

**11th Annual Ohio State University Symposium on
Hispanic and Luso-Brazilian Literatures, Cultures, and Linguistics
April 18-19, 2008**

**Keynote speaker in Literature: Prof. Rocío Quispe-Agnoli, Michigan State University
Keynote speaker in Linguistics: Prof. Richard Cameron, University of Illinois at Chicago**

(RE)DEFINING IDENTITIES IN MOMENTS OF TRANSITION

As the first decade of the new millennium draws to a close, the speed and above all the conditions in which humans move today reflects an increasingly globalized society. The ubiquitous rhetoric and reality of change compels us to reconsider the topic of identity as a fundamental component in the discussion of culture with all that the term encompasses. In this world that appear so fractured to us, contrasted with the marketed image of globalization, the sense of belonging is one of the most urgent. Where do we really belong? In reference to what community do we construct our identity? What mechanisms confer our identity in these new times. We invite all to reflect upon the concept of identity in its most ample meaning focusing on linguistic, literary, cultural, political or social issues that exist in the Spanish and Portuguese speaking world.

On behalf of the Department of Spanish and Portuguese, the Graduate Student Symposium Committee invites the submission of abstracts and panel proposals for its Symposium. Contributions may be in Portuguese, Spanish, or English, and can be situated within any subfield of the culture and literature, and linguistics areas. It is the purpose of this encounter to debate these issues from the perspectives of each participant's research agenda.

Some Possible Areas:

Latin American Studies
Caribbean Studies
Andean Studies
Peninsular Studies
Colonial Studies
Post Colonial Studies
Trans Atlantic Studies
Black Atlantic Studies
Cultural Studies
Feminist Studies
Gender and Sexuality Studies
Queer Studies

Sociolinguistics
Pragmatics
Syntax
Semantics
Psycholinguistics
Phonetics and Phonology
Historical Linguistics
Romance Linguistics
First and Second Language Acquisition

Deadline for submissions of abstracts: February 22nd, 2008

Notification of acceptance: March 7th, 2008

The fee¹ will be \$25 for graduate students and \$40 for faculty if paid by March 28th.
The fee will be \$35 for graduate students and \$50 for faculty if paid after April 4th.

Please submit the abstract/proposals to: symposium_sppo@osu.edu

Submission Policy:

Individual presentations should be no longer than 20 minutes in duration (that is 7-9 pages double-spaced). Abstracts and panel proposals must be at most 250 words. They may be submitted in .pdf, .ps, .doc, or .rtf attachments. Submissions are anonymous. The body of the e-mail should contain the following information: title of the paper/panel proposal, area of specialization, name, postal address, e-mail, and affiliation of the author(s)

¹ Registration fee can be paid by check or money order cashiers' check. Make checks payable to The Department of Spanish and Portuguese, OSU.