

Social Justice and Diversity by the Sea: Spirituality, Creativity, and Activism

**Call for Papers and Panels for the
32nd Annual Meeting of the
Organization for the Study of Communication, Language and Gender
Hosted by Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, CA
October 15-18, 2009
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The Organization for the Study of Communication, Language, and Gender (OSCLG) provides a forum for professional 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. Members of OSCLG believe that interaction across a wide spectrum of disciplines fosters more insightful discussion of the issues of language, gender, and communication. OSCLG seeks contributions from teachers, consultants and practitioners as well as researchers.

The theme for the 2009 conference is *Social Justice and Diversity by the Sea: Spirituality, Creativity, and Activism*. Loyola Marymount University, a Jesuit institution espousing a commitment to the education of the whole person, the service of faith, and the promotion of justice, is hosting the event. Hence, the conference theme resonates with both LMU's values and those embodied and enacted in the theoretical and political underpinnings of OSCLG. The purpose of the conference is to create a space for social justice and diversity through discourses of spirituality, service, activism and creativity. Los Angeles is a center of cultural diversity and grassroots activism—a hot spot for social justice and change initiatives, as well as home to social activist groups such as Code Pink and Power up, labor organizations, such as the United Farm Workers and Unite Here, and the nonprofit organizations focusing on “back to work” alternatives to gang violence, such as Home Boy and Home Girl Industries, just to name a few.

Individuals can contribute to the conference in several ways. First, we invite proposals or completed papers on the conference theme (e.g., a critique or ethnographic narrative of social/political activism in your community or campus). Second, we encourage submissions that relate to OSCLG's mission of highlighting scholarship on communication, language, and gender. Also, we welcome proposals for panel presentations, round table discussions, or creative sessions (see back page for specific required information). In addition to scholarly panels and roundtables, attendees also will be able to participate in service learning and activism, as well as being able to enjoy the beautiful Southern California weather and entertainment venues.

**Please submit your work electronically by June 1, 2009 to
Paige Edley at pedley@lmu.edu**

Information Regarding Submissions

Please submit your work electronically by June 1, 2009 to Paige Edley via e-mail (pedley@lmu.edu). Confirmation of receipt will be sent within 48 hours—if you have NOT received such confirmation, please contact Paige by **phone (310-338-6071)** in case your e-mail did not arrive.

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

- Panel title and one-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.
- If you are in need of panelists for your topic idea,, feel free to post your idea on the OSCLG listserve at osclg-1@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 listserve at osclg-1@mtu.edu.

Papers (Completed or Extended Abstract)--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 proposal or extended abstract (500-750 words).
- Individual papers will be grouped into panels with other papers of like topics. Participants typically have 12-15 minutes to present their papers.

Alternative Presentations

OSCLG welcomes submissions for alternative presentation formats such as performances.

Loyola Marymount University is located on a bluff overlooking the Pacific Ocean, with a view that spans from Malibu to Downtown Los Angeles and the Hollywood sign. The university is 10 minutes from LAX and 5 minutes from the beach. Come play with us in the California sun while reflecting and enacting Social Justice and Diversity by the Sea.