Department of Romance Languages & Literatures

6th Annual Graduate Student Conference for Romance Languages and Literatures

April 7th-8th, 2017

Call for papers

Intersections: Collage of Urban Networks

Within our current global environment, we are seeing multitudes of worlds colliding. Whether it’s the plight of the Syrian Refugees, the pipelines across Native American Burial Grounds, or even the commentary of the USA’s Presidential Nominees, the ideas and opinions of one culture are meeting another in a variety of ways. This conference invites you to reflect on the networks, develop innovative ideas and make deeper connections between the worlds we live in.

In what ways can we find meaning in these cultural crossroads? How can we interpret the things that have influenced or been influenced by urban culture? By examining concepts such as code-switching, socio-linguistics, theories of urban identities, art, science and more, we can begin to form the connections to open the pathways to a deeper understanding of the interplay of culture and human nature. This conference invites you to reflect and discuss these connections. How and where do we find these intersections and how do they create the collage of undefined networks we see in our daily lives? In addition, how do these networks affect us as individuals?

The conference committee welcomes proposals that frame ideas that tackle issues of intersections critically, pragmatically, or theoretically. Multidisciplinary approaches are highly encouraged. Presentations may lead to publication in “SUNY Buffalo Romance Studies Journal.”

We hope to explore these intersections through:

- Performing and Visual Arts
- Gender, Queer, and Sexual Studies
- Political & Socio-Cultural Spaces
- Contemporary and Social Media
- Body and Disabilities Studies
- Psychology
- Literature and Language
- Historical and Environmental Changes
- Architecture

This conference will provide a collaborative environment for students and faculty to present and discuss their work in an intellectual and dynamic atmosphere.

Proposal Submission by January 26th, 2017
• 250-word abstract in English, institutional affiliation, and short biography including your research interests.
• Participants cannot exceed 20 minutes. Presentation may be given in English, Spanish, or French.
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