



**41st Annual Business Meeting & Training Seminar
Key Note Speaker**

A'Leia Bundles

A'Leia Bundles to deliver the Key Note Address during the Opening Session of The Association for the Improvement of Minorities 41st Annual Business Meeting & Training Seminar. The event will be held on Wednesday, August 11, 2010 at 9:00am at the Hyatt Regency Downtown, Cincinnati, Ohio 151 West Fifth Street.

Author and journalist A'Leia Bundles is director of talent development for ABC News in Washington, DC and New York. Among her responsibilities are monitoring the transition of new correspondents to the network, the creation and coordination of a news division wide performance review process for editorial production staff, establishing training seminars for junior staff and overseeing various career development and mentoring initiatives.

A'Leia Bundles critically-acclaimed, best-selling biography, *ON HER OWN GROUND: The Life and Times of Madam C.J. Walker* [Scribner/Lisa Drew 2001/S&S Astria 2002], was named a 2002 Borders Books-Hurston/Wright Legacy Award finalist, a 2001 New York Times Notable Book, the 2001 Letitia Woods Brown Book Prize winner by the Association of Black Women Historians for the best book on black women's history and a 2002 Honor Book by the Black Caucus of the American Library Association. The first truly comprehensive account of A'Leia Bundles's great-great grandmother's life, this nonfiction book is based on nearly three decades of her meticulous research in the libraries, historical societies, courthouses and private homes of more than a dozen U.S. cities. Her young adult biography, *MADAM C.J. WALKER: ENTREPRENEUR* [Chelsea House 1991] received an American Book Award.

A'Leia Bundles has appeared on ABC's "Good Morning, America," NBC's "Today," "CBS Sunday Morning," NPR's "Morning Edition" and "Fresh Air," C-Span Book TV's "Public Lives," WNET/13's "A Walk Through Harlem" and other national programs. Her articles have been published in the New York Times Book Review, O (The Oprah Magazine), Parade, Essence, Fortune Small Business, Black Issues Book Review, the Radcliffe Quarterly, several other magazines, and on her website at www.madamcjwalker.com.

The theme of this year's conference is "Standing on Tradition...Building a Legacy." The conference will convene August 9th – 15th and promises to be a spectacular event full of educational, inspirational, and motivational opportunities that you will not want to miss!!!

For more information, call (972) 839-9006 or visit <http://www.aimirs.org/ABMTS.htm>.