

# Alabama Modern Language Conference

February 27 - 28, 2015

The graduate students of The University of Alabama's Department of Modern Languages and Classics, in collaboration with graduate students of the TESOL program in the Department of English, are pleased to announce the fifth annual Alabama Modern Language Conference on February 27-28, 2015, at The Ferguson Center of The University of Alabama.

## Conference theme: Global Metamorphosis

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In today's world, a metamorphosis is underway involving globalization and glocalization, surfacing as new patterns and definitions of language, literature, and culture. Papers pertaining to, but not strictly limited to, global metamorphosis are welcome.

## Keynote Speaker: Dr. Dwight Atkinson

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**Dr. Dwight Atkinson** is an applied linguist and second language educator with interests in second language acquisition, second language writing, qualitative research, culture theory, and English in the world. Current projects include development of a sociocognitive approach to second language acquisition and an ethnographic study of English in the lives of non-traditional college students in India. At the time of writing, Dr. Atkinson teaches at Purdue University, Indiana, USA; he will be moving to the University of Arizona in 2015. Among his many works, Dr. Atkinson was also the editor of *Alternative Approaches to Second Language Acquisition*, a book that features two of his own essays.

## Strands

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Proposals in English, Spanish, French, and German are welcome in, but are not strictly limited to, the following topic strands:

- Evolution of written and spoken word, especially in relation to sociocognitive approaches
- Literary and comparative studies as well as topics in theater, music, and/or film
- Cultural evolution as related to literature and linguistics
- Gender transformations in literature or linguistics
- Linguistics phenomena such as hybrid speech, bilingualism, dialect contact and convergence, languages in contact
- Effects of globalization on second language acquisition and pedagogy; effects of cultural bilingualism; changes in language teaching as a result of technology
- Multi-disciplinary approaches incorporating fields such as sociology, psychology, anthropology, and history

## Proposals

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Proposals are invited for individual papers or presentations of 20 minutes in length. Please email abstracts (amlc2015@gmail.com) in English of up to 500 words as a Word document attachment.

Please include the following information for each presenter:

- Name, Affiliation, E-mail address
- Title of presentation
- Multimedia requests, if any

Suggestions for panels of three or four presenters are especially encouraged. Along with a description of the panel proposed, please submit individual abstracts for all presenters and provide the professional information requested above for each member.

The deadline for proposal submission is **December 1, 2014**.

Conference information can also be found on the departmental website.

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