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The Fifth Annual Herman C. Hudson Symposium

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"Lifting the Veil: Multidisciplinary Perspectives on Identity and Responsibility in Global Societies" The discourse on Black consciousness and its global dimensions are extensive. This discourse is particularly relevant in communities within the African Diaspora. Issues of identity, culture, and the sense of responsibility to the race take on renewed urgency under the present world conditions which are negatively impacting black world communities. What is our individual and collective responsibility to Black Diasporic communities? How is blackness defined within a global society given the vast cultural and economic differences?

The fifth annual Herman C. Hudson Symposium hosted by the African American and African Diaspora Studies Graduate Society at Indiana University, Bloomington seeks abstracts of papers from interdisciplinary perspectives related to these issues. These papers will be presented during our annual conference Saturday, March 22nd, 2008 at the Neal Marshall Black Culture Center on Indiana University, Bloomington’s campus. Our keynote speaker for this year’s event will be Sonia Sanchez, an influential poet, writer, and social activist. Papers should explore questions pertaining to the cultural, intellectual, historical, social, and political responsibilities and identities of people who are part of the African Diaspora. We are also especially interested in extending our presentation scope to the performing and visual arts, as these are important forms of communication and expression within the African Diaspora.

Interested graduate and undergraduate student presenters should submit a 300 word abstract and a one-page CV. Presenters who are interested in displaying visual art should submit a digital CD of their work along with their 300 word abstract discussing the details of their pieces. Performing artists should submit a one page abstract regarding the form, content, and length of their performance. Panel proposals should include a title, a description of the panel’s theme, a 300 word abstract of each paper, the name of the panel chair, and a one page CV for each participant. All abstracts should include the academic affiliation of each participant.

All materials should be emailed with the heading HCHS ABSTRACT to hchs@indiana.edu and postmarked, faxed, or e-mailed no later than, Wednesday, January 20, 2008. Visit our website at www.indiana.edu/~afroamer/.
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