**WELCOME**

We would like to extend a cordial welcome to all participants in the sixth biennial Towson University conference “Forging Linguistic Identities: Language in the Nation, the Region & the World”. We believe that the conference will offer a stimulating and informative series of sessions dealing with questions of linguistic identities from a wide variety of perspectives.

We look forward to active exchanges of ideas, insights, and reflections, as well as opportunities for establishing and extending scholarly contacts and professional relationships. We wish you a pleasant and rewarding stay in Towson.

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**PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 2023**

Welcome and opening remarks 8:45am – 9:30am. ET

Coffee and bagels

Session 1 9:30am – 10:30am ET

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| Room LA4310 |
| **Language Use and Attitudes**  **Chair: Alisha Reaves** |
| 9:30am ET  Minority Language Standardization: Perceptions of Instructors Following the Introduction of Picard in Schools  **Jennifer Cox** |
| 10:00am ET  On the Patterns and Constraints of Code-Switching, Code-mixing, and Style-Shifting in Bilingual Contexts: A Case Study of Arabic-English Bilinguals  **Kamel A. Elsaadany** |

Session 2 10:45am – 12:15am ET

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| Room LA4310 |
| **Language and Migration**  **Chair: Chris Chulos** |
| 10:45am ET  Constraints as Lived Experience of Language upon Migration  **Marco Santello** |
| 11:15am ET  “Before, I did not realize the extent of the steps the government had taken to create the immigration crisis.” Analyzing Opinions about Illegal Immigration and Discrimination of Hispanics in the U.S.  **María Isabel Martínez Mira** |
| 11:45am ET  The Importance of Language and Cultural Exchanges and their Impact on Trade and Economic Development Strategies  **Yue Zhao** |

*LUNCH BREAK* 12:30pm – 1:30pm ET

Several options are available on campus.

Session 3 1:30pm – 3:00pm ET

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| Room LA4310 |
| **Multilingual Identities**  **Chair: Salvatore Pappalardo** |
| 1:30pm ET  “I speak English:” Representing Bilingual Identity on TV  **James G. Mitchell** |
| 2:00pm ET  Can Contemporary Culture Help Preserve Identity of the Community? The Case of Young Slovenes in Italy  **Danila Zuljan Kumar** |
| 2:30pm ET  Building Students’ Resilience Through Multilingualism  **Natia Botkoveli** |

Session 4 3:15pm – 4:15pm ET

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| Room: LA4310 |
| **Nationalism and Imperialism I**  **Chair: George McCool** |
| 3:15pm ET  On the Nationalism of Bangla Speech Communities Inhabited South Asia  **A B M Razaul Karim Faquire** |
| 3:45pm ET  “Banal” formation of National Identity. Street Names as a Tool of Memory Politics  **Mariusz Rutkowski** |

*KEYNOTE ADDRESS* 4:30pm – 5:30pm ET / LA4310

Senegalese in the Diaspora:

What Sociolinguistic Interviews Can Tell Us about

Language, Race, Mobility, and Belonging

**Dr. Maya Angela Smith**

**The University of Washington**

Following Dr. Smith’s keynote address, we will meet at the Towson Tavern (516 York Rd.) for a casual dinner. The dinner is included in the cost of the conference registration; a cash bar will be available.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2023**

Session 5 9:00am – 10:30am ET

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| Room: LA4310 |
| **Spanish as a Heritage Language**  **Chair: Diego Del Pozo** |
| 9:00am ET  Learning to Teach *tildes*: Shortcomings and Needs in Spanish as a Heritage Language Textbooks  **Maureen Wrightson** |
| 9:30am ET  Inherited Spaces: Spanish-Heritage Language Learners in the Current Educational and Pedagogical System  **Isabel Torrubia Gortari** |
| 10:00am ET  The Multimodal Corpus of Heritage Spanish (MCHS): Processes, Challenges, and Tools for Promoting the Study of Underrepresented Spanish Varieties Spoken in the DMV.  **Elisa Gironzetti and Manel Lacorte** |

Session 6 11:00am – 12:00pm ET

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| Room: LA4310 |
| **Analyzing Sounds**  **Chair: Alisha Reaves** |
| 11:00am ET  Regional Variation and Speaker Design: A Sociophonetic Study of Galician Political Norms in Castellano  **Matthew Pollock and Jamelyn Wheeler** |
| 11:30am ET  Examining Ogham  **Catherine Bodin** |

LUNCH BREAK 12:15pm – 1:15pm ET

Lunch will be served at LA Café on the 4th Floor of the Liberal Arts Building.

Session 7 1:30pm – 3:00pm ET

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| Room: LA4310 |
| **Modern Identities**  **Chair: Margherita Pampinella** |
| 1:30pm ET  Covid-19 Humor in the Arab World  **Rania Habib** |
| 2:00pm ET  Strategies to Express Identity at Work: Professional Women and Their Culinary Practices  **María de la Luz Matus-Mendoza** |
| 2:30pm ET  Hustling Vibaya: Gendered Repertoires and the Modern Kenyan Woman  **Philip W. Rudd and Fridah Kanana** |

Session 8 3:15pm – 4:15pm ET

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| Room: LA3310 | Room: LA4310 |
| **Nationalism and Imperialism II**  **Chair: Diego del Pozo** | **Translation**  **Chair: Annette Budzinski-Luftig** |
| 3:15pm ET  Education during the Mexican Revolution of 1910  **Eduardo Barrios** | 3:15pm ET  “Capitalismo:” Thinking Beyond Capitalist Language Through Translating Ecopoetry  **Emily Iekel** |
| 3:45pm ET  Pan-Hispanic Conception  **Jesús A. Meza Morales** | 3:45pm ET  The Negotiation of Meaning-making Through Visual Paratexts: Five Retranslations of Nabokov´s Lolita in Turkish Context  **Neslihan Kansu-Yetkiner and Ilgin Aktener** |

Session 9 4:30pm – 5:30pm ET

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| Room: LA4310 |
| **Linguistic Landscapes**  **Chair: Francisco Martínez Ibarra** |
| 4:30pm ET  Translating Politeness in the Translation Landscape: Observations from Thessaloniki and Potential Applications in Language Teaching  **Christopher Lees** |
| 5:00pm ET  Himalayan Languages in the Linguistic Landscape of Jackson Heights  **Olivia Mignone** |

Thank you for your participation. We will see you in 2025!