Learning Outcomes:
• Students will attain, via discussion, reading, and reporting in papers, knowledge of various theories/views related to African American experiences in organizations.
• Students should be able to apply such theories and views to explain Hurricane Katrina evacuees' experiences in socialization experiences in Houston area.
• Students will be prepared to participate in and present their findings and knowledge at professional conferences or meetings.

Focuses
African American Cultural/Historical Background
African American Language Variety (AALV)
Hurricane Katrina Evacuees and New Orleans AALV Speech Community
African American Communication Styles and Perspectives
Newcomer Socialization Experiences
Information Seeking

References
- Students will summarize each of the following items/references in 2 to 3 pages and present their understanding/knowledge in one-on-one meeting in my office at a designated time (to be determined for our mutual convenience). The meeting will be about 2-3 hours in duration and takes place every other week or so. Depending on our progress, our meetings can be adjusted. Please note that the following references are just an initial list. As such, there are many missing pieces of information. We'll work them out over time.


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