

THE WRITING CENTER @ MSU PRESENTS

# 'OUR LANGUAGES NEED A PLACE TO LAND':

APPROACHING LANGUAGE DIVERSITY  
RESEARCH THROUGH COMMUNITY  
RELATIONSHIPS



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AND



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**6:30–8:30 in Snyder C20, RCAH Theater**

**Welcome Reception at 6:00 p.m.**

Del Hierro and Gonzales argue that research on language diversity should center relationships between communities, histories, and lands. Through examples of community-driven work conducted with Indigenous language interpreters and translators as well as Hip Hop practitioners, this presentation illustrates how studying language without attention to race, place, and history can perpetuate damage-centered research (Tuck, 2009) that ignores the colonial ideologies embedded in many discussions of multilingualism and globalization.