

MwALT 2012 Call for Papers

Inferences and Actions in Language Testing
October 5-6, 2012

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign



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Inferences and Actions in Language Testing

The 14th annual MwALT conference will be held at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Abstracts for papers and posters on the theme of *Inferences and Actions in Language Testing* are invited for the conference. The Linguistics Department of the University of Illinois is excited to be hosting the Midwest Association of Language Testers (MwALT) 2012. The conference will take place October 5-6, 2012 in Levis Faculty Center at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

PLENARY SPEAKER:

Paula Winke, Michigan State University

Issues in large-scale placement testing: Why placement tests often just don't work and why more innovative tests seem so scary

WORKSHOP (October 5, 2012)

Workshop instructor: Paula Winke, Michigan State University

Language testing for placement decisions: Why, how to, and what ifs

TYPES OF PRESENTATIONS:

1. *Papers*: Theory-oriented presentations or reports on completed research related to the theme of the conference. The presenter will have 20 minutes to present, followed by 10 minutes for questions and comments.

2. *Posters*: Presentations of work in progress and research at the planning phase. All poster presenters will give a 5-minute introduction of their study to the whole audience, and will then host their posters for the rest of the session. This is a great opportunity for graduate students to discuss their research plans.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE:

In order to be considered, proposals must be received via email by **Tuesday, June 5, 2012**.

Those submitting proposals will be notified of acceptance or non-acceptance by **Friday, July 6, 2012**.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING AN ABSTRACT:

All submissions must be sent electronically to the MwALT organizing committee at mwalt2012@illinois.edu

Attach a Microsoft Word file to an e-mail with the subject header "MwALT 2012 Submission – 'your complete name'."

Page 1: Abstract of proposed contribution with title. Abstracts should be no longer than 250 words for papers and 150 words for posters.

Page 2: Please include the following:

- a) Title of presentation (10 words maximum)
- b) Type of presentation (paper/poster)
- c) Name(s) of the author(s) in the order you would like them to appear in the program, their institutional affiliation, including the city and state of the institution (Underline the name of the author who will be the correspondent)
- d) AV equipment required (projector will be provided)

Conference Chair: Fred Davidson

Conference Organizing Committee

Sun Joo Chung, Stéphanie Gaillard, Junli Wei and Yeonsook Yi

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For further information about the conference, contact the UIUC MwALT 2012 organizing committee (mwalt2012@illinois.edu)