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The Triangle African-American History Colloquium announces its fifth annual New Perspectives on African-American History and Culture Conference, with the theme of "Intersecting Identities in African American History and Culture." The Conference Committee invites proposals for single papers or complete session panels related to the themes of identity and intersectionality in African American history and culture, across a range of time periods, areas, and disciplines. Though race has been one of the principal categories of analysis in the study of black historical experiences, multiple identities -- including, but not limited to, gender, class, sexual, and regional identity -- have shaped African American lives. Exploring the intersections of identities broadens scholarly investigations and places our studies of African American history and culture in more nuanced and comparative contexts. This conference seeks to address questions such as: "How have African Americans used and experienced identity in their history and lives? How have various kinds of identity shaped the lives and history of African Americans?"

Topics of exploration on identity and intersectionality in African American history and culture might include: feminist and women's history; sexuality and sexual orientation; multiple racial or ethnic identities; religious identities; migration and shifting regional identity; political ideologies; and myriad others. Papers on any topic that relates to the conference theme are welcome.

The deadline for proposals is Monday, November 1, 2010. Respond via email to bdp@email.unc.edu with your name, institution, title, email address, proposed paper title, a 150-word abstract, and curriculum vitae. Please put "Conference Proposal" in your subject line. The conference paper itself should have a historical focus and be a maximum of ten pages in length, not including endnotes and/or bibliography. Presentations will be limited to twenty minutes. Contact Information: Bradley Proctor Ph.D. Candidate Department of History, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, email bdp@email.unc.edu.