



The First Purdue Languages and Cultures Conference:
Complexity, Change, and Society
March 4-6, 2016
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The Purdue Linguistics Association (PLA), The School of Languages and Cultures Graduate Student Committee, and the English as a Second Language Graduate Organization (ESL Go!) at Purdue University are happy to announce the unification of three symposia that were previously held separately on Purdue's campus. Our aim, through this new project, is to create an environment that supports collaborative and interdisciplinary research projects related to the fields of study in language and language use. The fact that academia has become more interdisciplinary in recent years is a result of the complex issues facing modern societies. For this reason, our conference has chosen as its first theme: *Complexity, Change, and Society*.

We invite submissions of original research papers from all areas of linguistics, applied linguistics, literature, second language studies, and cultural studies of any language or language group to be presented in 20-minute talks or posters (this will be announced at the time the submission decision is sent). Topics of interest include but are not limited to:

Comparative Literature	Language Testing and Assessment
Cognitive Linguistics	Language Instruction and Pedagogies
Corpus Linguistics	Literature Studies
Cultural Studies	Phonetics/Phonology
Discourse Analysis	Second Language Writing
Film Studies	Semantics/Pragmatics
Historical Linguistics and Language Change	Sociolinguistics/World Englishes
Language Acquisition	Syntax/Morphology

Abstracts are due by Tuesday, December 22nd, 2015 and must adhere to the following submission guidelines:

- Abstracts should be submitted through <https://linguistlist.org/easyabs/plcc> in pdf format and must not contain any information identifying the author(s) including university affiliation and program of study.
- Abstracts must be no more than 1 page (single or double-spaced) in length with an extra page allowed for references, examples, tables and figures.
- On a third page, please provide a brief summary (50-word maximum) of your proposal for inclusion in the conference program, including 4-5 keywords.
- The title of the pdf document must state whether the presenter would like to be included in either the Applied Linguistics, Theoretical Linguistics, Literature/Cultural Studies, or Second Language Studies parallel session in addition to the title of the paper. Thus the title should be, for example: *Applied Linguistics - The acquisition of case marking among child learners of Basque*.
- Authors may submit more than one abstract, either joint or individual.