155-160. 1991.

Donna Christian, Walt Wolfram, Nanjo Dube, *Variation and Change in Geographically Isolated Communities: Appalachian English and Ozark English*. *American Speech* 66.1:89-96. 1991.

Beatriz Lavandera, *Variaci n y Significado*. *Language* 62.1. 1986.

John Baugh, *Black Street Speech: Its History, Origin, and Structure*. *Language in Society* 14.1:101-108. 1985.

Bernard Comrie, *Aspect*. *Modern Language Journal* 62.4. 1978.

D. COLUMNS AND NONACADEMIC WRITING

Association of Black Anthropologists column in the *Anthropology Newsletter* of the American Anthropological Association (during term as corresponding editor for the ABA)

From the Editor. *Notes from the ABA*, Vol. 15.

From the Editor. *Transforming Anthropology*. 1990-1993.

(Film reviews). *Castro Express*. (San Francisco newspaper) Late ca. 1970s – early 1980s

PRESENTATIONS, LECTURES, AND WORKSHOPS

A. KEYNOTES, GUEST SPEAKER, SYMPOSIUM OR SPECIAL SESSION ORGANIZER

- 2010 Programas de Intercâmbio: Possibilidades no Futuro. Doutorado Multi-Institucional e Multidisciplinar em Difusão do Conhecimento, Universidade Federal da Bahia, Salvador, Brazil
- 2010 Línguas Negras da Diáspora. Centro de Estudos Africanos e Orientais, Universidade Federal da Bahia, Salvador, Brazil
- 2010 Linguagem, Cultura e Relações Étnicas. Opening Address for the Multi-Institutional and Multi-Disciplinary Doctoral Program in the Diffusion of Knowledge (Aula Inaugural do Doutorado Multi-Institucional e Multidisciplinar em Difusão do Conhecimento), Universidade Federal da Bahia, Salvador, Brazil
- 2010 Keynote Address: Getting African American English Right: Shallow Grammar and the Neocreolist Hypothesis. Society for Pidgin and Creole Linguistics, joint meeting with the Linguistic Society of American, Baltimore, MD
- 2009 Keynote Address: African American English: How Our Ancestors Created This New Language. Conference on Diaspora and Language, sponsored by the Migration Studies Project & the Center for Language Acquisition. Pennsylvania State University
- 2009 Disapproval Markers in African American English and Creoles. Columbia Seminars (Columbia School of Linguistics) Columbia University
- 2007 African American English Grammar: Camouflage and Incommensurability. RISLUS (Research Institute for the Study of Language in Urban Situations), CUNY Graduate Center
- 2007 Languages and Speakers: Confronting Endangerment, Seeking Equality. American Anthropological Association, Annual Meetings (Wash., DC), Presidential Session. Organizer
- 2007 Introduction: Languages and Speakers - Confronting Endangerment, Seeking Equality. American Anthropological Association, Annual Meetings (Wash., DC), Presidential Session
- 2007 African American English: The Grammar-Use Interface. Linguistics Club, Un. of Minnesota, Twin Cities
- 2007 African American English: Language, Race, and Ideology. American Studies, Cultural Studies, English Department, French and Italian Department, and ILES. Un. of Minnesota, Twin Cities
- 2007 African American English: Recent Advances in Understanding the Grammar-Use Interface. Center for Multiple Languages and Literacies, International Linguistic Association, Center for African Education. Teachers College, Columbia University
- 2007 African American English. University Colloquium. Drew University
- 2006 Haitian Creole: A Language's History, Cultural Context, and Legacy. One Book, One New Paltz 2006. SUNY New Paltz

- 2005 African American English and Creole Languages: Educational Issues. Creole Language Workshop VII. Florida International University, North Campus
- 2004 African American English: Race, Grammar, and Ideology. Guest Speaker. African American Studies. SUNY New Paltz
- 2003 Symposium Organizer: Practical Approaches to Incorporating Linguistic Diversity to Linguistics Courses (with the other members of the Committee on Ethnic Diversity in Linguistics, LSA). Linguistic Society of America annual meeting. Atlanta
- 2000 Race, Color, and Multiracialism. Guest speaker. Grinnell College Scholars' Convocation
- 2000 Race and Ideology. Guest speaker. DuBois Faculty Lecture Series. Morris Brown College. Atlanta University Center
- 1999 Race and Ideology. Guest speaker in the Stanford University Colloquium Series on Race. African and Afro-American Studies. Stanford University
- 1998 Caribbean Creoles and African-American English Connections. Guest speaker. York College's (CUNY) Thirtieth Anniversary/ African-American History Month Celebration
- 1997 African-American English and "Ebonics." Guest speaker. Rutgers University, Student Government
- 1993 Culture et Idéologie aux Etats-Unis. Guest speaker. Le Collectif d'Etudiants Afrique-Caraïbes de l'Université de Paris VIII
- 1992 Social and Regional Dialects: Black and White English, Creole, Spanish, and Portuguese. Guest Speaker. Marist College. Poughkeepsie, NY
- 1991 Varieties of African-American English: Standard and Vernacular. Guest Lecturer. Conference on African-American Language and Communication. Continuing Education, Teachers College, Columbia University
- 1991 Tense, Aspect, and Mood in Haitian Creole. Guest Speaker. Linguistic Society of New Zealand. University of Auckland. Auckland, New Zealand
- 1989 Black English in the U.S. Guest speaker. José Vigo Memorial Lecture. Bloomfield College. Bloomfield, New Jersey
- 1988 Mythology Today: The Ideological Dimension. Guest speaker. San Diego Humanities Project. San Diego, California
- 1987 La Influencia de la Cultura Caribeña en Estados Unidos. Guest speaker. Centro de Estudios del Caribe de Casa de las Américas. La Habana, Cuba.
- 1987 The Semantics of Haitian Creole Auxiliaries. Guest speaker. The Linguistics Association of New York University.
- 1976 Black English and Related Issues. Associated Students of San Diego Evening College

B. INVITED SPEAKER / SYMPOSIUM SPEAKER

- 2009 Race in the Age of Obama: Revisiting Race/Racism Fundamentals. Invited Session: The End/s of Race in the Age of President Obama. American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings, Philadelphia, PA

- 2009 Reflections on Fieldwork Ethics. Panel on Fieldwork Ethics. Joint Meeting of the Society for Pidgin and Creole Linguistics and the Associação de Crioulos de Base Léxica Portuguesa e Espanhola. University of Cologne, Germany
- 2008 African American Communicative Practices. Conference on Caribbean and African Creoles as Structurally Defined Language Varieties: Role and Function in Teaching and Learning. Sponsored by CUNY Faculty Development Grant & York College. Organized by Prof. Coleen Clay, York College, CUNY
- 2008 Theorizing African American Women's Language: Three *Girls*. African American Women's Language (Invitational conference). Brackenridge Endowed Chair & the Department of English; University of Texas, San Antonio. March 2008
[inclement weather, canceled flight prevented presentation]
- 2006 African American English and Creoles: Grammar, History, and Education. Research Institute for the Study of Language in Urban Society (RISLUS), Graduate Center, CUNY. Research Forum.
- 2004 Language, Ideology, and Consciousness: African American English – Race, Grammar, and Ideology. Culture, Power, Boundaries; Columbia University Seminar.
- 2001 Standard African-American English: Race, Grammar, and Ideology. Symposium: Recent Advances in Research on African American English. Linguistics Society of America. Washington, DC.
- 2000 Race and Ideology: Everything People Don't Want to Hear. Invited Session: Anthropology off the Shelf in the Year 2000. American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings. San Francisco, CA.
- 2000 A Theory of Black English. Rifkind Center for the Humanities. City College, CUNY
- 2000 Race, Language, and Ideology. Linguistics Dept. Stanford University.
- 1999 The African-American "Critical Center": Demarginalizing Anti-Racism. Presidential Invited Session. American Anthropological Association
- 1999 Toward a Holistic Theory of Race/Racism. Cultural Pluralism Seminar. Columbia University.
- 1998 Black, Jewish, and Interracial Matters. Invited Session. Annual Meetings, American Anthropological Association.
- 1998 Discussant: African-American English and Relations of Dominance. Invited Session. Annual Meetings, American Anthropological Association.
- 1998 Directness in the Use of African-American English. (Invitational conference) State of the Art Conference on AAVE: Sociocultural and Historical Contexts of African-American English. Sponsored by the University of Georgia.
- 1997 On Race and Racism. Presidential invited session, "Re-establishing the Centrality of 'Race' in Anthropology." Annual Meetings, American Anthropological Association.
- 1997 Transformative Linguistics. History, Science, Advocacy: The Living Legacy of Eleanor Burke Leacock (1922-1987). (Invited speaker) The CUNY Working Class Anthropology Project and the Brecht Forum
- 1997 Standard African-American English. Applied Linguistics Colloquium Series. Graduate Ctr., CUNY

- 1997 African-American English. (Invited Speaker) A National Symposium: What is the Relationship of Ebonics to the Education of Black Americans? Medgar Evers College, CUNY.
- 1996 African-American English and Linguistic Anthropology. Invited Session "Looking Back to the Future: Rediscovering Anthropology for the 21st Century." Annual Meetings, American Anthropological Association. San Francisco, CA.
- 1995 Grammar and Ideology: Uncensored Language. Colloquium Series, Linguistics Program, CUNY Graduate Center
- 1995 Black American English. (Invited speaker) Anthropology Club. City College.
- 1994 African American English: Language Structure & Language Use. (Invited Speaker) International Linguistics Association, 39th Annual Conference. New York City.
- 1993 Creole, the Haitian Language. (Invited Speaker) Program on Haiti: Language, Education, Culture, and Literature. Kingsborough Community College
- 1993 La Politique de la Culture Noire Américaine. (Invited speaker) Kool & Fresh Day - Journée à l'Université de Paris VIII, Saint Denis
- 1992 (Moderator) Race and Racism/The Film "Racism 101." Images of Diversity: A Pluralistic Media Festival. Dept. of Special Programs & The Audio-Visual Div., Cohen Library, The City College
- 1991 Discussion Paper: Ideology and Black American English. Invited Session on Racism, Linguistics and Language in Africa America: Papers in Honor of Beryl Loftman Bailey. Annual Meeting. American Anthropological Association. Chicago
- 1991 Oppression within and without. Invited Session on Teaching as Praxis: Decolonizing Media Representations of Race, Ethnicity and Gender in the New World Order. Annual Meeting. American Anthropological Association. Chicago
- 1991 Language, Symbolism, and Ideology. (Colloquium speaker) The Graduate School, CUNY, Anthropology Department
- 1991 The Grammar of Disapproval in Black English. (Colloquium speaker) Honors Program. University of Pittsburgh
- 1991 Tense, Mood, and Aspect in Haitian Creole: Synchrony and Diachrony. (Colloquium speaker) Linguistics Department. University of Pittsburgh
- 1991 (Moderator) The Social Context of Pidginization and Creolization. (John Holm, speaker; John Victor Singler, discussant) New York Academy of Sciences, Anthropology and Linguistics Sections
- 1991 Black American English. (Invited speaker) Conference on Multicultural Teaching. Hunter College, CUNY
- 1990 Teaching about Race, Racism, and Ideology. Invited Session on Teaching as Praxis: Race and Ideologies of Power. Annual Meeting. American Anthropological Association. New Orleans, LA
- 1990 The History and Structure of Haitian Creole. (Invited speaker) Conference on Successful Strategies for the Education of Haitian Students. New York University
- 1990 Black American English and Samaná English. Schomburg Center Colloquium Series. Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, The New York Public Library

- 1990 Foregrounding and Backgrounding in Haitian Creole Discourse. (Invited speaker) Conference on Focus and Grammatical Relations in Creole Languages. (Sponsored by NSF) The University of Chicago
- 1989 Disapproval Marking in Black English and Creoles. (Colloquium speaker) The Graduate School, CUNY, Linguistics Department
- 1988 Where Did Haitian Creole Come From? (Invited speaker) International Roundtable on Africanisms in Afro-American Language Varieties. (Sponsored by NSF) The University of Georgia
- 1987 La Presencia Lingüística de Africa y del Caribe en Estados Unidos. (Invited speaker) El Séptimo Festival de la Cultura de Orígen Caribeño. La Casa del Caribe. Santiago de Cuba.
- 1986 The Haitian Creole Verbal System. (Invited speaker) LSA Summer Institute. Creole Workshop: Language in Time and Space. (Sponsored by NSF) The Graduate School, CUNY
- 1986 Disapproval Forms in Black English. (Invited paper) Conference: The First Twenty Years. University of California, San Diego, Linguistics Department
- 1986 Linguistic Society of America Summer Institute. Participant in Creole Workshop (NSF-sponsored)
- 1985 Are Black and White Speech Diverging? (Invited speaker) Columbia University Faculty Seminar on Cultural Pluralism
- 1985 (Panelist) Are Black and White Vernaculars Diverging? NWAVE XIV. Georgetown University
- 1985 (Discussant) Workshop: Cultural Expressions & Social Change. CUNY Association of Caribbean Studies, Second Annual Conference: Pan-Caribbean Transformations at Home & Abroad. Brooklyn College, CUNY
- 1985 Teaching Language & Culture to Minorities (Invited speaker). Curriculum Conference: The Irish-American Experience. New Jersey Department of Higher Education. Rutgers University
- 1985 (Rapporteur) Colloquium: Dynamics of Cultural Change in the Caribbean: A Search for New Perspectives. CUNY Association of Caribbean Studies. Medgar Evers College, CUNY
- 1985 Tense, Mood, and Aspect in Haitian Creole. (Invited speaker) The New York Academy of Sciences, Linguistics Section
- 1985 The Syntax and Semantics of Semi-Auxiliaries in Haitian Creole. (Invited speaker) Graduate Center, CUNY, Linguistics Department
- 1984 Language and Ideology: The Case of Black English. (Colloquium speaker) The Graduate School, CUNY, Anthropology Department
- 1974 A Critique of Bresnan's Phrase Structure Hypothesis on Complementation. Center for Applied Linguistics
- 1974 Black Language: Some Implications for Educational Policy. Invited Speaker. National Association of Black Catholics, Annual Conference

C. CONFERENCE PAPERS/ PANEL CHAIR

- 2010 *Nigga* and its Cognates in Afro-American Languages. Society for Pidgin and Creole Linguistics. Winter Meeting (with LSA). Baltimore.
- 2009 African American English Auxiliaries: The Neocreolist Hypothesis. Society for Pidgin and Creole Linguistics. Winter Meeting (with LSA). San Francisco
- 2008 *BACK, DOWN*, and the Word Class of Exclamatorials in African American English. *New Ways of Analyzing Variation (NWAV) 37*. Houston, TX.
- 2008 Haitian Creole and Education in Haiti. Joint Meeting of the Society for Caribbean Linguistics, Society for Pidgin and Creole Linguistics, and the Centre d'Études des Langues Indigènes d'Amérique. Cayenne, French Guiana
- 2007 The Status of African American English with Respect to Creoles. Society for Pidgin and Creole Linguistics, Summer Meeting. Amsterdam
- 2006 Race and Color in the Current Millennium. Fifth Work in Progress at CUNY on the African Diaspora. CUNY Graduate Center
- 2006 Disapproval Markers: A Creolism. Society for Caribbean Linguistics; Roseau, Dominica
- 2006 African American English: Pitch and the Question of Tone. Society for Pidgin and Creole Linguistics, Winter Meeting. Albuquerque, NM.
- 2005 Panel Chair: Contact and Variation in AAE. *NWAV (New Ways of Analyzing Variation) 34*. New York University.
- 2005 Third Annual Symposium on Institutional Building in Harlem: The Malcolm X Legacy: A Global Perspective. Panel Four: Teaching through Malcolm X. Black Studies Program. City College
- 2004 Ideology in Racial and Ethnic Terminology. The Fourth IRADAC-CAAN Work in Progress at CUNY on the African Diaspora: An Interdisciplinary Conference. The Graduate Center, CUNY
- 2004 Substantivos sem determinantes – Sua importância para a lingüística ibérica. ABCECS [Associação Brasileira para o Estudo de Crioulos e Similares]. São Paulo, Brazil. [accepted, but unable to present due to Brazilian gov't's failure to recognize visa]
- 2004 The Question of Tone in African American English. Curaçao Creole Conference, International Joint Conference of the SCL-SPCL-ACBLPE on Caribbean and Creole Languages. Curaçao, Netherlands Antilles.
- 2003 Bare Nouns in African-American English and Palenquero. Associação de Crioulos de Base Léxica Portuguesa e Espanhola. A Coruña, Galicia, Spain.
- 2003 Augmentation: Grammar and Performativity in African-American English. Society for Pidgin and Creole Linguistics, Winter Meeting (concurrent with LSA). Atlanta.
- 2002 *Nigga*: Language, Race, and Ideology. CAAN/IRADAC Conference. CUNY Graduate Center. New York.
- 2002 Conceptualizing Creole Grammars: Caribbean French-Lexifier Creoles. Society for Pidgin and Creole Linguistics. San Francisco.
- 2001 Serial Verb-Like Constructions in African-American English. Society for Pidgin and Creole Linguistics. Washington, DC.

- 2000 Standard African-American English. Institute for Research on the African Diaspora and the Caribbean & The CUNY African-American Network. Graduate Center, CUNY.
- 2000 Stressed *Stay*: A New African-American English Aspect Marker. American Dialect Society, Chicago IL.
- 1999 Le système aspecto-temporal du ste-lucien. IX^e Colloque International des Etudes Créoles. Aix-en-Provence, France.
- 1999 Camouflage and Segmental Conformity in African-American English. CUNY Linguistics Program Faculty/Student Conference.
- 1999 Directness in African-American Language Use. Conference on Language and African Diaspora Cultures. A CUNY Faculty Development Colloquium. Institute for Research on the African Diaspora and the Caribbean (IRADAC). City University of New York.
- 1999 Camouflage and Segmental Conformity in African-American English. Society for Pidgin and Creole Linguistics. Los Angeles.
- 1998 Standard African-American English. Society for Caribbean Linguistics/ Society for Pidgin & Creole Linguistics. Castries, St. Lucia.
- 1996 Le temps-mode-aspect aux créoles des Antilles. VIII^e Colloque International des Etudes Créoles. Pointe-à-Pitre, Guadeloupe.
- 1994 Creole Tense-Mood-Aspect Systems. Student/Faculty Conference, Linguistics Program, CUNY Graduate Center
- 1994 The TMA Systems of Haitian and Lesser Antilles Creoles. Society for Caribbean Linguistics/Society for Pidgin and Creole Linguistics. Georgetown, Guyana.
- 1991 Workshop on Teaching about Race and Racism. Hopes and Impediments: A Conference on Race and Other Differences. The City College, CUNY
- 1991 Haitian Stem Verb Forms. Annual Meeting. Society for Pidgin and Creole Linguistics. Chicago, IL
- 1989 Haitian Creole *Pou*. Society for Pidgin and Creole Linguistics. Washington, D.C.
- 1988 The Grammaticalization of Disapproval in Black American English. Seventh Biennial Conference of the Society for Caribbean Linguistics. Nassau, Bahamas
- 1986 (Panelist) Divergence and Convergence between Blacks and Whites in Language and Culture. The New York Academy of Sciences, Anthropology Section
- 1985 Possibilities for a Theory of Mood. Conference: Language Typology and Universals. University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee
- 1984 The Idea of Black English. American Anthropological Association, 83rd Annual Meeting. Denver, Colorado
- 1984 Questions of Meaning in the Haitian Creole Verbal System. Society for Caribbean Linguistics, 5th Biennial Conference. Kingston, Jamaica
- 1983 Une remise en question du temps, de l'aspect, et du mode en créole haïtien. IV^e Colloque International des Etudes Créoles. University of Southwestern Louisiana
- 1981 Black English: The New View. Linguistic Society of America, Annual Meeting
- 1980 The Semantics of Syntactic Reduction. Linguistic Society of American, Annual Meeting

- 1979 *Come* A Modal-like Form in Black English. Linguistic Society of America, Annual Meeting
- 1978 The Other *Come* in Black English. California Linguistics Association, Coast Region, 7th Annual Meeting
- 1973 Quantification, Plurality, Aspect, Reference, and Conjunction. Linguistic Society of America, Annual Meeting
- 1971 Some Notes on Complementation. California Summer Linguistics Conference
- 1971 Some Observations on Aspectual Verbs. California Linguistics Conference

MEDIA PRESENTATIONS (On African-American English, unless otherwise indicated)

- WABC, CN 7. "Like It Is," with Gil Noble. [Haiti and U.S. Problems, Part II], Jan. 24, 2010.
- WABC, CN 7. "Like It Is," with Gil Noble. [Haiti and U.S. Problems, Part I], Jan. 17, 2010.
- WBAI, New York City. "CUNY: A Mission Deferred," interviewed by Prof. William Crain [the future of Black Studies], August 26, 2009
- Réseau France Outre-Mer, Groupe France Télévisions. "Journal d'informations," interviewé par Clotilde Séraphins [Les langues créoles], August 29, 2008
- WABC, CN 7. "Like It Is," with Gil Noble. [Globalization and People of Color, Part II], Sept. 23, 2007
- WABC, CN 7. "Like It Is," with Gil Noble. [Globalization and People of Color, Part I], Sept. 16, 2007
- WABC, CN 7. "Like It Is," with Gil Noble. [Race and racism] May 14, 2006.
- WQBH (1400 AM Radio Talk Show). Detroit Area. [On *nigga*]. 2003
- Channel 9 News, New Jersey. "Medical Racism." 2001
- CN 8, Union City, NJ. Family Talk – "You're not Black Enough" [race/racism]. 2001
- WEJE Radio, Extreme 96.3, Fort Wayne, IN. The Morning Show, with J.J. and Chad. 2000
- Columbia University School of Journalism, Television station. Interviewed on the televizing of the Amadou Diallo trial. 2000
- WBEZ, National Public Radio, Chicago. "848" with host, Steve Edwards. [A conversation on Spears, ed., *Race & Ideology*]. 2000
- WCHB Radio, Detroit, MI. "The Morning Show," with Robin Hardin. [Racial categorization & African-American English]. 1997.
- Public Access. Channel 34, New York City. "Media Watch," National Association of Black Journalists. 1997.
- WBAI Radio (99.5 FM), New York City. "Wake-up Call," with Bernard White and Amy Goodman. 1997
- KCBF Radio, Anchorage, Alaska. "The Lori Backes Show." 1997.
- WCXJ (1515 AM) Radio, Pittsburgh, PA. "Jim 'J.T.' Tarpley Talk Show." 1996.
- WNYE-TV, Channel 31. New York, NY. Newstalk Television. [Race and racism]. 1996.
- WJNO Radio, West Palm Beach, Florida. Interviewed by Jack Coles. 1985.

WXYT Radio, Southfield, Michigan (serving the Detroit area). "The Kevin Joyce Show." 1985.

WRKO Radio, Arlington, Massachusetts (serving the Boston area). "The Marvin Scott Show." 1985.

WCAU-TV, Channel 10, Philadelphia. David Falcone's morning show, "Daybreak." 1985.
Black Entertainment Television, Washington, D.C. 1985.

British Broadcasting Corporation. Telecourse miniseries, "The Story of English," Segment Five: "Black on White." 1985.