SLAT Colloquium 2013-2014:
Friday, October 18 1:30-2:30    Chavez #316
Speakers: M’Balia Thomas, Lionel Mathieu, & Paul Renigar

Title: ABSTRACTS AND PROPOSALS

Abstract: This presentation is aimed for new or continuing graduate students majoring and minoring in the four areas of SLAT who seek a better understanding regarding the professional importance of presenting at conferences. Topics surveyed in this presentation include: 1) how to wisely choose the most relevant conferences, 2) how to make your abstract and proposal stand out, 3) how to phrase the title and body of your abstract, 4) how to organize and tailor your work to specific audiences for the eventual purpose of publication. Presenters will also share examples and personal experiences related to these topics. A period of questions and answers will conclude the presentation. Graduate students from other departments or disciplines are welcome to attend.

Brief biographies of the presenters:

M’Balia Thomas is a doctoral candidate in the Interdisciplinary Program of Second Language Acquisition and Teaching (SLAT) at the University of Arizona. Her research explores linguistic manifestations of power in foreign language education as they relate to larger social contexts of race/ethnicity, SES, gender and space. She is majoring in use and minoring in analysis.

Lionel Mathieu is a PhD candidate in Linguistics (and SLAT). His research interests include contact linguistics, second language acquisition, and bilingual visual word recognition. His dissertation investigates the influence of orthographic knowledge on the acquisition of a non-native (L2) phonological contrast.

Paul Renigar is a doctoral candidate with a background in cryptolinguistics (Department of Defense). His research focuses on Critical Discourse Studies for the deconstruction of postmodern ideologies, as well as ecological, dynamic, and ‘quantum’ approaches to SLA through social networking.