Conspicuously Unseen: Invisibility and Denial in Diasporic Communities
North Carolina Central University invites proposals for the third annual African Diaspora Studies Symposium, to be held March 19-20, 2011. The theme for this year is "Conspicuously Unseen: Invisibility and Denial in Diasporic Communities." The symposium seeks to explore the ways that Diasporic communities see themselves and the ways that they are perceived by the dominant cultures that surround them. Special attention will be given to the Afro-Latin American, Afro-European, and Afro-Asian experience, though any topic within the Diaspora will be considered. In keeping with the breadth of the Liberal Arts, we seek proposals for papers, panels, performances (music or theater), film, and graphic art from any branch of Diaspora studies. The symposium has typically brought together scholars, activists, and artists, representing disciplines as varied as Public Health and performance art. We look forward to continuing this tradition, bringing together academics, community members, and creative artists to engage with each other on issues facing the African Diaspora and African Diaspora Studies. North Carolina Central University, located in the heart of Durham, was founded in 1910 and is the first state-supported liberal arts institution to serve the black community. The University prides itself on its relations with the Durham community, and the NCCU African Diaspora Studies Symposium encourages input and participation from both academics and the community.

Papers and submission: Individual abstracts should be 250 words or less and panel abstracts should be 750 words or less. Abstracts should be submitted by Wednesday, December 15, 2010. Please include, for all participants, a five-line biography with institutional/organizational affiliation and contact information. Please direct all submissions to Youssef J. Carter at youssefcarter@gmail.com and Joshua Nadel at jnadel@nccu.edu. This two-day symposium is free and open to the public. It will be held on the campus of North Carolina Central University in Durham, NC on March 19 and 20, 2011. For more information contact: Joshua Nadel, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Department of History Associate Director, Global Studies Program, North Carolina Central University, 1801 Fayetteville St. Durham NC 27707, Phone: (919) 530-6367, Fax: (919) 530-5392, jnadel@nccu.edu.