

The Good Life

**Call for Papers and Panels
for the 33rd Annual Meeting of the Organization
for the Study of Communication, Language and Gender
Hosted by the University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
October 14-17, 2010
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The Organization for the Study of Communication, Language, and Gender (OSCLG) provides an interdisciplinary forum for discussion, presentation of research, and demonstration of creative projects in the areas of communication, language, and gender. OSCLG promotes recognition of those doing work in this area and seeks to attract new scholars whose research may contribute to the development of language, communication and gender studies.

Our conference theme engages one of the oldest questions in philosophy: What is the best life for a human being? At this year's conference, we hope to provide a forum for discussion about how one finds and maintains the good life both within and outside of the academy. We invite submissions that explore the intersections of language, gender, and conceptions of the good life, particularly in the context of contemporary concerns about economic recession, work-life issues and stress arising from time scarcity, the rise of consumer culture (including the commodification of health and wellness), environmentalism, and the shift toward a "greener" society. Presentations that make use of critical, cultural, and other theoretical perspectives in order to question normative assumptions about what constitutes a good life are also encouraged.

Individuals can contribute to the conference in several ways. First, we invite individual proposals or papers related to the conference theme of The Good Life. Secondly, we encourage submissions related to the OSCLG mission and to various content areas of communication, language and gender. In addition to single-authored and co-authored papers, we also welcome proposals for panels, for creative presentations, and round table discussions featuring discussion and interaction among conference participants. Proposals for children's programming, for example child/adult discussions of gender, parenting and adolescence are also invited. (limit: 2 submissions per person).

In addition to scholarly panels and sessions, participants will be able to enjoy the beautiful Gulf of Mexico beaches and other entertainment venues of central Florida. The conference will be held at TradeWinds Island Resorts on St. Pete Beach, FL <http://www.tradewindsresort.com> (guest room rate is \$129).

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Information Regarding Submissions

Please submit your work electronically by June 1, 2010 to Jane Jorgenson via [e-mail](mailto:jjorgens@cas.usf.edu) (jjorgens@cas.usf.edu). Confirmation of receipt will be sent within 48 hours—if you have not received such confirmation, please contact Jane by [phone \(813\) 974-7282](tel:8139747282) in case your e-mail did not arrive.

Panel Proposals--Each proposal must include the following information.

- Panel title and one to two paragraph rationale explaining the rationale for the panel
- Panel chair's name & contact information (including affiliation, phone, & email).
- Names & contact information of panelists (including affiliation, phone & email).
- One paragraph description of each panelist's topic (Audio-visual equipment must be ordered in advance so please indicate any AV needs)
- If you are in need of panelists for your topic idea,, feel free to post your idea on the OSCLG listserv at osclg-l@mtu.edu.

Round Table Discussion Proposal--Each proposal must include:

- Title and topic of discussion, and one-two paragraph rationale that explains the purpose of the discussion.
- Discussion leader's name and contact information (including organizational affiliation, phone, and email).
- If relevant, a list of invited participants (including organizational affiliation, phone, and email).
- If you have a topic idea and need discussants, feel free to post your idea on the OSCLG listserv at osclg-l@mtu.edu.

Papers (Completed papers or extended abstracts)--Each paper or abstract must include:

- On the first page, please indicate the title of your paper, your name, and contact information (including organizational affiliation, phone, and email).
- Submit completed paper or extended abstract (500-750 words). Please indicate any audio-visual needs.
- Individual papers will be grouped into panels with other papers on similar topics. Participants typically have 12-15 minutes to present their papers.

Alternative Presentations

OSCLG welcomes submissions for alternative presentation formats such as performances.

The TradeWinds Island Resorts is located on the island of St. Pete Beach overlooking the Gulf of Mexico. It is 30 minutes west of Tampa and served by Tampa International Airport as well as St. Petersburg/Clearwater Airport. Please join us as we explore ways to enhance the quality of life for ourselves and others!