

Call for Proposals

Queer Conversations IV:

April 7, 2017, 2:00 to 5:30



Queer Conversations is a half-day symposium inviting conversation and collaboration on queer issues and research that highlights the queer work students are doing across disciplines and departments, both graduate students and undergraduate students are welcome.

In the past four years, we have interacted with speakers, performers, artists and scholars from an array of fields and disciplines, asking us to think about contemporary queer topics and themes. From making queer performance art to investigating queer lives in the academy, facilitators have challenged audience members to think queerly about their areas of interest. To continue this tradition and increase institutional visibility on queer issues, we are hosting our fourth annual symposium, Queer Conversations IV. The symposium will include Ignite talks, a works-in-progress forum, performance pieces, and a reception.

Sponsored by The Queer Theory Playground in Writing, Rhetoric, and American Cultures; Writing, Rhetoric, and Praxis; College of Arts and Letters; The Center for Gender in Global Context; The Writing Center; The LGBT Resource Center.

We are now accepting proposals for the following:

- Works-in-Progress Forum: Facilitated conversations on queer themes or tensions with a brief sharing of individual or collaborative work. Please submit individual or group proposals of ~200 words that explain the topic and research focus of your work. Submissions will be grouped by interest.
- Ignite Talks: A 5-minute individual talk accompanied by no more than 5 slides. Ignite sessions will be concluded with open discussion and networking. Please submit a brief proposal of ~200 words indicating the talk's topic. Submissions will be grouped by interest.
- Performance Pieces: readings, demonstrations, art displays, video screenings, dramatizations, and other performances. Please give an overview of the performance piece, its approximate length should not exceed fifteen minutes, and/or display needs in your ~200-word proposal.

Send proposals as an attachment to queertheoryplayground@gmail.com by Sunday, March 5th. Please indicate which session type your proposal is for (work-in-progress forum, ignite talk, or performance), and include presenter(s) name(s), degree program(s), and email address(es) with the proposal. If you have questions, please contact Trixie Smith at smit1254@msu.edu.