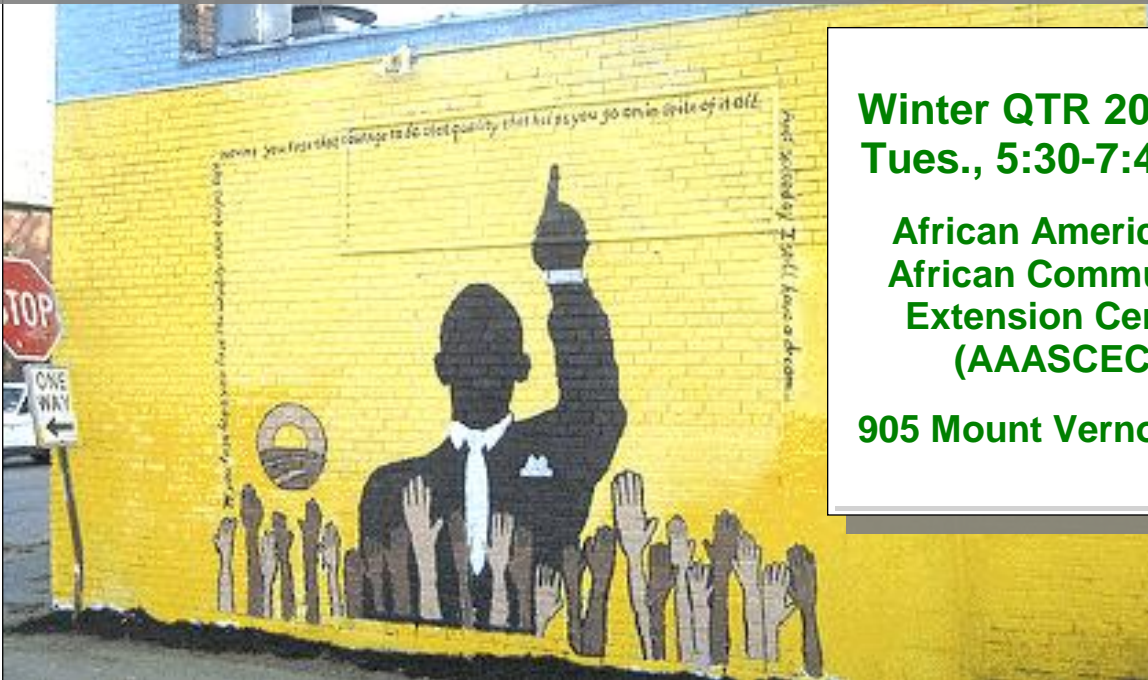


**English 367.03 [27683 (AAAS) or 25872 (English)] Afr. Am. Voices:
Collecting the Literacy Stories
of Black Columbus**



**Winter QTR 2009-10
Tues., 5:30-7:48 pm**

**African American &
African Community
Extension Center
(AAASCEC)**

905 Mount Vernon Ave

In this course, students will collect and preserve the life-history narratives of Black Columbus, focusing specifically on stories having to do with literacy practices occurring in the home, church, community, and schools.

Participants will read about the importance of undertaking life-history and literacy narrative projects, with a particular focus on preserving the history of African-American communities. Representatives of community-based organizations will be involved as guest speakers to talk about community participation and possible sites for collecting literacy narratives. Guest speakers who have participated in similar projects will also be invited to speak to the class.

Class members will learn about interviewing techniques, look at/listen to life history/literacy narrative recordings, and reflect on such texts as a medium of social activism.

Participants will also learn how to use digital audio recorders, digital still cameras, and digital video cameras to record the stories of community members in Black Columbus, and all participants will conduct a series of life-history/literacy narrative interviews with members of the community. The course will culminate in a public reception at which literacy narratives will be shown.

All students, community members, and volunteers are welcome in this class. The course will draw on the AAASCEC's extensive relationships with community partners in the Columbus area. Participants who enroll in this course must be able to attend class at the AAASCEC (905 Mount Vernon Avenue).

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