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 (e.g., 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.

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.