

WHAT'S LANGUAGE GOT TO DO WITH IT?:

Linguistic exclusion and belonging

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**Public Lecture: Thursday, April
25th, 4PM in Viking Theater**

**Workshop: Friday April 26th,
3:30-5:00 PM in Norway Room**
*Inclusive pedagogies for
constructing language identities in
and out of the classroom*



While students in our classes are excited to learn foreign languages, there is often a lot of anxiety present for them. Many of them wonder: will people understand what I am saying? Will I make a fool of myself? Why do I feel so many attitudes and emotions attached to the languages I learn and the identities I seem to create when I speak these languages?

Through a public lecture, Prof. Maya Angela Smith will lead the St. Olaf community in better understanding language ideologies and identity formation in the classroom. She will help to build awareness about how attitudes on language varieties, including judgments about accents, influence students' abilities to claim ownership of the languages they learn.



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