

# AAAS TOWN HALL MEETING<sup>1</sup>

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Academic Freedom  
protection for  
**Shut  
up  
and teach?**

**Faculty and Public Issues<sup>2</sup>**

**Monday 12 February 2007**

**6:30pm - 8:30pm**

**Mary Lou Williams Center**

**Speakers:**

**Pedro Lasch**

**Wahneema Lubiano**

**Mark Anthony Neal**

**Diane Nelson**

**Charlie Piot**

**Maurice Wallace**

<sup>1</sup> Event co-sponsored by African and African American Studies and Critical U.S. Studies.

<sup>2</sup> Against a current of criticism and attempts at intimidation directed at faculty who comment on larger social and political issues, and following the events of last spring, this forum addresses connections between faculty interests and local, national, and international politics. "Shut Up and Teach?" is both quotation and revision of the recently released Dixie Chicks' film title ("Shut Up and Sing") - their response to a campaign of intimidation directed at them for criticizing George Bush. "Shut Up and Teach?" is our way of questioning what it is that we think faculty are being asked to do.