

The Department of World Languages and Literatures

# 50th Anniversary

## UAB Jemison Lecture Series

The Department of World Languages and Literatures  
invites you to a presentation

by

Dr. John R. Brender  
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University Hall 3002 -- February 28, 2023 -- 5:00-6:00PM



### *Beyond Verbal Language: Pragmatic Considerations across Five Cultures*

Based on experiences communicating in Spanish, Japanese, Chinese, British and American English, Dr. Brender will provide several pragmatic considerations beyond simply getting the pronunciation and syntax right! What things should or should not be talked about in different cultures? How should information be conveyed with speakers of different languages? Are rules about modesty the same everywhere? Do gestures and smiles in different cultures have different meanings? What are examples of cultural values that are inherent or perhaps inescapable in certain languages? Join this interactive presentation that promises to save you from otherwise inevitable pitfalls and embarrassment while forcing you to think about things you've never thought about before!.

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