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Abstracts are invited for the 2012 Linguistics Association of Ghana (LAG) Annual Conference scheduled for **July 29-August 1, 2012** at the **University of Education, Winneba (UEW)**, Winneba Campus.

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COMMUNICATING IN THE 21ST CENTURY: THE ROLE OF LANGUAGE AND THE LITERARY ARTS

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	Phonology	Language Development
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	Pidgins and Creoles	Stylistics, etc.

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Word Limit of Abstract: 250 words

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