

**WOMEN AND GENDER STUDIES INSTITUTE, UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO**

**INVITES YOU TO**

**DIASPORIC HEGEMONIES: RACE, GENDER, SEXUALITY AND THE  
POLITICS OF FEMINIST TRANSNATIONALISM**

**WILLIAM DOO AUDITORIUM, NEW COLLEGE, 45 Willcocks Street,  
OCTOBER 19-21, 2006**

**THURSDAY October 19th**

9:00 a.m. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

9:30 a.m. **HEGEMONIES (I)**

**CHAIR: Tina Campt (Duke)**

Anne Maria Makhulu (Duke) *The Elusive Continent: Africa as Contingent Sign in Black  
Diaspora*

Jesse Shipley (Bard College) *Rap Pastors and Publics: African Youth Appropriations of  
the Electronic Beat of Diaspora*

Katherine McKittrick (Queen's University) *Unmapping the Black Diaspora: Thinking  
About Human Territory*

Deborah Thomas (Duke) *The Violence of Diaspora: Class, Culture, Circulations*

2:00 p.m. **HEGEMONIES (II)**

**CHAIR: Hazel Carby (Yale)**

Michelle Stephens (Mount Holyoke) *Race, War, and Power: Rethinking Diasporic Black  
Masculinities Through Performance*

Denise Noble (Goldsmiths) *Diaspora Dis/identifications & The Politics of Black  
Embodiment*

Gloria Wekker (Utrecht) *From the "Old" World: Knowledge Production and Diasporic  
Politics*

Gamal Abdel-Shehid (York) *Masculinity Tradition Hegemony*

6:30 p.m. **KEYNOTE**

Carole Boyce Davies (Florida International University), *Con-dol-eezza:  
Transnationalism, Diaspora and the Limits of Domestic Feminist Positions*

**FRIDAY OCTOBER 20<sup>TH</sup>**

6:30 p.m. **KEYNOTE:**

Andrea Smith (Michigan): *Indigenous Feminist Perspectives on Reparations: Beyond  
Capitalism and the Nation-State*

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 21<sup>ST</sup>**

### **9:30 A.M. GENEALOGIES**

Suki Ali (LSE) *Unsettling Genealogies*

Bonita Lawrence (York) *Land, Identity, and Indigenous Survival*

Neville Hoad (UT, Austin) *Indigenous Disease: Pandemics, Legacies and the "Makwerekwere" in Contemporary South Africa*

Rinaldo Walcott (Toronto) *Origins...Beginnings...: TransAtlantic Slavery*

### **2:00 p.m. POLITICS**

**CHAIR: Michelle Wright (Minnesota)**

Kesha Fikes (Chicago) *The Politics of Identity Politics*

M. Jacqui Alexander (Toronto) *Diasporic Hegemonies, Migratory Politics: Accountability and Hope at a time of Empire*

Michelle Wright (Minnesota) *Gender, Sexuality, Politics: The Epistemologies of the African Diaspora*

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