

Conference on Borders

October 16, 2010

Location: New York, United States

The intriguing concept of borders involves discussions of identity, nationality, ethnicity, hybridity, and community. The Liberal Arts and Sciences Department at Farmingdale State College/SUNY announces a one-day interdisciplinary conference exploring the nature of borders on October 16, 2010 on its campus.

We are especially interested in papers exploring "self" and the "other," imagined geographic communities, the ways in which border communities police, shun, or integrate "outsider" influences, cultural creolisms, the borders between scientific facts and science fiction, the boundaries between literary fiction and memoir, the fluid political, economic and cultural borders in the contemporary world, technology's role in building up or in tearing down borders, and in presentations which focus on the voices of those living in these liminal spaces.

We are also interested in the ongoing dissolution of institutional and structural borders in academia. The natural sciences and mathematics now merge at "fuzzy borders," while the humanities and social sciences are merging through the proliferation of interdisciplinary programs. The borders surrounding higher education itself are being impacted by the changing role of higher education in society. Who defines our borders?

These are just some of the areas that we hope the conference will address. Please send 500 word abstracts or proposals by May 3, 2010 to: Dr. Tony Giffone giffonaj@farmingdale.edu

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