

The African-American Child in School

Conference on Research Directions

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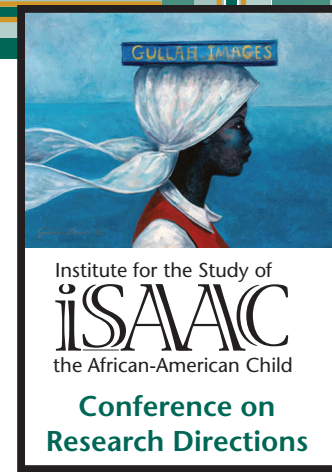
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May 3-6, 2009

Hilton Oceanfront Resort

Hilton Head Island, South Carolina

The Conference on Research Directions is a biannual event that will be held at the beautiful Hilton Oceanfront Resort on Hilton Head Island South Carolina from May 3-6, 2009. Hilton Head is also the home of the Gullah people. These are African people who created a self-sustaining community after slavery with retention of their African heritage. Conferees will have the opportunity to take the Gullah Heritage Tour in addition to experiencing a Gullah heritage celebration, distinctive Gullah food delicacies, folk art, artifacts and landmarks. The conferees will be able to experience a beautiful oceanfront resort and also explore the West African heritage and seminal events in American history.

Keynote Speakers:

Opening Plenary Session, Monday, May 4, 2009

Dr. A. Wade Boykin, Professor, Cognitive Experimental Developmental Psychology; Executive Director, Capstone Research Institute, Howard University

Closing Plenary Luncheon, Wednesday, May 6, 2009

Dr. V.P. Franklin, Presidential Chair and Distinguished Professor in History and Education, University of California Riverside; Editor, Journal of African American History

This conference is designed to bridge the gap between research and practice in education. All researchers and practitioners who are interested in the latest strategies for closing the academic achievement gap that affects African American children should attend.

The conferees fall into two categories – presenters and participants. Presenters are in the category of attendees who present their own research during the conference. Presenters can make poster and/or panel presentations. The conference provides a unique opportunity for graduate students and faculty to present their work in progress and receive feedback and suggestions from those who have firmly established themselves as researchers.

The second category of attendees are participants who are interested in cutting edge research that can inform their work in early childhood programs and K-12 school districts across the country in moving African American children to mastery and excellence.

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Please visit our Web Site for the Conference Announcement, the Conference Schedule, Guidelines for Preparation of Proposals, Presenter Proposal Form, Presenter and Participant Registration Forms: www.coe.wayne.edu/ISAAC.

Proposals accepted beginning April 1, 2008

Deadline for receipt of proposal November 30, 2008