



# BARACK OBAMA'S *Dreams from My Father*

## Literary Conference



College of ARTS AND SCIENCES  
DEPARTMENT of ENGLISH  
FRESHMAN ENGLISH  
COMMON TEXT PROJECT

# CALL FOR PAPERS

The Common Text Conference Committee of the Department of English invites Freshman English 002 students to present papers at the 2010 literary conference.

**Wednesday, November 17 and Thursday, November 18, 2010  
8:30 am to 6:00 pm  
Armour J. Blackburn University Center**

This conference will provide a forum for Freshman English 002 students to present their thoughts to their peers.

As the conference focuses on President Barack Obama's *Dreams from My Father: A Story of Race and Inheritance*, students are encouraged (but not limited) to explore the memoir's literary elements (eg. theme, characterization, setting, plot, point of view, tone or atmosphere). Papers may examine Obama's self-portrait in the memoir with his presidential persona.

**Interested students should submit 500-word expository essays to their respective ENGL 002 instructors by Friday, October 29, 2010.**

#### GUIDELINES

- Papers must be typed and submitted on white paper only, should observe 1" top/bottom, left/right margins.
- Papers must be typed in Times New Roman 12 pt font.
- Use the Header/Footer feature to number all pages with your last name & the page number on the top right of each page.
- Double-space your entire paper, including the heading on the first page. The heading on the first page should include your name, your instructor's name, your course name and number-section, and the date.
- Your paper must have a title.
- Do not use a cover page.
- Presentations are limited to ten (10) minutes. There will be a question and answer session at the end of each panel.

A presentation skills workshop will be provided for conference participants on **Wednesday, November 3 and Thursday, November 4 at 6:00 pm in the Writing Center (Locke Hall, Room 100)**. Presenters are encouraged to attend.

Prizes will be awarded for the best papers (first, second, and third) and the best presentations (first, second, and third).

**For more information, please contact Professor Patricia Elam at [pelam@howard.edu](mailto:pelam@howard.edu).**

