

#IntellectualActivistMovement(s): Reconnecting University Scholarship and Community Action 2nd LLC Graduate Student Conference

CALL FOR PAPERS

It has been more than 50 years since the beginning of an intense period of socio-political action around issues of race, gender, and class in the U.S. and beyond. Once again, in 2016, we find ourselves in a moment of burgeoning activism around the unfinished work of earlier movements. As we celebrate our 50th anniversary at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC), we offer this conference as an opportunity to look back as we look forward. Please join us at this 2nd LLC Graduate Student Conference, an all-day event on **October 1st, 2016**.

Patricia Hill Collins defines *intellectual activism* as “the myriad ways that people place the power of their ideas in service to social justice” (*On Intellectual Activism*, Introduction, p. x). In the *Language, Literacy, and Culture* doctoral program at UMBC, we have an ongoing dialogue about the value of being an intellectual/activist. We offer this conference as a space of reflection and dialogue about the value of being an intellectual/activist: on lessons learned, on unanswered questions, on how changing socio-cultural landscapes interact with our work, and on what it means to be an intellectual activist in 2016 in Baltimore, the U.S., and internationally. The conference presents an opportunity to examine how your work enters this conversation as we ask: In what ways do our intersectional identities inform our work? What can we learn from earlier social movements that can further contextualize our current perspectives and methodologies for social change? What is different today in our cultural and social landscapes, and how does that impact our work? How might we reimagine university-community connections in ways that respect the different but essential roles of thinking, writing, and acting, and the dynamic interactions between them?

We welcome submissions of individual papers (one or more authors), full sessions (3 or 4 panelists), or roundtable discussions (4-5 participants). We also welcome proposals of performative works and art installations. Individual papers of 400 words and round table sessions of 800 words should be submitted via email at llcgradconference@gmail.com no later than 12:00 midnight on **Tuesday, May 31st, 2016**. Individual paper submissions will be evaluated based on purposes; perspectives or theoretical frameworks; methods or modes of inquiry; results or substantiated conclusions, and scholarship relevance of the work. Full sessions or roundtable discussions will be also evaluated based on the overall session summary, objective of the sessions and overview of the presentations/content.

If you submit an individual proposal, we may place you in a panel with 2 or more other presenters working on similar topics. After presentations, each session will include a Q&A component. Proposal decisions will be sent out via email by Sunday, July 31st, 2016. For questions about the conference, please contact us at llcgradconference@gmail.com. For more information about the *Language, Literacy and Culture* doctoral program, please visit <http://llc.umbc.edu> Breakfast and lunch will be provided at the conference site.

