

Call for Papers

Liminality in Literature and Language: Affect and Migration

The Department of Spanish and Portuguese Graduate Student Conference
Virtual Conference (Zoom Webinar): February 5, 2021

Keynote Speakers: Dr. Junyoung Verónica Kim (University of Pittsburgh)
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New Submission Deadline: December 31, 2020

We are pleased to announce the FIRST ANNUAL GRADUATE STUDENT CONFERENCE of the Department of Spanish and Portuguese at Temple University. We invite proposals from graduate students, professors, and independent scholars concerning liminal spaces in literature and other forms of cultural production, intersections of race, class, and gender, analyses of mobilizations and transgressions of borders, environmental and political crises, and social movements.

This year's conference theme is liminality due to the political, socioeconomic, and ecological crises of our present. The problems of liminality intersect and organize spaces and our understandings of others and ourselves, of humans and nonhumans. As we reach a global tipping point, engaged reflection on the epistemological and political ramifications of our current circumstances—and the conditions which have produced them—are critically and ethically necessary. We will consider a variety of topics including, but not limited to, scholarship in the following areas in literature, cultural studies, and/or linguistics:

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| Aesthetics | Environmental Studies | Religious Studies |
| The Anthropocene | Feminist and Gender Theories | Rhetoric and Stylistics |
| Bi-/Multilingualism | Heritage Language Education | Second Language Acquisition |
| Biopolitics | Latinx Studies | Sociolinguistics |
| Border and Migration Studies | Media Studies | Socio-phonetics |
| Cognitive Linguistics | Political Economy | Syntax/Semantics |
| Critical Disability Studies | Political Theology | Technology |
| Critical Race Theories | Postcolonial Theories | Transoceanic Studies |
| Decolonial Theories | The Posthuman | Translation Studies |
| Ecocriticism | Psychoanalysis | YA and Children's Literature |

Using the Google Form below, please submit abstracts of no longer than **250 words** by **December 31, 2020**.

We encourage presentations in English, Spanish, Portuguese, and French. However, please submit your abstract in English or Spanish via <https://forms.gle/6YCSWzeXJmFRGmCW7>.

For additional information, please do not hesitate to contact 2020tuspancon@gmail.com.

The conference is free and is open to the public.

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