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.

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**Guest Lectures by Dr. Elaine Richardson**

**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