

CFP, Panel.

*Everyday form of Racialization: Language, Humor, and Insults.*

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The present panel examines how humor, insults, and other linguistic practices reproduced powerful dynamics of racialization. Despite their assumed innocuous nature, these ordinary narratives are fundamental vehicles to erect and maintain firm social boundaries between social groups. Humor, for example, is commonly thought of as a benign practice that only aims to make people laugh at a complex topic. As such, it is perceived as a gentle rather than a violent act. The phrase “it’s funny because it’s true” encapsulates mainstream understandings about humor. Insults do aim to hurt the affronted subject. Yet, these mean words and phrases are still viewed as not that harmful as they do not entail an act of physical violence. Notwithstanding, humor, and insults share a set of deep-seated views about what type of racialized subjects, themes, and issues can be joked about or used as offensive expressions. The panel welcomes papers that address these themes, in addition to papers that take up other important topics that challenge us to think deeply about the relationship between language and racialization. Please direct all inquiries to Hugo Ceron Anaya ([hrc209@lehigh.edu](mailto:hrc209@lehigh.edu)).

Deadline for paper proposals submission: December 1, 2021

Notification of paper acceptance: December 5, 2021

Abstracts of paper proposals should not exceed 300 words.

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