

Organization for the Study of Communication, Language, and Gender  
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## **Theme**

Interrogating Intersectional Masculinities

### **Call for Papers**

For more than four decades, OSCLG has brought together students, scholars, activists, artists, and practitioners interested in gender and language and committed to feminist principles. Masculinities have functioned, over that time, as a consistent object of critique, debate, conversation, and rumination--sometimes marked explicitly as such, but most of the time functioning in the background of analyses that center feminisms, women's experiences, and critiques of femininities. OSCLG 2019 proposes bringing masculinities into sharp focus as the conference theme--not to displace scholarship about feminisms, women's lives, and femininities, but to name and interrogate the operation of masculinities at work in the shadows of scholarship and activism around gender. From political candidates bragging about sexual assault to public figures facing accusations of sexual harassment, the problems of toxic and hegemonic masculinities have loomed large in the popular imaginary over the last few years. Moreover, toxic and hegemonic masculinities lie behind many of the problems commonly addressed in feminist scholarship: gender violence (a physical manifestation of toxic masculinity), reproductive justice (resisting masculinist efforts to control others' bodies), homophobia and transphobia (expressions of cultural policing of "proper" masculinity), and intersectional critiques that articulate awareness of the interaction of masculinities with other systems of power that produce inequality for people, such as nationality, race, class, physical and mental (dis)ability, religion, size, or economic status.

We welcome submissions of papers, abstracts, panel sessions, roundtable discussions, and performances that address any aspect of communication, language, and gender, and especially those that engage in interrogations of masculinities. Our use of the plural--masculinities--reflects that masculinities are not monolithic and always interact with, contribute to, shape, and get shaped by other axes of difference and systems of power, privilege, and oppression. We especially welcome contributions that engage in rigorously intersectional analyses, including those that critique or interrogate intersectionality and masculinities as such.

**All submissions are due June 1, 2019**, with decisions about acceptance expected by August 1, 2019. Submissions can be made at [www.osclg.org](http://www.osclg.org).

Conference planners Leland G. Spencer and Carol L. Winkelmann will co-edit a special issue (or special section) of *Women & Language* based on the conference theme. This special issue/section will not be a conference proceedings, but a collection of peer-reviewed articles. Authors of completed papers (rather than extended abstracts) may elect to have their work simultaneously considered for publication in the special issue and presentation at the conference. Submissions for the special issue are also due June 1, with initial decisions and invitations for revision expected by early September.