

**Research Institute for the Study of Language in Urban Society**  
**Research Forum 2008 Program**  
**Friday, May 23, 2008**  
**Rooms 9204&9205**

**9:00 a.m. Coffee**

**9:30 a.m. Welcome**  
Brian Schwartz  
Vice President for Research and Sponsored Programs

**SESSION ONE**  
**9:35 a.m. Migration as a Language Endangerment Factor:  
San Lucas Quiavini Zapotec in Los Angeles, CA**  
(20 minute talk)  
Gabriela Pérez Báez

**Predictors of English Proficiency in Elderly Chinese  
Immigrants** (20 minute talk)  
Yen-Whei Shih and Loraine Obler

**Chair:** Erika Troseth

**Break 10:35 – 10:50**

**SESSION TWO**  
**Healthcare in Spanish: What Makes Some Documents  
Better than Others?** (20 minute talk)  
Rachel Varra, Laura Callahan and Ricardo Otheguy

**Telephone Service Encounters: When Language Choice  
Doesn't Match the Customer's Voice** (20 minute talk)  
Laura Callahan

**No Implications: Why New York Latino English  
Doesn't Exist** (20 minute talk)  
Michael Newman

**Chair:** Edmund O'Neill

**LUNCH 12:20 – 1:30 in Rooms 8301 & 8304**

**SESSION THREE**  
**1:45 – 2:45 Language(s) and Pre-literacy Skills in Low Income  
Preschoolers in New York City** (20 minute talk)  
Isabelle Barriere, Gita Martohardjono and Garey Ellis

**“Generation 1.5” and its Discourses of Partiality: A  
Postmodern Analysis** (20 minute talk)  
Sarah Benesch

**Chair:** Erin Quirk

**Break 2:45 – 3:00**

**SESSION FOUR**  
**3:00 – 4:30 One Size Doesn't Fit All: The Case of Long-Term  
English Language Learners in Secondary Schools**  
(30 minute talk)  
Kate Menken, Tatyana Kleyn, Nabin Chae, Alexander Funk  
and Nelson Flores

**English Language Learners and the Literacy Gap**  
(30 minute talk)  
Elaine C. Klein and Gita Martohardjono

**Chair:** Michele de Goeas-Malone

**4:30 p.m. Closing Remarks**  
Ricardo Otheguy