

**23rd Annual Conference on African American Culture and Experience (CACE)  
African American Studies at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro  
On the campus of UNCG in Greensboro, NC  
October 18-19, 2012**

Theme: "New Approaches to Black Leadership in the African Diaspora"

Since the election of President Barack Obama there have been numerous conversations across the world regarding his leadership style. While this conference is not focused on Barack Obama and his presidency, his private life and political career provide stimulating topics for considering the state of Black leadership in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. His work as a community organizer and his impact on international governments provides us with topics for engaging and informative critical discourse. In keeping with our commitment to interdisciplinary studies, we welcome approaches from the arts, humanities, social sciences, and education.

We invite paper abstracts and panel proposals that cover, but are not limited to one or more of the following topics in relation to the theme:

- Community organizing/Grassroots organizing
- Educational policies
- Leadership training
- International, national, local political leadership
- Healthcare reform
- Gender and leadership
- Representations of Black leaders in film, television, art, drama, literature (1990-present)
- Class and leadership
- Ethics of leadership
- Leadership and business
- Politics of leadership
- Performance and Leadership
- Afro-centric approaches to leadership
- New Approaches to Black Studies
- Leadership and religion

Individual abstracts should be 250 words and panel abstracts should be 750 words or less. Abstracts must be submitted by May 1, 2012. All proposed participants must include a short biography of five sentences with institutional affiliation and an email address. Submit as a Word or PDF document to [afs@uncg.edu](mailto:afs@uncg.edu). Questions may be submitted to that address as well. Abstracts from non-academics, graduate and undergraduate students are welcomed.

The annual Conference on African American Culture and Experience (CACE) examines critical and timely African American-related issues and perspectives to engage students, faculty, staff, and members of the community in the exploration and discussion of these topics and ideas. CACE was initiated in 1990 by the UNCG Department of Religious Studies and seeks to promote a better understanding of the various facets of African American culture and experience. It is now organized by the African American Studies Program, which will celebrate its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary in Fall 2012.