

**CAD SPECIAL ISSUE**  
**CALL FOR PAPERS**

**SPECIAL ISSUE: IDENTITY, PERFORMANCE, & DEBATE**

Contemporary Argumentation & Debate (CAD) announces a special issue on the Louisville Project, guest edited by Dr. Shanara Reid-Brinkley and Shauntrice Martin.

On the occasion of its 20 year anniversary, we call for papers celebrating, interrogating, and theorizing the Louisville Project by the Malcolm X debate program at the University of Louisville. The Louisville debaters brokered a conversation about the structural racism endemic to the practices and norms of policy debate noting the effect of such norms on the recruitment and retention of African American students in the activity. Disrupting both the form and content of policy debate, the Louisville students sought to change the norms of debate and create an environment conducive to “meaningful Black participation.”

Almost twenty years after the first instantiations of the Louisville project, the community still struggles with its meaning. A 2005 special issue of CAD offered space for the community to consider the conflict between traditional policy debate and Kritik/Performance debate in an effort to build dialogue and understanding. This special issue hopes to continue in that vein, using this space to allow some of our best thinkers to consider the current state of debate. This special issue will feature essays that speak to the evolution of performance and identity arguments in competitive debate. Papers including a variety of perspectives and research methodologies will be considered.

Possible topics include (but are not limited to):

- Performance Debate Theory
- Education, Teaching and Training
- Urban Debate Leagues
- Structural and/or Race-Based Violence
- Social Capital
- Cultural Competence
- Emerging Epistemologies
- Grassroots Advocacy
- Non-Profit Organizations and Policy Debate
- Coaching and Coaches
- Mutual Preference Judging

**TO APPLY:**

Please submit a one page summary to the Association of Black Argumentation Professionals (BlackArgPros@gmail.com) as a word document. We will email authors to request a complete article based on the summary. We will choose final essays for the issue from amongst those completed articles.

All submissions should adhere to APA format. Manuscripts should be 5000 words or less including abstract, text, tables, figures, notes, and references. Queries regarding this special issue should be sent to Shanara Reid-Brinkley at reidbrinkley@gmail.com.