

## **Atlantic World Literacies: Before and After Contact**

**October 7-9, 2010**

Plans are well in hand for our next major interdisciplinary conference to be held here at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, **October 7-9 of 2010**. Entitled “**Atlantic World Literacies: Before and After Contact**,” the conference will explore the development of different forms of literacy around the Atlantic Rim—in Europe, Africa, and the Americas—before the Columbian era; consider the roles of literacy, sign systems and writing systems in the era of discovery, colonization, and conquest; and examine how transatlantic encounters and collisions birthed new literacies and literatures, and transformed existing ones. Varied metaphorical and cultural “literacies” will be considered, as well.

Four famed Atlantic World scholars representing the African, French, Iberian, and British transatlantic worlds have accepted our invitation to join us as plenary speakers:

--**Peter Mark**, Professor of Art History and African-American Studies at Wesleyan --University, expert in African art and historian of Luso-African identity and cross-cultural literacy;

--**Laurent DuBois**, Professor of French and History at Duke University, expert on new finds in Haitian archives, including French plays translated into Haitian Creole;

--**Julio Ortega**, Professor of Hispanic Studies at Brown University, expert on Latin Americans’ use of Iberian languages to tell their own history and create their own literatures;

--**Susan Manning**, Professor of English at the University of Edinburgh, expert on the transatlantic Enlightenment and co-founder of STAR, Scotland’s Transatlantic Relations.

--“Atlantic World Literacies” will be presented by the Atlantic World Research Network in cooperation with UNCG’s Departments of **History, English, and Romance Languages** and sponsored by the **University Provost** and the **Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences**.

--Blocks of rooms have been reserved at the **Proximity**, America’s leading green hotel, and at the **Marriott Downtown Hotel**, both near the UNCG campus.

--**A full call for papers is forthcoming; in the meantime, send your inquiries to [awrn@uncg.edu](mailto:awrn@uncg.edu).**

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