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Join us for a presentation and discussion with **Lal Zimman** (Linguistics) about his new work, “Transgender Language Reform.” Refreshments will be served.

Tuesday, May 29 | 4:00 – 5:30 pm
McCune Conference Room, 6020 HSSB

LAL ZIMMAN
Linguistics

Transgender Language Reform: Some Challenges and Strategies for Promoting Trans-Affirming, Gender-Inclusive Language

With a growing societal interest in the experiences of transgender people has come a new kind of awareness about gendered language. Zimman’s recent article, “Transgender language reform: some challenges and strategies for promoting trans-affirming, gender-inclusive language,” takes a linguistic approach to trans-inclusive language by distilling the practices of transgender speakers of English into a series of challenges and potential solutions. A short presentation of his work will be followed by an audience discussion of practical strategies for trans-affirming and gender-inclusive language in the university context.



Lal Zimman is Assistant Professor of Linguistics at UC Santa Barbara. His research takes a broad perspective on trans language, from voices to narratives to terminological choices. His edited volume, *Queer Excursions: Rethorizing Binaries in Language, Gender, and Sexuality*, won the Association for Queer Anthropology’s Ruth Benedict Prize in 2014.

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