

WESTERN STATES RHETORIC AND LITERACY CONFERENCE

Call for Papers

TRANSNATIONAL RHETORICS AND LITERACIES

October 19-20, 2012

University of Winnipeg

Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

Keynote Speaker: Diana Brydon, Canada Research Chair in Globalization and Cultural Studies

Transnational rhetorics, broadly defined, are those concerned with broadening knowledge bases beyond the “West,” examining discourses, literacies, and Englishes that move beyond our current educational, political, and social systems of the “Global North.”

The Western States Rhetoric and Literacy Conference was created to allow scholars in the Western region to come together and exchange current research in rhetoric and literacy studies. In keeping with the spirit of a small gathering, the conference will be held in a professional but relaxed atmosphere. Its goal is to address theoretical and pedagogical issues through a variety of interdisciplinary perspectives. Each year, the conference will focus on a particular theme. While we especially welcome proposals that address the theme for each particular year, we may also consider proposals that deal with other relevant topics and issues. Of particular interest are presentations that encourage audience participation and discussion, and contribute closely to the conference theme and to questions concerning aspects of the following:

- Transnational literacies and cross-cultural learning
- Transnational and diasporic identities
- Resistance, protest, and silence in transnational spaces/movements
- Visual or multimodal rhetorics of transnationalism
- Transnational agency and empowerment
- Transnational institutions, programs, and/or disciplines
- Transnational media and technologies
- Transnational pedagogies
- Practices of representation and transnational circulation
- The politics of translation and/or multilingual writing in and across national borders
- Rhetorics of reconciliation, human rights, and peacemaking in transnational contexts

Please submit your proposals to wsrlc2012@gmail.com (Subject line: WSRL TRANSNATIONALISM PROPOSAL) by May 10, 2012. We ask that you attach

- A proposal (maximum 500 words) in MS Word format or PDF prepared for blind review.
- A 50-word (maximum) abstract that summarizes your conference paper also in MS Word or PDF, accompanied by the title of your paper, author name(s), and affiliation(s).
- An indication of whether you will be giving a **20-minute paper**, which will be combined with others of a similar topic, to form a 90-minute panel OR a **90-minute panel**, limited to 3 speakers.

Please note that the Western States Rhetoric and Literacy Conference has a NO MULTIPLE SUBMISSIONS policy. Only 1 submission per person.

For more information about the conference, contact, Jennifer Clary-Lemon j.clary-lemon@uwinnipeg.ca
WSRL Website: <http://www.public.asu.edu/~petergo/wsrl/wsrl.html>

As is our tradition, there is no registration fee for this year's conference.