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## **Multiplicities: Mapping Identity through Literature**

### **Tenth Annual Graduate Student Conference**

The Department of English and the Division of Languages and Literature

Saint Louis University, Madrid Campus, Spain

18-19 May, 2012

(Submission deadline 15 March, 2012)

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Keynote Speaker: Dr. Ranen Omer-Sherman, Professor of Jewish Studies at the University of Miami.

#### Call for Papers:

The Department of English at Saint Louis University's Madrid Campus will host its tenth annual International Graduate Student Conference on Friday, 18 May and Saturday, 19 May 2012. The theme of this year's conference is "Multiplicities: Mapping Identity through Literature." While we welcome paper and panel proposals on any aspect of English literary studies, we would like to encourage proposals that focus on the interplay between multiple and intersecting identities and practices of identification within literature. How do individuals negotiate multiple identities and how do different social, political, cultural, and geographic spaces structure their interactions? What formal or innovative strategies do authors utilize to reflect and transform these multiplicities? How do changing attitudes towards gender and sexuality produce hybrid and multiple/mobile forms of identity, from cyborg to transnational and transgender? Papers may approach questions of identity and subject formation from any of the following critical or theoretical perspectives: cultural studies,

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transnational studies, comparative studies, migration studies, postcolonial studies, cross-cultural communication, ecocriticism, disability studies, trauma studies, cognitive theory, and/or linguistic studies.

Possible topics might include (but are not limited to):

Gender Identity and Social Space  
Cyborgs and Cybercultures  
Animals and Ecocriticism  
Postmodernism and Ecopoetics  
Transnational and Global Narratives  
Cultural Identity and Literary Translation  
Cross-dressing and Border Crossing  
Mobile Subjects and Travel Writing  
Cognitive and Sociolinguistic Space  
Material Memories  
Multi-ethnic Encounters and Urban Space  
Subliminal and Supraliminal Voices/Identities  
Literature and Virtual Realities  
Sexual Identity and the Politics of Desire  
Literature and Disability  
Identity and Urban Spaces

Submissions:

Presentations will be 15 minutes in length. Submission of 300-word proposals in English (abstract only; no full papers) along with short bios should be sent to [slumadridconference@gmail.com](mailto:slumadridconference@gmail.com) by 15 March, 2012