

The English Graduate Student Association of CSULA presents  
**SIGNIFICATIONS**  
**13th Annual CSU Graduate Conference**  
**April 19, 2008**

Please join us for the *Significations* conference, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at CSULA in the Golden Eagle Ballroom. Throughout the day, CSU graduate students will be presenting papers on a wide variety of subjects in the fields of literary and cultural study.

**Keynote Speaker: Dr. Shirley Geok-Lin Lim**  
**(University of California, Santa Barbara)**

Shirley Geok-lin Lim is professor of English at the University of California, Santa Barbara, and an acclaimed writer of both critical and creative works. She has published two critical studies, *Nationalism and Literature: Writing in English from the Philippines and Singapore* (1993) and *Writing South East/Asia in English: Against the Grain* (1994), and has edited or co-edited numerous critical volumes, anthologies, and special journal issues. These have reflected her interests in contemporary Asian American literature, Maxine Hong Kingston's *The Woman Warrior*, microstates, and transnational feminism.

The first of her four volumes of poetry, *Crossing the Peninsula* (1980), won the Commonwealth Poetry Prize, and she won American Book Awards in 1990, for *The Forbidden Stitch: An Asian American Women's Anthology*, and in 1997, for the memoir, *Among the White Moon Faces*. Bill Moyers featured her on his PBS special on American poetry, "Fooling with Words" in 1999, and again on the program "Now" in February 2002. Her children's novel, *Princess Shawl*, appear this spring. She has published two previous novels, *Sister Swing* (2006) and *Joss and Gold* (2001), the latter of which was described by Rey Chow as "an elegantly crafted tale [that] places Lim among the most imaginative and dexterous storytellers writing in the English language today."

Conference Fee: For those who pre-register before March 28, 2008: \$25  
After March 28, the fee is \$35. The conference fee includes opening and closing receptions, buffet lunch, and one copy of the conference proceedings.



For registration forms and the conference schedule, please refer to the conference website (see below).

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