Is it still possible to speak of equality, difference, and inclusion under the naturalized category of sexual gender? Is the categorization of gender itself an act of violence? Should the questioning of gender be extended to wider scenarios of power and marginality? With the goal of generating academic dialogue regarding these and other questions, the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures at Marquette University is pleased to invite you to the 25th Annual Congress of the AILCFH, to take place October 8-10, 2015 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

The Congress will render tribute to Teresa de Cepeda y Ahumada, better known as Saint Teresa of Ávila or Saint Teresa de Jesús. The 500th anniversary of her birth prompts us to reconsider not only failures and successes of women and feminism, but also what is gained and lost in the debates concerning the overcoming of gender. A variety of sessions will be dedicated to the religious, educational, and cultural institutions that shape the dynamics of gender and that have the power to change or to perpetuate them.

Please direct any questions to AILCFH25@gmail.com. Visit our site http://ailcfhxxvcongresoanual.weebly.com/ and “like” us on https://www.facebook.com/ailcfh?fref=nf

We invite the submission of both individual and panel proposals related to the themes of gender and issues of relevance to women, in accordance to AILCFH mission. The registration is $100 US ($50 for students); all participants in the congress must be members of the AILCFH (http://sites.la.utexas.edu/ailcfh/membresia/informacion-general/).

Proposals may be submitted in English, Spanish or Portuguese, the three official languages of the AILCFH. All proposals are due March 2, 2015 at AILCFH25@gmail.com.

- For literary and cultural topics, send presenter’s name, title, and abstract of 250 words along with a brief description of professional qualifications (1 paragraph).
- For linguistics presentations, titles and anonymous abstracts of 500 words (excluding references). Include the author’s/authors’ names and academic affiliation in the body of the email.

INVITED SPEAKERS
- Mary Nash
  Universitat de Barcelona
- Julieta Paredes
  Mujeres Creando Comunidad
- Cristina Rivera Garza
  UCSD
- Dinorah Cortes Velez
  Marquette University

VIDEO CONFERENCE
Julia Kristeva (Université Paris 7 – Diderot), the author of Teresa, My Love: An Imagined Life of the Saint of Avila.
About Milwaukee

Milwaukee, the largest city in Wisconsin, has been a historical center of immigration and is a capital city of the “Third Coast”, Lake Michigan’s shoreline. Milwaukee is a thriving, multiethnic city located just 90 miles north of Chicago. Marquette University is located in downtown Milwaukee within walking distance of hotels and restaurants. All major airlines fly into Milwaukee’s General Mitchell Airport with many direct flights available. Amtrak also serves Milwaukee, arriving from St. Paul, MN, and Chicago’s Union Station on a regular basis. Alternatively, bus service from Chicago’s O’Hare Airport to downtown Milwaukee generally takes 2.5 hours.