

The Department of English, Comparative Literature, and  
Linguistics presents

Guest Lectures by Dr. Elaine Richardson



Elaine Richardson (aka Dr. E) was born in Cleveland, Ohio. An inspirational Ohio State University professor of education and author, in the tradition of Dr. Maya Angelou, Dr. E is a multi-dimensional personality—a performer, recording artist, and speaker—with an inspirational message of

spiritual and educational empowerment.

She is Professor of Literacy Studies at The Ohio State University, Columbus, where she teaches in the Department of Teaching and Learning. Her research interests include the liberation and critical literacy education of people of the Black African Diaspora.

Her books include *African American Literacies* (Routledge, 2003), focusing on teaching writing from the point of view of African American Language and Literacy traditions, *Hiphop Literacies* (Routledge, 2006), a study of Hiphop language use as an extension of Black folk traditions, and *PHD (Po H# on Dope) to Ph.D.: How Education Saved My Life*, (New City Community Press, 2013). Richardson has also co-edited two volumes on African American rhetorical theory, *Understanding African American Rhetoric: Classical Origins to Contemporary Innovations* (Routledge, 2003) and *African American Rhetoric(s): Interdisciplinary Perspectives* (Southern Illinois University Press, 2004), and one volume on Hiphop Feminism—*Home Girls Make Some Noise* (Parker Publishing, 2007).

What: Keynote Address “Hip Hop Language and Rhetoric” at the “Hip Hop’s Rarest Elements: Music, Culture, & Rhetoric” symposium

When: Friday, April 10th

1:30-2:15 PM

Where: Titan Student Union Pavilions A & B

What: Discussion of *PHD (Po H# on Dope) to Ph.D.: How Education Saved My Life*, an urban educational memoir that chronicles Dr. E’s life from drugs and the street life to the university

When: Friday, April 10th

2:30-3:00 PM

Where: Titan Student Union Gilman AB