

**Global Discourses in Women's and Gender Studies Conference  
March 26-28, 2015**



**Middle Tennessee State University Campus, Murfreesboro, TN  
(30 miles from Nashville, TN)**

We invite individual or panel proposals **for presentations on any topic on women's and/or gender issues and debates** from scholars, activists, non-profit professionals, and graduate students **in all scholarly fields and disciplines, including the humanities, sciences, social sciences, education, arts, design, business, law, and sports.**

Given our general conference theme, Global Discourses in Women's and Gender Studies, we are interested in presentations that provide feminist perspectives of the influence of global forces on women's and/or gendered experience, and that examine connections between local/national and global issues related to gendered existence.



**Keynote Speaker**

**Lisa Ling**

**Journalist, Social Activist, and Author**

Lisa Ling is executive producer and host of *This is Life with Lisa Ling* on CNN and co-founder of [SecretSocietyofWomen.com](http://SecretSocietyofWomen.com). She is former co-host of ABC's *The View* (1999-2002), the first female host of *National Geographic's Explorer*, host of *Our America with Lisa Ling* on OWN: The Oprah Winfrey Network, and special correspondent for CNN, ABC News' *Nightline*, and *The Oprah Winfrey Show*. Ling is also a contributing editor for *USA Today's USA Weekend* magazine. She is the co-author of *Mother, Daughter, Sister, Bride: Rituals of Womanhood* and *Somewhere Inside: One Sister's Captivity in North Korea and the Other's Fight to Bring Her Home*, which she wrote with her sister, Laura Ling.

The 2015 conference will highlight education; we therefore encourage submission of proposals that explore this area of special focus. Possible education-related topics include but are not limited to: Gender equity in education; intersections of race, class, gender, and sexual orientation in education; girls' access to education; educating boys; gender in STEM education; education and religious (in)tolerance; education and technology; education and economic development; health and wellness education; education and personal development; campus sexual assault/sexual harassment; bullying and homophobia in schools/school violence; women in higher education; transnational feminist activism and pedagogies of empowerment; and strategies for future engagement of gender issues in education.

**Please note that proposals from all disciplines are welcome.**

We welcome a variety of presentation formats, such as individual paper presentations, panel sessions, roundtable discussions, performances, short films, and posters. We offer single panel per session conference format. Presentations will be limited to 15 minutes, to be followed by questions and discussion. All proposals should meet the following criteria:

- 250-500 word presentation abstract in a Word document (for panel submissions, provide a description of the panel and of each individual presentation)
- One-page bio
- Equipment request. Please be specific.

**DEADLINE: Proposals must be submitted by December 15, 2014**

Email proposals to: [womenstu@mtsu.edu](mailto:womenstu@mtsu.edu)

For conference information, please go to <http://www.mtsu.edu/womenstu/conference> or contact us at 615-898-5910.