

# GENDER, RACE, LANGUAGE

## The Politics of Identity in the 2016 Election and Beyond

The 2016 presidential campaign and election highlight the importance of understanding how language, politics, and notions of identity interact to perpetuate economic inequality. Expressions such as "identity politics" and "political correctness" have been used to disparage progressive movements that have an inclusive and diverse vision of national identity. This colloquium brings together three scholars whose work directly engages the roles that language plays in social change.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2017**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Room 9205 / 9206**



**Nelson Flores** has a Ph.D. in Urban Education from the CUNY Graduate Center. He is Assistant Professor of Educational Linguistics and his research involves the study of the historical and contemporary instantiations of raciolinguistic ideologies, where language and race are co-constructed in ways that marginalize racialized communities.

**Wesley Y. Leonard** received his Ph.D. in Linguistics at the University of California, Berkeley. He is Assistant Professor at the University of California, Riverside, and his research examines various social factors that are intertwined with Native American language endangerment, documentation, and reclamation. A citizen of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma, he focuses in particular on the reclamation of his tribal nation's language, myaamia.

**Virginia Valian** is Distinguished Professor of Psychology at Hunter College and is a member of the doctoral faculties of Psychology, Linguistics, and Speech-Language-Hearing Sciences at the CUNY Graduate Center. She is co-founder and co-director of Hunter's Gender Equity Project and is director of the Language Acquisition Research Center.

Sponsored by

**Provost's Office  
and**

**Ph.D. Program in Hispanic and Luso-Brazilian Literatures and Languages**

**FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**