Dissent in America
November 6-8, 2006
Cairo - Egypt

NOVEMBER 6th, 2006
Oriental Hall - Main Campus

8:00 - 9:00 am Continental Breakfast

9:00 - 9:15 am Opening Remarks
David Arnold, AUC President

9:15 – 9:30 am Break

9:30 - 11:00 am Session I: Feminism and Literary Dissent

Suzanne Bost
"Technologies of Dissent in Chicana Feminism"

Osama Madany
"The Rebel in Disguise: Intertextual Allusions as Bakhtinian Dialogism in Elizabeth Bishop’s Poetics"

11:00 – 11:30 am Break

11:30 am - 1:00 pm Session II: Neo-conservativism, Neo-Liberalism and Dissent

Jerry Leach
"From Elite Dissent to Power and Back Again: Neo-conservatives in America"

Stephen Germic
"Dissent and the Neoliberal University"

1:00 - 2:00 pm Buffet Lunch at Venue
2:00 - 3:30 pm Session III: Dissenters in the "Big House" and the White House

Kristin Allukian
"The Ties that Unbind: The Emotional Politics of Partnerships in Elizabeth Keckley's Behind the Scenes, Or, Thirty Years a Slave, and Four Years in the White House"

Joseph Walwick,
"The Descent and Dissent of John Quincy Adams"

Ashley Lucas
"The Truth About Prisons: Playwrights Use of Prisoners' Stories to Confront Notions of Justice and Citizenship"

3:30 - 4:00 pm Break

4:00 - 5:30 pm Keynote Address

Donald Pease
"American Dissent after 9/11: Whither the New Americanists?"
8:00 - 9:00 am Continental Breakfast

9:00 - 10:30 am Session IV: Global Forms of American Dissent

Kevin Nawn and James Henry
"Dissidence Abroad: American Teachers in Foreign University Classrooms"

Kathleen LeBesco
"Culture Jamming: The Politics and Poetics of Dissent"

Scott H. Bennett
"For Global Peace and Justice: Radical Pacifist Dissent and the Gandhian Nonviolent Left in Modern America"

10:30 – 11:00 am Break

11:00 am - 12:00 noon Session V: Race and Dissent

Pasi J. Kallio
"A Case Study in Academic Politicization: Confederate African-Americans in the American Civil War"

Sejal Shah
"The Consent and Dissent: On the Use of Stereotypes in Contemporary Ethnic American Literature"

J.R. Kerr-Ritchie
"Black Abolitionists and the Overthrow of American Slavery"

12:00 – 12:30 pm Break

12:30 -2:00 pm Session VI: Violence, Sexuality, and Some Philosophy

Peter Naccarato
"Queer Dissent: Challenging Heteronormativity through Literature"

Lasse Kekki
"Hate Crimes and Queer Dissent"

Lisa Portmess
"Foundations of Dissent in American Philosophy"
NOVEMBER 7th, 2006 (continued)
Oriental Hall - Main Campus

2:00 - 3:00 pm Buffet Lunch at Venue

3:00 - 4:30 pm Fiction Reading

Lucy Corin
reading from her forthcoming collection, “The Entire Predicament”
NOVEMBER 8th, 2006
The Blue Room - Greek Campus

9:00 - 10:00 am Continental Breakfast

10:00 - 11:30 am Session VII: Modern(ist) Literary Radicals

Carol DeBoer-Langworthy
"The Sins of the Parents’: Reverberations of Anarchism in the Life and Literature of Neith Boyce"

Lisa Nanney
"Film as Form, Subject, and Object: Dos Passos' Screenplay Critique of American Capitalism"

Abdel-Moneim Aly
"Vonnegut's Slaughterhouse Five as 'Protest against Explanation"

11:30 am – 12:00 noon Break

12:00 - 2:00 pm Session VIII: The Limits of Dissent!?

Kate Sampsell-Willmann,
"'The Stuff we are Made of...' Leewis Hine, Immigration, and Dissent from Social Darwinism in the Progressive Era"

Rob Switzer
"Bravely Into the Abyss: Complicity and Dissent in Hollywood's Vietnam War"

Phil Howard,
"The Limitations of Dissent in the USA"

2:00 - 2:30 pm Break

2:30 – 4:30 pm Session IX:

Roundtable on American Studies in the Middle East
Jerry Leach, Kate Sampsell-Willmann, Osama Madany

5:30 – 7:00 pm Felucca Dinner on the Nile