

Call for Papers

The University of Pittsburgh French and Italian Graduate Student Association is proud to announce its second annual conference,

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IT'S COMPLICATED

February 24-25, 2011

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Keynote Speaker: TBA

This two-day conference aims to center its discussion around the role of various contacts in a multitude of relationships within French and Italian studies. Participants are invited to consider the instances and implications of conflict, aggression, collaboration, pleasure, and desire within these voluntary or forced groupings, ranging from literature to cultural studies and beyond. Relevant themes and topics may include, but are not limited to the following relationships:

Colonizer/Colonized	Love/Hate
Author/Reader	Friend/Foe
Citizen/Government	Nation/Region
Real/Virtual	Human/Natural World
Teacher/Student	Queer/Normative
Parent/Child/Siblings	Subject/Monarch

We welcome abstracts from graduate and undergraduate students in all humanities and social science disciplines as well as all time periods. Presentations in English will be limited to a reading time of 20 minutes (8-10 pages). MLA-style abstracts of no more than 250 words should include a cover letter indicating the title, author's name, affiliation, address, telephone number, and e-mail address.

Deadline for submission: November 15, 2010.

Please send your abstract via **email** to:

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