**University of California, Davis**

**Department of Spanish and Portuguese**

*I Symposium on Lusophone Cultures of California*

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*VI Workshop for training and improvement of Portuguese teachers of the West Coast*

November 1st and 2nd, 2019

The Portuguese language, spoken by more than 300,000 people in California, brings us together for this symposium to discuss educational, linguistic, literary and community practices that reaffirm the polycentric expansion of the Lusophone world in the state. Portuguese is today a critical language in the United States, also documented as a minority language by the National Council of Less Commonly Taught Languages of the United States (NCOLCTL). This event aims to contribute to Lusophone diasporic communities all over California in the effort to create an ethnolinguistic connection with their history.

**Areas of interest**

Topics might include, but are not limited to:

* Community leadership
* Teaching practices and community-based projects
* The role of community engagement
* Collaboration with diaspora communities
* Portuguese for heritage learners, Spanish speakers, and additional language learners
* Proficiency examinations
* Community needs
* Community organization
* Lusophone diaspora literature
* Portuguese in contact with other languages
* Art, culture and other manifestations in the Portuguese language

**Call for proposals**

We invite the submission of abstracts for 30-minute talks on the broad topic of Lusophone diaspora in California.

Abstracts should be anonymous and have a maximum of 300 hundred words. References must be included on a separate page. All submissions should be submitted in PDF format through Easy Chair:

https://easychair.org/cfp/SLCC2019

Feel free to contact the organizing committee, if you are unsure of whether your topic is compatible with the goals of the symposium: lusophoneculturesca@gmail.com

**KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:**

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*President of the American Organization of Teachers of Portuguese*

*Vice-president of the National Council of Less Commonly Taught Languages*

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**INVITED PRESENTERS:**

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*University of California, Santa Cruz*

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*San Diego State University*

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Olson Hall 53A &18

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