

3rd Annual Graduate Student Conference

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## **“Exchange and Collision” Call for Papers**

As Mary Louise Pratt famously stated in “The Arts of the Contact Zone,” contact zones are “social spaces where cultures meet, clash, and grapple with each other, often in contexts of highly asymmetrical relations of power, such as colonialism, slavery, or their aftermaths as they are lived out in many parts of the world today.” In asymmetrical relations of power, no exchange or contact is present without an inherent collision. Oftentimes, collisions are masked as even and fair exchanges, only to leave us with legacies of oppression and coercion. In turn, they leave us with legacies of subjugated knowledges of resistance and subversion. Language, as something we all possess within the body, is used to create or manipulate perceptions that occur when worlds collide. It turns contact into an uneven exchange, such as colonization, modern warfare, and even gender relations. What are the repercussions of such uneven exchanges? How can examining these notions and their representations help illuminate common debates around identity (politics), ideology, globalization and crisis, human rights, memory and History, the environment, and individual bodies, among others?

We invite papers that examine the notions of exchange and collision in a wide variety of contexts. Topics include, but are not limited to:

Sociolinguistics	Medieval & Early Modern Studies	Diaspora/Border Studies	Second Language Acquisition
Gender, Women and Sexuality Studies	Colonial Studies	Genocide & Mass Violence	Language Policy
Nationalism/Political Conflicts	Immigration, Refugees/Exile	U.S. Latino/Chicano Studies	Linguistic Assimilation
Spanish/Portuguese in the US	Phonology	Language Variation & Language Contact	Human Rights/Memory Studies

Please submit an abstract no longer than 250 words in extension by e-mail to [spptconf@umn.edu](mailto:spptconf@umn.edu) before January 15, 2016. In a separate document please include your name, academic affiliation and contact information. Presentations may be delivered in English, Spanish or Portuguese and should be 20 minutes in length. Conference registration for selected participants will be \$20 before February 15, 2016 and \$30 after. For more information about the conference, please visit <http://spanport.umn.edu/grad/GradConf2016.html>.