

African American History Month Inaugural Lecture

Justice for Jeantel (and Trayvon): Fighting Dialect Prejudice in Courtrooms and Beyond



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Professor Rickford's presentation will be based in part on his 2016 Presidential Lecture to the Linguistic Society of America, subsequently published with Sharese King and recognized as the "Best Paper in *Language* 2016." Rachel Jeantel was one of Trayvon Martin's best friends; his killing, and Zimmerman's not guilty verdict, sparked the now influential Black Lives Matter movement. This talk will also include topics of fairness and linguistic diversity in a wide range of social settings, including university campuses.

February 1, 2018 | 5:30 PM | Reception to follow

Peggy V. Helmerich Browsing Room, Edmon Low Library

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