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CALL FOR PAPERS

WRITING AND REWRITING: THE DYNAMICS OF COMPETING VOICES

The relation between or among the pluralistic discourses that represent the complex as well as broad Spanish, Spanish American, Portuguese, and Brazilian social spectrum, has often been presented as polar, binary, top-down (center vs. periphery and dominant vs. marginal). However, this scheme has been increasingly challenged and revised as critics, without necessarily discarding the power relation, have begun to appreciate negotiations as a crucial component in the dynamics of competing voices. **But are negotiations always viable? If not, why not? If so, to what extent? What are the negotiations that take place? Or, are there alternative models with which to discuss the dynamics of competing voices? What are they?**

In this Special Issue, *Mester*, the graduate student academic journal of the Department of Spanish and Portuguese, invites scholars in the fields of Spanish, Spanish American, Luso-Brazilian, and Latino/a literatures and linguistics to submit articles exploring and reflecting on this topic, preferably but not exclusively, in relation to the questions posited above.

Possible areas of interest include, but are by no means limited to, the following: Gender and Sexuality, Ethnicity, Religion, (Visual) Art, Geopolitics, Social History, and Economics.

Articles may be written in Spanish, Portuguese, or English. Publication decisions are based solely on the quality of manuscripts, which undergo triple-blind review.

To be considered for publication, manuscripts should follow closely these guidelines:

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