

Linguistics Student Association

Presents its annual

Spring Colloquium

Keynote Speaker:

Dr. Mary Bucholtz

University of California, Santa Barbara

"It's Different for Guys": Gender Ideologies in European American Youth Narratives of Race

Saturday, March 14th

11:00 am – 12:30 pm

Student Services (SS) 1500

San Diego State University

Abstract:

As "race talk," or discourse about race and ethnicity, has emerged as a growing area of interest throughout the social sciences (e.g., Bonilla-Silva 2003; Pollock 2005; van den Berg et al., 2004), the empirical methods of discourse analysis have become increasingly important in revealing how racial ideologies and identities are produced and circulated within discourse. Race talk serves as a key resource for speakers to construct identities in contrast to racial "others." This presentation examines how practices of race talk among white youth may reproduce racial binaries while simultaneously perpetuating gender ideologies. The analysis focuses on European American teenagers' narratives of conflict collected during an ethnographic study of white youth language at an ethn racially diverse California high school. Whereas white girls' narratives relied on referential vagueness regarding race as part of a wider strategy of "colorblindness," white boys' narratives highlighted racial difference through the linguistic practices of racial labeling, physical description, and evaluation. These contrasting strategies point to the different stakes for white girls versus white boys in making sense of their racial position at the school. The presentation demonstrates the necessity of examining race talk not only for its content but also for its discursive structure and ideological effects.

See reverse for complete schedule of talks

Schedule of Events

9:00-9:30am Coffee and Pastries

9:30-10:00am Jessica Whitsett

"Representation of Immigrants in American Written News Media - a Corpus-based Approach"

10:00-10:30am Masako Rodriguez

"Genre Types in University Academic Writing"

10:30-11:00am Coffee Break

11:00-12:30pm Keynote Speaker: Mary Bucholtz

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12:30-2:15pm Lunch

2:15-3:15pm The Child Language Lab:

Juyoun Pyoun, Wona Lee, Cheryl Downs, Eric Dalton and Sam Barboo

"Language-specific Input, Cross Cultural Differences, and Spatial Cognition"

3:15-4:00pm Katina Henrike Blumenfeld

"Differences in Monolingual and Bilingual Language Comprehension in Younger and Older Adults"

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