Conference Announcement:

Sandrizona 2009 Inaugural UCSD - U of AZ Linguistic Anthropology Exchange May 11, 2009 hosted by UCSD With a presentation by Dr. Norma Mendoza-Denton, U of A

In an effort to nurture professional connections and scholarly exchange between graduate students interested in issues of linguistic anthropology at the University of California, San Diego and the University of Arizona, this is the first in what promises to be an ongoing series of meetings and workshops.

We invite research dealing with all aspects of language, including, but not limited to:
Language and society
Language socialization
Politics, ideologies of language
Language and identity (gender, age, ethnicity, etc.)
Minority languages, multilingualism, and other languages in contact
Gesture, Sign language, and other multimodal forms of communication

Research projects may be at any stage of completion, and be solo or joint projects. Polished presentations are not expected. Instead, we visualize this one-day exchange as an opportunity to talk through our ideas with a fresh, receptive audience of our peers and interested professors, and to receive and provide productive feedback. Each participant will have a total of 35 minutes to discuss their work; however, we will limit the number of presentations in order to give adequate attention to each project.

We invite interested participants to submit (a) an abstract (250 words) describing their research project, and (b) a biographical/professional description (150 words). All submitted materials will be distributed at the event. However, those selected to present during the workshop will have their materials distributed to all participants prior to Sandrizona, in order to encourage a high level of participant feedback. Please include your name, institutional affiliation, department, and email address. If you are a UCSD grad, please also indicate which times you are available to participate (9a-12p; 3p-6p). Housing with UCSD graduate students will be available for those graduate students visiting from U of A.

UCSD students, please submit your abstracts and biographies to Elizabeth Peacock (eapeacock@ucsd.edu). U of A students, please submit your materials to Maisa Taha (mct@email.arizona.edu). All materials are due by 5:00pm, April 13, 2009.

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