ENG 633
Seminar in Rhetoric & Writing

Why "Language & Difference"?

This is a senior-level capstone seminar focused on rhetoric and writing. As we will learn, both rhetoric and writing are capacious topics, encompassing a wide array of issues, theories and practices. Some of the most interesting and vexing issues within rhetoric and writing pertain to language and difference, such as language and gender, race, politics, globalization, technology, and so on. We have increasingly linguistically diverse populations in America and around the world, not to mention that language is always in the crosshairs of politics and public deliberations about different groups. Language and difference lie at the heart of 21st-century realities.
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BASIC COURSE INFO

REQUIRED TEXT:
LANGUAGE-A READER FOR WRITERS (DASBENDER)
978-0-19-994748-5

WEEKLY READING RESPONSES (2-3 PP.)

DISCUSSION LEADING

TOPICS
Not necessarily in this order...
> What is rhetoric?
> What is language?
> Language and thinking/reality
> Core (socio)linguistic concepts
> Language ideologies
> Language change/linguistic diversity
> Language, writing, genres, media
> Language & gender
> Language & race, ethnicity
> Language & the media
> Language (&) politics
> Language & technology
> Globalization & Global Englishes
> Endangered languages

TWO MAJOR PAPERS/PROJECTS (7-10 PP. EA.)