

Georgetown University Roundtable on Languages and Linguistics, 2019  
Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.  
March 29 – 31, 2019

**Linguistics and the Public Good:  
Representing the Language of Underrepresented Groups**

*Represent:* [ɹɛpɹɪ'zɛntʃ]

1. *describe, characterize, specify*
2. *speak on behalf of, advocate for*

For GURT 2019, we invite submissions for papers and posters on the topic of representing the language of underrepresented groups, in both senses of the word “represent.” As linguists, we serve the public good in expanding knowledge of the diversity and universality of linguistic aspects of human cognition and social interaction. One of the best ways to expand this knowledge is through the description and analysis of languages and language varieties that are underrepresented in the literature. But we also have a responsibility to serve the public good by advocating for those whose languages and dialects we analyze, especially those groups who are underrepresented and under-served in society at large. Submissions on all aspects of the theme of “Linguistics and the public good” are invited, and we specifically encourage submissions on the following themes:

**The Grammar of African-American English**

Invited speaker: J. Michael Terry, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

**Heritage Learners in the Language Classroom**

Invited speaker: Guadalupe Valdés, Stanford University

**The Language of Underrepresented Groups in the Legal Arena**

Invited speaker: John Rickford, Stanford University

**Digital Resources for Cultural Heritage**

Invited panelists:

Azeb Amha, University of Leiden  
Mary Linn, The Smithsonian Institution  
Columba Stewart, Hill Museum and Manuscript Library

**Diversifying Linguistics: Working Toward a More Inclusive Field**

Invited panelists:

Kirby Conrod, University of Washington  
Stephany Dunstan, North Carolina State University  
Julie Hochgesang, Gallaudet University  
Nicole Holliday, Pomona College  
Gloria Park, Indiana University of Pennsylvania  
Minnie Quartey, Georgetown University

**Beyond the Academy: Communicating Linguistics to the Broader Public**

Invited speaker: Deborah Tannen, Georgetown University

Please consider joining us and contributing to an informative and challenging weekend!

Check the conference website for updates and abstract submission:

<https://gurt.georgetown.edu>

Instructions for submissions:

*Abstracts should be no more than 500 words (one page, 12-pt font) with an additional page for references or figures if needed.*

*Indicate which special theme, if any.*

*Indicate preference for 20-minute talk or poster presentation.*

*Please visit the conference website [gurt.georgetown.edu](https://gurt.georgetown.edu) for links to submit your abstract*

Deadline for submissions: December 16, 2018

Notification of acceptance: January 18, 2019