Interdisciplinary Lecture Series in Linguistics - Spring 2016

MAPPING ATTITUDES IN THE LAND OF EEE!! - PERCEPTIONS OF LANGUAGE VARIATION IN NEW MEXICO

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Wed., March 2 | 4:00-5:30 p.m. Ortega Hall, Reading Room

Where do New Mexicans imagine NM speech communities? More than 400 New Mexico residents, including many UNM students, produced hand-drawn maps of the state showing “where people speak differently” and what they speak or sound like. Their perceptions were aggregated using GIS (Geographic Information Systems) tools. The resulting “perceptual dialectology” (Preston 1989) of New Mexico provides insights into spatialized language ideologies and the different ways in which they are constructed.

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