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The Graduate English Association of GSU presents the 9th Annual New Voices Conference in Atlanta, GA from September 25 - 27, 2008

The 2008 New Voices Conference provides a space for exploring the current transitioning evident in the disciplines. A transitional moment is one of reflexivity, confusion, evaluation, clumsiness, an embracing of the new, and a questioning of the foundations and traditions—epistemological, ontological, professional, political, artistic—that support our current state of being. We often transition through traditions by expanding and building on our foundations, but when we question those foundations, the traditions themselves become sites of transitioning.

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We invite you to join us as we explore such questions as:

- In what ways do we see our fields changing through the use of technology and the multivalence of identity it provides?
- What hinders transitional movement and what acts as a catalyst? Are we transitioning in linear, progressive ways (does such a transition exist?), or, like the number eight, are we transitioning recursively?
- What kinds of transitioning are we engaging (and are there transitions that we are not engaging?)—political, linguistic, cultural, literary, rhetorical, social, theoretical—and what effect does that have on our disciplines as well as on our culture at large?
- What aspect of transitioning is more important—the moment or the movement (or are they equally so)?
- What historical moments of transitioning are particularly present in current scholarship? How has transitioning been treated historically? Are there transitional movements that occur for only small groups and do those movements eventually make their way up to a large-scale ones?

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Keynote Dialogue: Dr. Marti Singer and Dr. Baotong Gu, Director of Lower Division Studies

Keynote Address: Layli Phillips, Associate Professor of Women's Studies, WSI Graduate Director

Creative Writing Event: Readings, Music, Munchies and more!

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