The theme for the second annual Diversity in Language and Culture Conference is *Love and Compassion in Education*. In a time when classrooms are increasingly diverse and political/social climates are tumultuous, it is important that educators focus on fundamental qualities of humanity. One way to do that is by ensuring that love and compassion are at the forefront of teaching and learning. With love and compassion, the relationships that form in educational spaces can help combat the negative detritus created from marginalizing and oppressive policies over testing, monolingual and monocultural ideologies, and scripted, one-size-fits-all curricula. Love and compassion are not commonly discussed in education; love, especially, tends to be a taboo subject of discussion, and we challenge why this is.

With this year’s theme, we ask educators to consider *why* and *how* love and compassion are significant in education. What does it look like in action? How do we create spaces where all students thrive? How can education be a platform for activism? How do we make our schools a better place, where community, kindness, gratitude, and relationships matter? How do we make this a reality in our schools?

We invite a variety of proposals that connect with this year’s theme, including those related to pedagogy/teaching practices, research, and community engagement initiatives. During the conference, participants will have an opportunity to engage in smaller groups through breakout sessions and poster sessions.

Please note that the Triad Teacher Researcher Conference is merging with the DLC Conference this year. We will include a Special Interest Group for TTR at the conference. Write a proposal for a format that fits your presentation. On the proposal and registration form, make sure to indicate that you are part of TTR.

In your proposal, please indicate:

- Title of your presentation
- The type of presentation you are proposing:
  - Individual paper presentation: Presenters will share a 20-minute presentation within a 1 hour 15 minute time slot along with 2 other paper presentations. This type of presentation is best suited for those who have completed research and
have findings to share. The presenters should allow for questions from the audience at the end.

○ Panel Discussion: This is a panel of experts assembled to discuss and provide different perspectives on a topic. When designing the panel discussion, the presenters should plan on having a moderator (can be one of the panelists) to manage the time and invite questions from the audience. The panelists should plan for 1 hour and 15 minutes.

○ Workshop: A workshop is intended to provide the attendees with a practical, hands-on approach to understanding a given topic. During this session, the presenters should plan for an interactive 1 hour and 15 minute session where the audience mainly consists of practitioners.

○ Round Table Presentation: Presenters will share their research in small groups in a 1 hour 15 minute time slot. Each presenter will have about 20-minutes. A round table presentation may be ideal for presenters who are in the initial stages of data analysis. This format can provide an opportunity to discuss the research process with others and gain feedback.

○ Poster Session: Posters can be tri-fold or on poster paper. All posters will be displayed in a central area with a 40-minute session for attendees to have informal discussions with presenters. Presenters should be prepared with both a poster and a handout.

○ Other Interactive Session: We invite other formats for presentation and engaging the attendees in dialogue than what we have described here. If you have an idea for a session that does not fit with the above options, you can provide a description of your idea.

- An abstract about your presentation that describes your presentation (50 word maximum)
- A brief description of your presentation, including how your presentation connects to this year’s theme (500 word maximum).
- Intended audience (e.g., teachers, researchers, community members, students, etc.).

Proposals are due 2/25. Decision letters will be sent by 4/1. Please submit your proposal at: https://goo.gl/forms/0lWCBowNoosshRp912

Conference Schedule:
9:00-9:50 Keynote Speaker - Laura Rendón
9:50-10 Transition
10-11:15 Breakout Session 1
11:15-11:20 Transition
11:20-12:35 Breakout Session 2
12:35-1:15 Lunch & Poster Session
1:15-2:30 Community dialogue (re)connecting with conference theme