



# The University of Alabama Languages Conference

February 17-18, 2017

The graduate students of The University of Alabama's Department of Modern Languages & Classics, in collaboration with the graduate students of the Department of Education, the Department of English, and TESOL program, invite papers for our seventh annual University of Alabama Languages Conference entitled "**Exchanging Ideas and Experiences Through Language**" to be held February 17-18, 2017, at Hotel Capstone and The Ferguson Center of The University of Alabama.

## Keynote Speakers: Dr. Bill VanPatten (Linguistics) and Dr. Rubén Gallo (Literature)



**Dr. Bill VanPatten** is a Professor of Second Language Acquisition at Michigan State University. His research goals include the unification of linguistic and non-linguistic approaches to studying language acquisition in addition to linking the disciplines of second

language acquisition theory and language teaching. He is the author or co-author of various publications such as *Key Terms in Second Language Acquisition* (2010) and *Making Communicative Language Teaching Happen* (2003), among numerous textbooks of both Spanish and French.



**Dr. Rubén Gallo** is an award-winning writer and scholar who is currently the Walter S. Carpenter, Jr., Professor in Language, Literature, and Civilization of Spain at Princeton University. He is the author of *Freud's Mexico: Into the Wilds of Psychoanalysis* (2010), an essay about Freud's fantasies about Mexico, as well as *Mexican Modernity: the Avant-Garde and the Technological Revolution* (2005), an

essay about the Mexican avant-garde's fascination with machines, among other publications. He is a member of the board of the Sigmund Freud Museum in Vienna, and in 2009 he was the Freud-Fulbright Visiting Scholar in Psychoanalysis in Austria.

## Strands

Proposals about all languages are welcome in, but are not strictly limited to, the following topic strands:

- Sociolinguistics
- L1, L2, L3 acquisition and pedagogy
- Languages in contact
- Historical and comparative linguistics
- Non-verbal communication; sign language
- Language as presented in literature, film and music
- Voices in literature
- Feminism, gender identity
- Alterity
- Storytelling, mythology, memory

## Proposals

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

Please include the following information for each presenter:

- Name, affiliation, and email 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 one panel proposal accompanied by individual abstracts for all presenters and provide the professional information requested above for each member.

The deadline for proposal submission is **October 1, 2016**.

Conference information can also be found on the departmental website.  
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