Graduate Conference - Doing Autoethnography: Here and Now
Call for Papers and/or Extended Abstracts

In order to provide graduate students the opportunity to present their autoethnographic endeavors and encourage dialogue among graduate students across a variety of disciplines, the Graduate Student Association of The Department of Communication at Wayne State University invites submissions of completed papers and extended abstracts to be considered for presentation at the "Doing Autoethnography: Here and Now" graduate conference November 4-5, 2011 in Detroit. Dr. Carolyn Ellis, Professor of Communication and Sociology at the University of South Florida and pioneer in the field of autoethnography, will deliver the keynote address titled, "Humanizing Social Science Research: Autoethnography, Reflexive Writing, and Collaborative Witnessing."

Potential papers and/or extended abstracts might employ autoethnographic methods on a variety of topics (e.g., gender, sexuality, race, education), address autoethnography on a theoretical or methodological level, work to further aspects of autoethnography (or autoethnography in general), and/or interrogate practices in autoethnographic methods. Creative and innovative approaches to autoethnography are also encouraged. All papers and/or extended abstracts utilizing or discussing autoethnography are invited.

Completed papers should be no longer than 30 pages and extended abstracts should range from 3 to 8 pages. Other methods of doing autoethnography that might not translate to written form are also invited. The deadline for submissions is Friday, June 10, 2011. Participants will be notified of acceptance no later than June 25, 2011. Conference programming will be released September 1, 2011. Completed work(s) should be submitted to designated respondents no later than September 15, 2011. Please direct all inquiries and submissions to Derek Bolen, dmbolen@wayne.edu.