

# CALL FOR PAPERS

## 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the INTERNATIONAL LINGUISTIC ASSOCIATION

April 3 – April 5, 2009

St. John's University, Manhattan Campus  
New York, New York 10007

### IMAGINATION AND LANGUAGE LEARNING AND TEACHING

INVITED SPEAKERS:

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As the key that opens the gates to all education, imagination embodies the creative approach to language learning and teaching. Traditional methods are rooted almost exclusively in linguistics and focus on syntactic rules, memorization based on the lexicon, and practice in oral and silent reading. Imaginative methods, on the other hand, embrace nontraditional approaches where music, dance, art, theater, dreams and creative writing are indispensable elements or pegs to the learning and teaching processes. These methods are powerful in their ability to motivate and reach children and adults as well as special populations such as persons with learning disabilities. By engaging the imagination, we can effectively promote the students' creativity and imagination, lead them to a higher level of cognitive development, and help them reach a new level of intellectual possibilities.

This conference elaborates the above principles and exemplifies related methods of instruction by bringing together scholars in the broad area of language and imagination. While papers on the main topic are particularly welcome, individuals are encouraged to submit abstracts on any subject in theoretical and applied linguistics.

Submit abstracts in an anonymous, titled, single-spaced attachment of not more than 425 words in length, with name, address and affiliation in the body of an e-mail. Please send abstracts as a camera-ready attachment (in a Microsoft Word file, if possible) to the conference coordinator. Within the body of the e-mail, please also indicate any audio-visual equipment needed. Those wishing to propose panels or special sessions should contact the conference chair (Ninah Belivsky) before submitting an abstract for the panel together with abstracts for each of the constituent papers. Time allotted will be 20 minutes for delivery of each paper plus 5 minutes for discussion. The deadline for receipt of abstracts is January 5, 2009.

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