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Registration Desk (Pacific Concourse)

Wednesday, 8:00 pm – 10:00 pm;
Thursday, 8:00 am – 5:30 pm;
Friday, 7:30 am – 5:00 pm;
Saturday, 7:30 am – 3:00 pm;
Sunday, 8:00 am – 10:30 am.

Book Exhibits (Pacific L-M-N-O)

Thursday, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm;
Friday, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm;
Saturday, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm.

All meeting rooms are either on the Pacific Concourse or the Bay Level (Seacliff and Golden Gate rooms)
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All of us owe Alfred Bendixen, Executive Director, and Olivia Carr Edenfield, Executive Coordinator, a deep debt of gratitude for their work on behalf of the ALA. This will be the twenty-ninth annual conference under Alfred’s watch, and we all benefit from his leadership. Personally, I am so thankful to Alfred and Olivia for their friendship, their guidance, and the trust they placed in me by offering me the opportunity to direct this year’s conference. Many thanks to the Executive Board, especially James Nagel, University of Georgia, and Gloria Cronin, Brigham Young University, for their service to the Association.

Finally, I would like to thank my husband, Bo Graham, for all the ways he loves and supports me, and my daughters, Merrin and Bryson, for bringing me so much joy.

Best wishes for an invigorating and engaging conference!

Leslie Petty, Rhodes College  
2018 ALA Conference Director

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Featured Readings and Receptions:

**Thursday, May 24, 2018**

**A Reading by Ishmael Reed**  
Poet, Novelist, Essayist, Playwright, Songwriter, Editor, Publisher


6:00 – 7:00 pm (Seacliff C/D)

Opening Reception  
7:00 – 8:00 pm  
(Atrium Level: Waterfront C-D-E)

**Friday, May 25, 2018**

**African American Literature and Culture Society Reception**  
**Reading and Book Signing:**  
7:15 – 9:00 pm (Seacliff C/D)

Reading by Giovanni Singleton, recipient of the 2017 Stephen E. Henderson Award for Outstanding Achievement in Poetry

**Presentation of the Darwin T. Turner Award to Michele Elam**

A reception hosted by the African American Literature and Culture Society, the Charles W. Chesnutt Society, the Paul Laurence Dunbar Society, the Pauline Hopkins Society, the Toni Morrison Society, the Ralph Ellison Society, Octavia E. Butler Literary Society, and the John Edgar Wideman Society, and sponsored by the African American Literature and Culture Society and the American Literature Association will precede the reading.

Giovanni Singleton is the author of *Ascension* (2011), winner of the California Book Award Gold Medal for poetry, and *AMERICAN LETTERS: works on paper* (2017). Her poetry appears in many anthologies and is inscribed on the Yerba Buena Center for the Arts in San Francisco, CA. She has been a fellow at the Squaw Valley Community of Writers, Cave Canem, and the Napa Valley Writers Conference, as well as a recipient of the New Langton Bay Area Award. She is the coordinator for the Lunch Poems series at the University of California-Berkeley and founding editor of *nocturnes (re)view of the literary arts*. She has taught at Saint Mary's College, Naropa University and New Mexico State University.
Saturday, May 26, 2018

Session 20-J: 5:10 – 6:30 pm

Poetry Reading by Lyn Hejinian—with a Group Reading of Sight

Panelists from the Saturday afternoon session, “Borders, Boundaries, and ‘a Flourishing Friendship’: The Work of Lyn Hejinian, Leslie Scalapino and their Collaborations” will join Hejinian herself in a reading from her book collaboration with Scalapino, entitled, Sight (Edge Books 1999). The group reading-performance of Sight will be followed by Hejinian’s solo reading of her more recent work. Panelist-participants besides Hejinian include Lisa Samuels, Julie Carr, William J. Harris, and Laura Hinton (event organizer).

A Reading from LINCOLN IN THE BARDO (2017)
6:30 – 7:30 pm
(Seacliff C/D)

In the opening pages of the novel, Willie Lincoln is dying of typhoid fever while his parents must host a large state dinner in the White House. After Willie dies, Abraham Lincoln attempts to grapple with his loss by visiting his dead son’s crypt, opening the casket, and holding his beloved son’s body. This act deeply affects several of the spirits inhabiting the charnel ground, but Willie is disturbed by the sight. Now a disembodied spirit, Willie looks down upon his father and his own unrecognized body, unaware that he is dead. Why does his father walk away, abandoning him?

Saunders has defined the bardo as “a transitional state between lives,” but the concept can apply more widely to a number of liminal situations. According to some Tibetan Buddhist teachings, everyday life (the shinay bardo), the dreams that come between one day and the next (the milam bardo), and the bardo of meditative experience (the samten bardo) are all moments in which beings struggle for clarity, though these lesser-known bardos are thought to be less consequential than the purgatorial term between lives. A traveler stuck in an airport due to a missed flight is in a kind of bardo, a period of uncertainty. While the novel is centered on the travail of Willie Lincoln, the boy’s spiritual journey is artfully linked to that of all the other characters in this novel, and perhaps to the whole of American life that is shaped by Abraham Lincoln’s choices.

Like Willie, the President finds himself caught between possibilities. The elder Lincoln faces crises that are at once spiritual, psychological, and political. In late February 1862, just after Grant’s capture of Fort Donelson, the Civil War was beginning to metastasize into a new kind of war—the catastrophe that would claim over 600,000 American lives. During the course of the novel, the ten worst battles were yet to happen. Saunders takes us into the agonized heart of Lincoln as he struggles with what he should do.

Readers (and hearers) of Lincoln in the Bardo may find the central organizing metaphor to be quite timely. In response to the political rallies of a more recent politician, Saunders in early 2016 wrote that he had “never before imagined America as fragile, as an experiment that could, within my very lifetime, fail.” Spiritually engaged and unfailingly intelligent, Lincoln in the Bardo appreciates profoundly the fragility of our individual lives and of our communal way of life.

With the kind permission of the writer, The Postmortem Players have come together to perform a reading of Lincoln in the Bardo for the American Literature Association.

Closing Reception: 7:30 – 8:30 pm
(Seacliff Foyer)
Thursday, May 24, 2018
Registration (Pacific Concourse): 7:30 am – 5:30 pm
Book Exhibit (Pacific L-M-N-O): 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Thursday, May 24, 2018
9:00 – 10:20 am

Session 1-A  Black Protest and the Literary Response (Seacliff A)
Organized by the African American Literature and Culture Society
Chair: Aldon Nielsen, The Pennsylvania State University

1. “This is the Time’: Umbra, On Guard for Freedom and the Death of Patrice Lumumba,” David Grundy, University of Cambridge, UK
2. “The Black Map’ (A book entirely unwritten)’: Reframing Bronzeville from Within,” Sophia Bamert, University of California, Davis

Session 1-B  Howells and Democracy (Pacific D)
Organized by the William Dean Howells Society
Chair: Daniel J. Mrozowski, Trinity College

1. “Democracy and Trust in the Oeuvre of William Dean Howells,” Margit Peterfy, University of Heidelberg

Session 1-C  Faulkner: In Short (Pacific F)
Organized by the William Faulkner Society
Chair: Sarah Gardner, Mercer University

2. “An Error in Copyediting: Removing the South from Faulkner’s Second-Prize Story in Ellery Queen’s Mystery Magazine,” John N. Duvall, Purdue University
Session 1-D  Future Earths I: Future Past and Future Present (Pacific G)
Organized by the Association for the Study of Literature and Environment
Chair: Megan Simpson, Penn State Altoona

1. “Atomic Afrofuturism: The Cold War and Apocalyptic Ecologies,” Kristin George Bagdanov, UC Davis
2. “Uncertainty Discourse in Climate Modeling and Barbara Kingsolver’s Flight Behavior,” Pamela Carralero, Purdue University

Session 1-E  Bodies in Poe and Hawthorne (Pacific I)
Organized by the Poe Studies Association
Chair: Travis Montgomery, Oklahoma Christian University

2. “Female Bodies and Male Fears in Poe and Hawthorne,” Paul Emmett, University of Wisconsin-Manitowoc

Session 1-F  Chicana/o/x Narrative Strategies: Voicing Historia in a (Post) Racial America (Pacific J)
Organized by Latina/o/x Literature and Culture Society
Chair: Cristina Herrera, California State University, Fresno

1. “Chicanas and Central Americanas: (Mis)Recognition and Disappearance in Helena Maria Viramontes’ ‘The Cariboo Café,’” Araceli Esparza, California State University, Long Beach
2. “Dystopian Images in Their Dogs Came with Them, and the Economic Realities of Postracial America,” Edén Torres, University of Minnesota

Session 1-G  Postwar Urban Poetry I: Riots and Rebels (Pacific K)
Organized by the Postwar Area Literature Group
Chair: Nicole Dib, University of California, Santa Barbara

1. “The eagerness of objects to be what we are afraid to do’: Anxiety and Affects in Frank O’Hara,” Melih Levi, Stanford
2. “The Tesseract that Jack Built: Translational Poetics in Spicer’s After Lorca,” Nicholas Whittington, University of California, Santa Cruz
Session 1-H  Disappearing Women: A New Look at Recovery (Pacific A)
Organized by the Constance Fenimore Woolson Society
Chair: Jane M. Fleming, University of Texas at Austin

1. “Deadly Inversions: Emotional Labor and Disappearance in Constance Fenimore Woolson’s ‘Miss Grief,’” Danielle Cofer, University of Rhode Island
2. “An American Exmatriate Literary Tradition?: Recovering the Missing Mothers of Gilded Age Expatriate Novels,” Shonda N. Stevens, Florida State University

Session 1-I  Cultural Contexts (Pacific H)
Chair: M. Elizabeth Geddy, Georgia Southern University

1. “Regrets for Mr. Roosevelt: Pauli Murray’s Poems for FDR,” Christina G. Bucher, Berry College
2. “American Nobels: From Sinclair Lewis to Bob Dylan,” James D. Bloom, Muhlenberg College

Session 1-J  Reassessing Leslie Fiedler (Pacific E)
Organized by the American Literature Society
Chair: Karen Roggenkamp, Texas A&M-Commerce

2. “When Bad Faith Makes Good Art: Leslie Fiedler and the Aesthetics of Hypocrisy,” Ashley Barnes, University of Texas-Dallas
3. “Leslie Fiedler’s Coming to Jerusalem,” Ken Dauber, SUNY at Buffalo

Thursday, May 24,  2018
10:30 – 11:50 am

Session 2-A  Don DeLillo and Paradox (Seacliff A)
Organized by the Don DeLillo Society
Chair: Jesse Kavadlo, Maryville University

1. “The Paradoxes of Don DeLillo’s Terrorist Narratives,” Gabriela-Alexandra Banica, University of Bucharest
2. “Don DeLillo and the Lure of Fundamentalism,” Matt Kavanagh, Okanagan College
4. “Composites in Don DeLillo,” Michael Goebel, Albertus Magnus University of Cologne
Session 2-B  Frank Norris (Pacific D)
Organized by the Frank Norris Society
Chair: Eric Carl Link, Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne

1. “Looking at ‘Wheat’ in the Blink of an Eye,” Toby Widdicombe, University of Alaska Anchorage
2. “Design for Determinism: Norris, Nansen, and A Man’s Woman,” Patti Luedcke, Western University Ontario

Session 2-C “Note from the Real World” – Amiri Baraka I (Pacific F)
Organized by the Amiri Baraka Society
Chair: Aldon Nielsen, The Pennsylvania State University

1. “27 Cooper Square: Amiri Baraka and Bohemia,” William J. Harris, University of Kansas

Session 2-D  Future Earths II: Speculative Ecologies (Pacific G)
Organized by the Association for the Study of Literature and Environment
Chair: Ian Marshall, Penn State Altoona

3. “Sympathy with the Earth: Becoming World in Area X of the Southern Reach Trilogy,” Suzanne McCullagh, Miami University of Ohio

Session 2-E  Border Crossings and Revisions: Celebrating 100 Years of My Ántonia (Pacific I)
Organized by The Willa Cather Foundation
Chair: John Swift, Occidental College

1. “Wild Flowers and Refuge in My Ántonia,” Charmion Gustke, Belmont University
2. “Synthesizing Place, the Plains, and Cather: Perspectives on My Ántonia from the International Classroom,” Aaron J. Laduke, Northwestern University-Qatar
3. “That Singular Light’: The Luminescent Underpinnings of My Ántonia,” Aimee M. Allard, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Session 2-F Untimely Regions: Arizona, New Mexico, Florida (Pacific J)
Organizer and Moderator: Antonio López, English, George Washington University

1. “Time After Trinity: Cold War Mutations of Rhetoric and Rhythm,” Cristopher Hollingsworth, University of South Alabama
2. “Memory in Contemporary Latino/a Poetry,” Jessica Guzman, University of Southern Mississippi
3. “Late Wetlands and Settler Aesthetics,” Antonio López, George Washington University
4. “Past/Future/Perfect: Cuban Writers and Temporal Form,” Luis Iglesias, University of Southern Mississippi

Session 2-G Postwar Urban Poetry II: Politicizing Performance Spaces (Pacific K)
Organized by the Postwar Area Literature Group
Chair: Nicole Dib, University of California, Santa Barbara

1. “To them and to you, life’: Diasporic Ethics of Charles Reznikoff’s Urban Vision,” Dalia Bolotnikov, University of California, Santa Barbara
3. “These Are the Breaks’: The Poetics of Black Nostalgia,” Felice Blake and Lexxus Edison, University of California, Santa Barbara

Session 2-H Challenging Versions of Veteran Identity and Representation (Pacific H)
Organized by Liam Corley, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
Chair: Danielle Cofer, University of Rhode Island

3. “Four Antebellum Female Veterans: Legacies and Divergences in Southworth, Brown, Brewer, and Sampson,” Liam Corley, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona

Session 2-I Beyond Harlem, Expanding the Renaissance (Pacific E)
Organized by Amber La Piana, Foothill College
Chair: Susan Tomlinson, University of Massachusetts Boston

1. “Soft and Lazy Syncopation’: Art, Violence, and Capitalism in Hughes’s The Ways of White Folks,” Erin Mae Clark, Saint Mary’s University of Minnesota
2. “Better Racial Understanding’: Delilah L. Beasley, the Bay Area, and the Harlem Renaissance,” Amber La Piana, Foothill College
3. “I’ll make me a world’: James Weldon Johnson’s God’s Trombones as Literary Collection,” Joelle Moen, Brigham Young University-Idaho
(Seacliff B)
Organized by the Arthur Miller Society
Chair: Beth Wynstra, Babson College


Session 2-K  Business Meeting: Constance Fenimore Woolson Society (Pacific A)

Thursday, May 24, 2018
12:00 – 1:20 pm

Session 3-A  Don DeLillo and Paradox II (Seacliff A)
Organized by the Don DeLillo Society
Chair: Jacqueline Zubeck, College of Mount Saint Vincent

1. “The Living and the Undead: DeLillo’s Late Style,” Mark Osteen, Loyola University
2. “Mapping Transcendence: Don DeLillo’s Uncanny Spaces,” Laura Barrett, SUNY/New Paltz
4. “Don DeLillo and Endings and Beginnings,” Jesse Kavadlo, Maryville University

Session 3-B  Narrative Disruptions & Reconstructions in Southern Literature (Pacific D)
Organized by the Society for the Study of Southern Literature
Chair: Bill Hardwig, University of Tennessee

1. “U.S. Southern Writers and Spanish America,” Amanda Louise Johnson, Rice University
2. “Laura Krey, a Texas Agrarian: The Sewanee Review Essays,” José E. Limón, University of Notre Dame
3. “Narrating Affect: The Grotesque and Cormac McCarthy’s Suttree,” Bill Hardwig, University of Tennessee
Session 3-C  Interdisciplinary Currents in Faulkner Studies: A Roundtable (Pacific F)
Organized by the William Faulkner Society
Moderator: Peter Lurie, University of Richmond

3. “Faulkner and the Field of Law and Literature,” Kathryn S. Koo, Saint Mary’s College of California
4. “Sexology, Creation, and Procreation: Queering Pregnancy in If I Forget Thee, Jerusalem,” Aimee Armande Wilson, University of Kansas
5. “Faulkner and Visual Culture Now: Recursion or Development?” Peter Lurie, University of Richmond

Session 3-D  Disappearing Women: Changing the Conversation about Recovering Reconstruction (Pacific G)
Organized by the Constance Fenimore Woolson Society
Chair: Jane E. Schultz, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis

1. “Forgotten Stories, Unexpected Developments,” Kathleen Diffley, University of Iowa
2. “Reconstructing Sherwood Bonner’s Like unto Like,” Kathryn McKee, University of Mississippi

Session 3-E  Queerness, Familia, and Gendered Identities in Chicana/o/x Literary and Cultural Production (Pacific I)
Organized by Latina/o/x Literature and Culture Society
Chair: Marci R. McMahon, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

1. “Forged Identity: Borderlands Subjectivity in Daniel Chacón’s ‘Godoy Lives,’“ Jacob Wilkenfeld, Northwestern University
2. “Unraveling the Familia Fantasy in Ana Castillo’s The Guardians and Give It To Me,” Monica Montelongo Flores, California State University, Stanislaus
3. “Queering Vatos Locos: Sureños, Sexuality, and Hypermasculinity,” Frank García, University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign
4. “CyberAztlán: Chicana Feminist Activism,” Justine Hernandez, St. Edward’s University
Session 3-F  Teaching Poe and the World (Pacific J)
Organized by the Poe Studies Association
Chair: Emron Esplin, Brigham Young University

1. “Poe in Brazil: Machado de Assis and the Emulation of Poe as a Criticism against Baudelaire’s Intermediation,” Greicy Pinto Bellin, Centro Universitário Campos de Andrade (Brazil)

Session 3-G  Emerson and Literature (Pacific K)
Organized by the Ralph Waldo Emerson Society
Chair: Michael C. Weisenburg, University of South Carolina

1. “Fleeing to Fables: Emerson in Children’s Literature,” Kristina West, University of Reading
2. “Emerson in Marilynne Robinson’s Gilead,” Susan Dunston, New Mexico Tech
3. “Emerson, Longfellow and the Professionalization of the Arts,” Philipp Loeffler, University of Heidelberg

Session 3-H  American Religious-Scientific Literature (Pacific E)
Organized by Christine Hedlin, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Chair: Dawn Coleman, University of Tennessee

1. “Scientific Racism and Religion in Harriet Beecher Stowe’s The Minister's Wooing,” Christine Hedlin, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
2. “Phantom Limbs: Amputation and Religion in Silas Weir Mitchell’s 'The Case of George Dedlow,'” Randall Fuller, Kansas University
3. “Frederick Douglass, Phrenology, and the 'Money Nerve' of Religion,” Christina Zwarg, Haverford College
4. “Spiritualism, Free Love, and Consent in Elizabeth Oakes Smith's Bertha and Lily,” Ashley Reed, Virginia Tech

Session 3-I  History, Truth, and Fiction in the Recent Work of John Edgar Wideman (Pacific H)
Organized by John Edgar Wideman Society
Chair: Wilfred Samuels, University of Utah

1. “Truth and Fiction in Writing to Save a Life,” Stephen Casmier, Saint Louis University
2. “History and Truth in Wideman's Recent Work,” Keith Byerman, Indiana State University
Session 3-J  (CANCELLED) Ellen Glasgow: Across the Canon (Pacific C)
Organized by Mark A. Graves, Ellen Glasgow Society
Chair: Chad Rohman, Dominican University

2. “Art, Inspiration, Family: Conversations with Ellen Glasgow’s Relatives,” James L. Coby, University of Alabama in Huntsville
3. “Another Look at Glasgow’s One Man in His Time,” Mark A. Graves, Morehead State University

Session 3-K Business Meeting: Postwar Area Literature Group (Pacific A)

Thursday, May 24, 2018
1:30 – 2:50 pm

Session 4-A Reading Confederate Monuments I (Seacliff A)
Organized by the American Literature Society
Chair: Leland S. Person, University of Cincinnati

1. “Print Culture and the Enduring Legacy of Confederate War Monuments: Columbia, SC as a Case Study,” Michael C. Weisenburg, University of South Carolina, Columbia
2. “Complicating Today’s Myth about the ‘Myth of the Lost Cause’: Lamar’s Dedication to a Statue of Calhoun, 1887,” Brook Thomas, University of California, Irvine
3. “The Grayson County, Texas Courthouse Confederate Monument as Cultural Text and Context,” Randi Tanglen, Austin College

Session 4-B Howells and the Politics of Subjectivity: Gender, Class, and Race (Pacific D)
Organized by the William Dean Howells Society
Chair: Margaret Jay Jessee, University of Alabama at Birmingham

1. “I tried to see her as you do’: Gendered Subjectivity and William Dean Howells’s The Coast of Bohemia,” Jennifer Leigh Moffitt, Florida Southern College
2. “Democracy and American Girls: Gender, Class, and ‘Race’ in William Dean Howells’ International Novels,” Naoko Sugiyma, Japan Women’s University
Session 4-C  “Four Cats on REPATRIATIONOLOGY” – Amiri Baraka II (Pacific F)
Organized by the Amiri Baraka Society
Chair: Gregory Pierrot, University of Connecticut, Stamford

1. “Allah Mean Everything”—Baraka’s Syncretic Religion,” Chris Stroffolino, Laney College
2. “Toward a Total Art: Some of Amiri Baraka’s Sketches, Drawings, Paintings,” Tyrone Williams, Xavier University

Session 4-D  Melville in the Anthropocene (Pacific G)
Organized by the Melville Society and the Association for the Study of Literature and the Environment (ASLE)
Chair: Meredith Farmer, Wake Forest University

2. “Concentrating ‘the snugness:’ Body, Relation and Being in a Melvillean Anthropocene,” Ryan Heryford, California State University, East Bay
3. “Has the crater but shifted’: Geology and Racial Violence in Melville’s Battle Pieces,” Carie Schneider, University of Arizona

Respondent: Meredith Farmer, Wake Forest University

Session 4-E  Evelyn Scott: Provocative Modernisms (Pacific I)
Organized by the Evelyn Scott Society
Chair: Claudia Milstead, University of Northern Colorado

1. “Evelyn Scott’s The Wave: Challenging the Patriarchal Pedestal Then and Now,” Dawn Gartlehner, University of Vienna
2. “Birth, Fiesta, and Death: Evelyn Scott’s Gaze Upon Brazilian Culture and Society,” Maria Das Graças Salgado, Universidade Federal Rural do Rio de Janeiro

Session 4-F  The Frontier in American Literary Imagination (Pacific J)
Organized by the James Fenimore Cooper Society
Chair: Luis A. Iglesias, University of Southern Mississippi

2. “Constructing the Frontier: Natty’s Cabin as Lyrical Trope,” Marissa Grunes, Harvard University
3. “Local and Global Knowledges in Cooper’s Last of the Mohicans,” Kacey Steward, University of Delaware
Session 4-G  Emerson and Nineteenth Century Arts Movements (Pacific K)
Organized by the Ralph Waldo Emerson Society
Chair: Roger Thompson, Stony Brook University

1. “Light is the first of painters: Ralph Waldo Emerson and the Luminism of John Frederick Kensett,” Ann Beebe, University of Texas at Tyler
2. “A singularly dandified theory of manners: Emersonian Aesthetics amongst the Decadents” Tim Clarke, University of Ottawa
3. “Emersonianism West: Aesthetic Experience and Aesthetic ownership in Frank Norris’s McTeague,” Chacko T. Kuruvilla, University of California, Santa Cruz

Session 4-H  Resistance and Freedom in African American Literature (Pacific E)
Chair: Megan M. Flanery, Georgia Southern University

2. “No one could live on a street live this and stay decent’: Ann Petry’s The Street,” M. Elizabeth Geddy, Georgia Southern University
4. “The De/Historicized Body in Randall Kenan’s A Visitation of Spirits,” Deborah Wilson, Arkansas Tech University

Session 4-I  Business Meeting: Poe Studies Association (Pacific B)

Session 4-J  Business Meeting: Gertrude Stein Society (Pacific C)

Session 4-K  Business Meeting: John Edgar Wideman Association (Pacific A)

Session 4-L  Business Meeting: William Faulkner Society (Pacific H)

Thursday, May 24, 2018
3:00 – 4:20 pm

Session 5-A  Reading Confederate Monuments II (Pacific F)
Organized by the American Literature Society
Chair: Randi Tanglen, Austin College

2. “Redeeming White Women as Property in The Birth of a Nation,” Maria Seger, University of Louisiana at Lafayette
3. “Frederick Douglass Monuments,” Leland S. Person, University of Cincinnati
Session 5-B  Frank Norris’s *McTeague*: New Perspectives (Pacific D)
Organized by the Frank Norris Society  
Chair: Steven Frye, California State University Bakersfield

1. “Bottled Lightning”: *McTeague* and the Gospel of Relaxation,” Jeffrey W. Miller, Gonzaga University  
3. “Spit it out: The Role of Dialect in Frank Norris’s *McTeague*,” Scott Shumaker, University of Nevada Reno

Session 5-C  The Literature of the Christian Left (Pacific G)
Organized by the American Religion and Literature Society  
Chair: Ray Horton, Murray State University

1. “Biblical Radicalism and Gender Politics in Marilynne Robinson’s *Housekeeping*,” Srirupa Chatterjee, Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad  
3. “What Has Pragmatism to Do with Religion?” Tae Sung, California Baptist University

Session 5-D  Film and Literary Texts Panel (Pacific I)
Organized by the Cinema Television Literature Association  
Chair: Christine Danelski, California State University, Los Angeles

1. “Physical Challenge: Game Shows, State Power, and Death,” Mike Miley, Loyola University New Orleans  
3. “Nothing Can Be Changed Until It Is Faced: Aesthetics of Adaptation in *I Am Not Your Negro*,” Erin Lee Mock, University of West Georgia  
4. “These violent delights have violent ends’: Shakespeare and *Westworld*,” Nicole Kenley, Simpson University

Session 5-E  “Something Unusual and Engaging”: Freedom of Movement in *My Ántonia* (Pacific J)
Organized by The Willa Cather Foundation  
Chair: Charmion Gustke, Belmont University

2. “Acquiring Roots: Grafting as Belonging in *My Ántonia*,” Jack Kerkering, Loyola University Chicago  
3. “The Ideal Observer Meets the Ideal Consumer: Realism, Domestic Science, and Immigrant Cuisine in *My Ántonia*,” Stephanie Tsank, University of Iowa
Session 5-F  James Fenimore Cooper and the Winds of Change (Pacific K)
Organized by the James Fenimore Cooper Society
Chair: Stephen Arch, Michigan State University

1. “Blood Purer and Richer: The Disruptive Presence of Cora in The Last of the Mohicans,” Michelle Dostal, Oklahoma State University
2. “Cup and Saucer’ Divorce: Cooper and Women’s Rights,” Barbara Alice Mann, University of Toledo
3. “The Terror in Templeton: Natty Bumppo’s Renegotiation of the Burke-Paine Debate,” Ryan McWilliams, University of California, Berkeley
4. “Cooper and Democratic Elitism,” Ma Yueling, Wuhan University, China

Session 5-G  Special Event: Screening of the video documentary Paul Laurence Dunbar: Beyond the Mask (Seacliff A)
(Frederick Lewis, director; 118 min., 2017)
Q&A by Producer and Executive Producer Joseph W. Slade, Emeritus Professor of Media Arts and Studies, Ohio University
This session will be continued in Session 6-G.
Sponsored by the Paul Laurence Dunbar Society and the African American Literature and Culture Society

Session 5-H  Ambulance Driver: Hemingway and the First World War (Pacific E)
Organized by the Hemingway Society
Chair: Kirk Curnutt, Troy University

1. “Echoes of World War I Trauma in Winner Take Nothing,” Paul Blom, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
3. “Ghosts of Solferino: Hemingway, Dos Passos, and Jean-Henri Dunant’s Legacy on the Modern Battlefield,” John D. Schwetman, University of Minnesota Duluth

Session 5-I  “As I Was Saying”: How to Read Gertrude Stein’s The Making of Americans: A Roundtable Discussion (Pacific H)
Organized by the Gertrude Stein Society
Chair: Amy Moorman Robbins, Hunter College, CUNY

1. Cecilia Konchar Farr, St. Catherine University
2. Janie Sisson, St. Catherine University
3. Emma Hargreaves, St. Catherine University
4. Varghese John, UC College, Mahatma Gandhi University, India
5. Ery Shin, Stanford University
6. Ellen McCallum, Michigan State University
Session 5-J  Business Meeting: William Dean Howells Society (Pacific B)

Session 5-L  Business Meeting: Phillip Roth Society (Pacific C)

Session 5-M  Business Meeting: Amiri Baraka Society (Pacific A)

Thursday, May 24, 2018
4:30 – 5:50 pm

Session 6-A  Contemporary Experiments (Pacific K)
Chair: Regina Yoong, Ohio University

1. “Cathy Park Hong’s Dance Dance Revolution: Literary Epic and War’s Unvoiced Stories,” Andrea Quaid, Bard College
2. “Storm Over Atlanta: Tom Wolfe’s A Man in Full and the Critics,” Frank G. Novak, Jr., Pepperdine University
3. “Resilience from the Garden: Charles Goodrich’s Going to Seed,” Josh A. Weinstein, Virginia Wesleyan University

Session 6-B  Literary Naturalism and Social Protest: A Roundtable Discussion (Pacific D)
Organized by the Frank Norris Society
Moderator: Eric Carl Link, Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne

1. Donna Campbell, Washington State University
2. Anita Duneer, Rhode Island College
3. Steven Frye, California State University Bakersfield
4. Lauren Navarro, LaGuardia Community College
5. Keith Newlin, University of North Carolina Wilmington
6. Jeanne Reesman, University of Texas San Antonio
7. Adam Wood, Salisbury University
Session 6-C  Civil War, Reconstruction, Legacy (Pacific F)
Organized by the Civil War Caucus
Chair: Kathleen Diffley, University of Iowa

1. “Lyrical Weapons of War: The Poet’s Corner in Civil War Soldier Papers,” James Berkey, Penn State Brandywine
2. “Love at the Bedside: Hospitalized Soldiers, Caregivers, and Bodily Claims,” Jane E. Schultz, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis
3. “One Hundred Days Count: Civil Rights and the 1870 Census,” Judy Giesberg, Villanova University
4. “An Illustrative Sample of Sales of William Still’s The Underground Railroad,” Alex Black, Hobart and William Smith Colleges
5. “‘Copies of Carnage’: Reevaluating Civil War Photography,” Ian Finseth, University of North Texas

Session 6-D  Gothicism, Queer Futures, & The Maternal: Reconsidering Shirley Jackson’s The Haunting of Hill House (Pacific G)
Organized by the Shirley Jackson Society
Chair: Jill E. Anderson, Tennessee State University

1. “Shirley Jackson and the Potential Queer Future,” Emily Banks, Emory University
2. “Shirley Jackson’s Domestic Architecture and the Matrophobic Gothic,” Luke Reid, Université de Montréal

Session 6-E  “A Shake Down”: Posthumous Engagements with Henry James (Pacific I)
Organized by the Henry James Society
Chair: Oliver Herford, University of Birmingham

1. “A Bit of String’: Rebecca West on Henry James”, Hazel Hutchison, University of Aberdeen
2. “Pound Reading James: The Brunnenberg Volumes”, Simone Francescato, Ca’ Foscari University of Venice

Session 6-F  Philip Roth and Sports (Pacific J)
Organized by The Philip Roth Society
Chair: Andy Connolly, Hostos Community College of CUNY

1. “Countering the Punch or Punching Counters? The Aesthetic and Erotic Significances of Roth’s Sporting Metaphor in The Human Stain,” Andy Connolly, Hostos Community College of CUNY
2. “Roth in the Water: Swimming as Sport and Recreation,” Ira Nadel, University of British Columbia
**Session 6-G  Continued: Special Event: Screening of the video documentary *Paul Laurence Dunbar: Beyond the Mask* (Seacliff A)**

(Frederick Lewis, director; 118 min., 2017)
Q&A by Producer and Executive Producer Joseph W. Slade, Emeritus Professor of Media Arts and Studies, Ohio University.

Sponsored by the Paul Laurence Dunbar Society and the African American Literature and Culture Society.

**Session 6-H  Literature and the Christian Right (Pacific H)**

Organized by the American Religion and Literature Society

Chair: Christopher Douglas, The University of Victoria

2. “Is there Critique in Gilead? Suspicion and the Formation of Believing Subject in *The Handmaid’s Tale* and *Lila*,” Ray Horton, Murray State University

**Session 6-I  Mountains and Valleys of the South (Seacliff B)**

Organized by the Society for the Study of Southern Literature

Chair: Erica Abrams Locklear, University of North Carolina Asheville

1. “You Are What you Eat: Appalachian Food in Local Color and Travel Writing,” Erica Abrams Locklear, University of North Carolina Asheville
3. “like trying to live in a graveyard’: Uninhabitable Environments, Fatalism, and the Post-Apocalyptic Vision of the Poor in Ron Rash’s *Serena*,” Randi Adams, Western Carolina University

**Session 6-J  New Readings of Old Stories (Pacific C)**

Organized by the Society for the Study of the American Short Story

Chair: James Nagel, University of Georgia

1. “A New Reading of Nathaniel Hawthorne’s ‘The Birthmark’,” Gudrun M. Grabher, University of Innsbruck (Austria)
2. “A New Perspective on the Anticlimactic and Abortive Events in Sherwood Anderson’s ‘Adventure’,” James W. Thomas, Pepperdine University
3. “Folk Traditions and Motifs in Joel Chandler Harris’s ‘Where’s Duncan’,” Lisa Abney, Northwestern State University of Louisiana
Session 6-K  Open Session on Ernest Hemingway* (Pacific E)
Sponsored by the Hemingway Society
Chair: Peter Hays, University of California, Davis

3. “‘Out of Season’ and the Fisher King,” Michael Montgomery, University of California, Davis
4. “How Do You Know Anything: Hemingway’s Epistemology,” Mark Cirino, University of Evansville

*Only abstracts will be read so that there will be adequate time for discussion by the panelists and the audience.

Session 6-L  Business Meeting: Cinema Television Literature Society (Pacific A)

Session 6-M  Business Meeting: James Fenimore Cooper Society (Pacific B)

Featured Reading:

A Reading by Ishmael Reed
Poet, Novelist, Essayist, Playwright, Songwriter, Editor, Publisher


6:00 – 7:00 pm (Seacliff C/D)

Opening Reception
(Atrium Level: Waterfront C-D-E)

7:00 – 8:00 pm
Friday, May 25, 2018

Registration (Pacific Concourse): 7:30 am – 5:00 pm
Book Exhibit (Pacific L-M-N-O): 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Friday, May 25, 2018
8:10 – 9:30 am

Session 7-A  New Looks on Nella Larsen (Seacliff A)
Organized by the African American Literature and Culture Society
Chair: Belinda Waller-Peterson, Moravian University

1. “Protesting Subjectivity, Embracing Queer Flesh: Self-Abnegation in Nella Larsen’s Passing,” Alvin Henry, St. Lawrence University
2. “Nella Larsen Takes Her Stand: The Ecology of Protest in Quicksand,” Rachel Carr, University of Kentucky
3. “A Hand on Clare’s Bare Arm: Trans-ing Queerness in Nella Larsen’s Passing,” Anna Ziering, University of Connecticut

Session 7-B  American Jokes: Laughter at the Margins of Respectability (Pacific D)
Organized by the American Humor Studies Association
Chair: Jeffrey Melton, University of Alabama

1. “Blonde Jokes: Anita Loos’ Gentlemen Prefer Blondes and Dorothy Parker’s ‘Big Blonde,’” Madison Priest, The Graduate Center, CUNY
2. “My Best Friend is Gay…’: Rhetorical Strategies for Making Bigotry Laughable,” Rebecca Krefting, Skidmore College
3. “MADness, Mishugas, Manhattan: That Other New York(er) Humor,” Judith Yaross Lee, Ohio University
4. “Satire and the Problem of Comic Laughter,” James E. Caron, University of Hawai‘i at Manoa

Session 7-C  Race, Religion, and Post-secularism in American Literature (Pacific F)
Organized by the American Religion and Literature Society
Chair: Kathryn Ludwig, Ball State University

1. “Questions of Faith: Reading the Productive Space of Religious Doubt in Helena Maria Viramontes’ The Dogs Came with Them,” Susan Edmunds, Syracuse University
2. “Slaves Writing Post-Secular: ‘The Problem of Evil’ and Haunting (Un)Belief in Hannah Craft’s The Bondwoman’s Narrative,” Ryan David Furlong, The University of Iowa
3. “From Wars to Walls: Hemispheric Politics and the Whiteness of American Secularism in Jackson’s Ramona,” AnaMaria Seglie, St. Norbert College
Session 7-D  Hidden Archives: Recovering Black, Latino, Multilingual, and Immigrant Literary Heritages (Pacific G)
Organized by The Research Society of American Periodicals and The Western Literature Association
Chair: Montse Feu, Sam Houston State University

1. “Cigar Makers, Cuba Libre & the End of Empire: El Despertar and Hispanic Anarchism in Brooklyn during the 1890s,” Christopher Castañeda, California State University, Sacramento
2. “Emotional Communities in Many Languages. Anarchist Literature in American Periodicals at the Turn of the Twentieth Century,” Susana Sueiro Seoane, Universidad de Educación a Distancia, Spain
3. “Green Mountain Anarchists and the Founding of the Cronaca Sovversiva: Building a Social History of Immigrant Propagandists and Radical Community Organizers,” Andrew Hoyt, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

Session 7-E  New Work on Eudora Welty (Pacific I)
Organized by The Eudora Welty Society
Chair: Harriet Pollack, College of Charleston

1. “‘You Can’t Win’: Welty, Faulkner, and The Moral Tightrope of Dark Humor,” Adrienne Akins Warfield, Mars Hill University
2. “Convergence and Confluence: Postwar Southern Identity in Eudora Welty’s The Optimist’s Daughter,” Sarah Harsh, Emory University
3. “Eudora Welty’s ‘The Penalties of Writing Delta Wedding’” Sophia Kane Leonard, Emory University
4. “Eudora Welty’s Ecological Vision,” Annette Trefzer, University of Mississippi

Session 7-F  There’s a Shakespeare in Harlem: Reassessing the Politics and Aesthetics of Langston Hughes (Pacific J)
Organized by the Langston Hughes Society
Chair: Christopher Allen Varlack, University of Maryland-Baltimore County

1. “Whitewashing a Black Socialist Masterpiece: The Liberal Appropriation of Langston Hughes’ ‘Let America be America Again,’” James D. Hoff, Borough of Manhattan Community College, CUNY
2. “Open Letter to America: The Lyrical Speaking Voice as Prophetic Protest in Hughes’ ‘Open Letter to the South’ and ‘Let American Be America Again,’” Paula Hayes, University of Memphis
3. “Poetry as Public Lament: The Prophetic Imagination of Langston Hughes,” Jeffrey R. Williams, University of Central Missouri
Session 7-G  **Authority and Authorship in American Women’s Manuscript Writing (Pacific K)**  
Chair: Tracey Daniels-Lerberg, University of Utah  
1. “Good wives to snails should be akin’: Gender Roles and Political Community in Black Women’s Friendship Albums,” Faith Barrett, Duquesne University  
2. “Recorded Care: Hospital Diaries of Civil War Nurses and Caregivers,” Marla Anzalone, Duquesne University  
3. “Modulated Voice and Mediated History in the Reservation Diaries of Abby Williams Hill,” Tiffany Aldrich MacBain, University of Puget Sound  
4. “Gone Girls, Found Manuscripts: Diary and Epistolary Fiction in the Digital Age,” Desirée Henderson, University of Texas Arlington  

Session 7-H  **Ezra Pound and his Palpable Poetics of Environment in The Cantos: The Making Visible of Ideas (Seacliff B)**  
Organized by the Ezra Pound Society  
Chair: Demetres Tryphonopoulos, Brandon University  
Co-chair: LeeAnn Derdeyn, Southern Methodist University  
1. “The Corruption of Literary Culture: Cantos 14 & 15,” Robert von Hallberg, Claremont McKenna College  
2. “Geopolitics, Ecopoetics, and Agrarianism in Pound’s Adams Cantos,” LeeAnn Derdeyn, Southern Methodist University  
3. “City Pound: Urbanism & The Poetry of Ezra Pound,” Ira Nadel, University of British Columbia  

Session 7-I  **New Directions in Agee Studies (Pacific H)**  
Organized by the James Agee Society  
Chair: Hugh Davis, Piedmont College  
1. “That Horrid Little Man!”: Cinematic Identification in A Death in the Family,” Philip Derbesy, Case Western Reserve University  
2. “James Agee and the Southern Superreal,” Lindsey A. Freeman, Simon Fraser University  
3. “Else (Take Heed) the Sweet Flesh Slips’: Polysexual Self-Fashioning in Agee’s Letters,” Hugh Davis, Piedmont College  

Session 7-J  **Vonnegut and Trump’s America (Pacific E)**  
Organized by the Kurt Vonnegut Society  
Chair: Nicole Lowman, State University of New York at Buffalo  
1. “Kurt Vonnegut’s Apocalyptic Masculinities,” Sanna Melin Schyllert, Independent Scholar  
2. “Only Winners and Losers: Vonnegut’s Political Anthropology in Trump’s Dystopia,” Francis X. Altomare, University of Miami  
3. “Machines and the Loss of Moral Agency: Why Trump’s America Should Frighten Everyone,” Richard Coronado, South Texas College
Friday, May 25, 2018
9:40 – 11:00 am

Session 8-A  Reading Cummings (Seacliff A)
Organized by the E. E. Cummings Society
Chair: Bernard F. Stehle, Community College of Philadelphia

1. “Was there an Olaf?: The Factual Basis of ‘i sing of Olaf glad and big,’” Tim Dayton, Kansas State University
2. “Wholly How: Revisiting ‘anyone lived in a pretty how town,’” Michael Webster, Grand Valley State University

Session 8-B  The Return to Asia in Asian American Literatures (Seacliff C/D)
Organized by The Circle for Asian American Literary Studies (CAALS)
Chair: Na-Rae Kim, Kennesaw State University

1. “The City and Its Refugees: The Geopolitics of Non-Places in Mohsin Hamid’s How to Get Filthy Rich in Rising Asia and Exit West,” Yuan Ding, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
2. “Transpacific Resonances and Modalities of Relation in Leanne Dunic’s To Love the Coming End,” Michelle Siobhan O’Brien, Central Washington University
3. “The Congressman from India Goes East,” Swati Rana, University of California, Santa Barbara
4. “From a Distance: The Vicarious Witness in Luisa A. Igloria’s Poetry on EJKs,” Louyzza Maria Victoria Vasquez, University of the Philippines, Diliman

Session 8-C  Bodies of Resistance: Race, Identity, and Representation (Pacific D)
Organized by The Edwidge Danticat Society
Chair: Shylah Hamilton, California College of the Arts

2. “Visioning Black Futures: Edwidge Danticat as Cultural Worker,” Maia Butler, University of North Carolina Wilmington
Session 8-D Adaptations (Pacific F)
Organized by the Nathaniel Hawthorne Society
Chair: Leland S. Person, University of Cincinnati

2. “New Propagations and Plantings: Beneath Jhumpa Lahiri’s Unaccustomed Earth,” Caroline Chamberlin Hellman, City Tech, CUNY
3. “PBS’s ‘Rapaccini's Daughter’: Translating Provincialism in Hawthorne’s Work,” James Hussey, Trinity College Dublin

Session 8-E Can Independent Publishers Save Black Literature?: A Round Table with The Ishmael Reed Publishing Company (Pacific G)
Organized by Melanie Masterton Sherazi
Chair: Melanie Masterton Sherazi, California Institute of Technology

1. Ishmael Reed, author and publisher
2. Carla Blank, editor
3. Tennessee Reed, poet and editor
4. Melanie Masterton Sherazi, postdoctoral instructor and editor of King Comus

Session 8-F “Hold[ing] Fast to Dreams”: Tracing the Literary Legacy and Cultural Critique of Langston Hughes (Pacific I)
Organized by the Langston Hughes Society
Chair: Jeffrey R. Williams, University of Central Missouri

1. “The Transnational Social Space in Langston Hughes’s ‘Cubes,’” Luo Lianggong, Central China Normal University
2. “Langston Hughes’s Literary Legacy: The Case of Haryette Mullen’s Muse & Drudge,” Scarlett Higgins, University of New Mexico
3. “Regardless of the Brutality that Still Chases Us’: The ‘Radical Libretto[s]’ of Nikky Finney and Langston Hughes,” Christopher Allen Varlack, University of Maryland-Baltimore County

Session 8-G Edith Wharton, Book History, and Digital Humanities (Pacific J)
Organized by the Edith Wharton Society
Chair: Paul Ohler, Kwantlen Polytechnic University

1. “Transatlantic Publication and Wharton’s Aesthetic of Revision,” Paul Ohler, Kwantlen Polytechnic University
3. “Complete Works of Edith Wharton in Print and Online,” Carol Singley, Rutgers University
4. “Reading the Reader: Edith Wharton’s Library and Networks of Exchange,” Sheila Liming, University of North Dakota
Session 8-H  Mark Twain, Politics, and Satire (Pacific E)
Organized by the Mark Twain Circle of America
Chair: Hal Bush, St. Louis University

1. “The Americanization of Jeanne D’Arc; Mark Twain and Cultural Hegemony,” Paula Harrington, Colby College
3. “Mark Twain’s Legal Burlesques and the Democratization of American Legalese,” Mark Baggett, Samford University
4. “Absolute Monarchs in America: Mark Twain, Brigham Young, and the Burden of the ‘Peculiar Institution,’” Atsushi Sugimura, The University of Tokyo/ University of California, Berkeley

Session 8-I  Parlaying Humanities Skills into Academic Leadership and/or non-Academic Careers: Roundtable Discussion (Pacific H)
Organizer and Chair: Deborah Clarke, Arizona State University

1. Alfred Bendixen, Princeton University
2. John Cox, NEH
3. Olivia Carr Edenfield, Georgia Southern University
4. Eric Carl Link, Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne
5. Wendy Martin, Claremont Graduate University
6. Shannon Lujan, Arizona State University

Session 8-J  Gender and Sexuality in the Work of Charles W. Chesnutt (Pacific C)
Organized by the Charles W. Chesnutt Association
Chair: Trinyan Mariano, Florida State University

1. “A House of Her Own: The Redemptive Power of the Unmarried Woman’s Property Rights in Chesnutt’s The House Behind the Cedars,” Valerie Sirenko, The University of Texas at Austin
2. “Elderly Black Women and the Memory of Slavery in the Work of Charles Chesnutt,” Christopher S. Lewis, Western Kentucky University
3. “Be as near a man as you can’: Queer Performances of Humanity in The Marrow of Tradition,” Aaron J. Stone, University of Michigan

Session 8-K  Business Meeting: Kurt Vonnegut Society (Pacific A)
Session 8-L  Business Meeting: American Religion and Literature Society (Pacific B)
Session 8-M  Business Meeting: Research Society of American Periodicals (Pacific K)
Friday, May 25, 2018
11:10 am – 12:30 pm

Session 9-A  Black Women Writing Protest (Seacliff A)
Organized by the African American Literature and Culture Society
Chair: Rachel Carr, University of Kentucky

1. “Bridge Brought Back: The Activist Afterlife of Kate Rushin’s ‘Bridge Poem’,” Lizzy LeRud, University of Oregon
4. “Reframing the ‘Scripted’ Vulnerability of Whiteness as Violence: The Praxis of the Wake in Victoria C. Murray’s Stand Your Ground,” Lâle Demirtürk, Bilkent University, Turkey

Session 9-B  Asian American Literature and Visual Texts (Pacific I)
Organized by The Circle for Asian American Literary Studies (CAALS)
Chair: Laura Wright, University of Connecticut

3. “Asian American Comics and Thinking Historically,” Caroline Kyungah Hong, Queens College, City University of New York
4. “The Writings of Martin Wong (1946-1999),” Amy Lee, University of California, Berkeley

Session 9-C  New Directions in Stephen Crane Scholarship (Pacific D)
Organized by the Stephen Crane Society
Chair: Adam H. Wood, Salisbury University

1. “Deep History’ in Crane’s Poetry,” Donald Vanouse, Emeritus, SUNY Oswego
2. “Humoring Affectation in Stephen Crane’s The Black Riders and War Is Kind,” Andrew Dorkin, University at Buffalo, SUNY
Session 9-D  Hawthorne’s Anticipations of Twenty-First Century Psychopathologies (Pacific F)
Organized by the Nathaniel Hawthorne Society
Chair: Julie E. Hall, Sam Houston State University

1. “Of the Devil’s party’: Hawthorne’s Fascination with Sexual Pathology,” Jason Courtmanche, University of Connecticut
2. “Farewell to the Sadomasochistic Symbiosis: The Scarlet Letter,” Eitetsu Sasaki, Momoyama Gakuin University, Japan

Session 9-E  Editorship as Collaboration: Patterns of Practice in Multi-Ethnic Periodicals (Pacific G)
Organized by The Research Society of American Periodicals
Chair: Jutta Ernst, Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz

1. “Crossing Borders: Reader-Editors and Publishing Communities,” Jon Bekken, Albright College
3. “Native Women’s Editorial Collaborations in the Hallaquah,” Jacqueline Emery, SUNY Old Westbury

Session 9-F  Getting Funded in the Humanities: An Grant-Writing Workshop Organized by the National Endowment for the Humanities (Seacliff C/D)
Chair: John D. Cox, NEH

Session 9-G  Jack London on the High and Horrible Seas: Empire, Film, and the Gothic (Pacific J)
Organized by the Jack London Society
Chair: Kenneth K. Brandt, Savannah College of Art and Design

1. “Jack London’s Imperial and Maritime Gothic,” Anita Duneer, Rhode Island College
3. “Spectacles of Empire, Empire of Spectacle: Jack London in the South Seas,” Paul Baggett South Dakota State University

Session 9-H  Women’s Voices (Pacific K)
Chair: Megan Flanery, Georgia Southern University

1. “Nothing but calico’: Working Women, the Lowell Offering, and Transatlantic Labor Reform,” Amber Shaw, Coe College
2. “Mi’ja is ‘I Love You’: Language & the Sacred in Sandra Cisneros’ A House of My Own,” Christina Garcia Lopez, University of San Francisco
3. “Unhomely Oklahoma and Toni Morrison’s Paradise,” Jessica Maucione, Gonzaga University
Session 9-I  Teaching/Reading Raymond Carver Post-Obama (Seacliff B)
Organized by The International Raymond Carver Society
Chair: Sarah Wadsworth, Marquette University

2. “Carver in the Age of Trump: Whose voice is powerless?” Angela Sorby, Marquette University
3. “Teaching Raymond Carver Post-Obama: ‘This is a very special time,’” Sandra Kleppe, Inland Norway University of Applied Sciences

Session 9-J  Roundtable: Responses to Michelle Sizemore’s American Enchantment (Pacific E)
Organized by the Catharine Maria Sedgwick Society
Moderator: Lisa West, Drake University

2. “Revolutionary Invocation and the Temporalities of Civil Mysticism,” Gretchen Murphy, University of Texas at Austin
5. “Constitutive Forms & Body Politics,” Jeffrey Hole, University of the Pacific.
7. “Enchantments and Entanglements,” Maria Karafilis, California State University at Los Angeles.

Respondent: Michelle Sizemore, University of Kentucky.

Session 9-K  Trauma, Masculinity, and the Human Condition in the Work of Kurt Vonnegut
Organized by the Kurt Vonnegut Society (Pacific C)
Chair: Zachary Perdieu, University of Georgia

2. “Kurt Vonnegut & Carl Sagan: A Tale of Two Assholes,” Ben Reed, Texas State University
3. “Tethered, Untethered: Coping and the Mythic Collective in Ceremony and Slaughterhouse-Five,” Zachary Perdieu, University of Georgia
4. “‘I’ll Call it the Children’s Crusade’: Historical Trauma in Slaughterhouse-Five,” Kerstin Tuttle, University of South Dakota

Session 9-L  Business Meeting: Edith Wharton Society (Pacific B)
Friday, May 25, 2018
12:40 –2:00 pm

Session 10-A  Visions of Faith in Marilynne Robinson (Seacliff A)
Organized by Marilynne Robinson Society
Chair: Haein Park, Biola University

1. “Liminal spaces in Marilynne Robinson’s Lila,” Kathryn Ludwig
2. “Sensus Divinitatis in the Writings of Marilynne Robinson,” Peter Ndaita,
4. “Perhaps only from watching gulls fly’: Critical Protestantism and the White Lower Middle Class in Marilynne Robinson’s Housekeeping,” Taylor Johnston,

Session 10-B  Ecologies of Hispaniola: Historical Memories and (Neo)colonial Realities (Pacific D)
Organized by The Edwidge Danticat Society
Chair: Dr. Nadège T. Clitandre, UC Santa Barbara

2. “History Without Memory: The Memorialization of the Parsley Massacre in Edwidge Danticat’s The Farming of Bones,” Sara Santos, Stony Brook University

Session 10-C  Articulating Otherness: Morrison, Baldwin, Coates (Seacliff C/D)
Organized by the Toni Morrison Society
Chair: Dana A. Williams, Howard University

1. “A Dream Deferred?: Baldwin, Morrison and Coates on Race and the American Dream,” Angelyn Mitchell, Georgetown University
2. “Morrison, Baldwin, Coates: The Politics of Dismantling the House that Race Built,” Marilyn Sanders Mobley, Case Western Reserve University
3. “Reexamining the Concept of Whiteness and Reclaiming the Site of Empowerment in Toni Morrison and Ta-Nehisi’s Coates’s Works,” Aoi Mori, Meiji Gakuin University
Session 10-D  Henry James Out West (Pacific G)
Organized by the Henry James Society
Chair: Oliver Herford, University of Birmingham

1. “Henry James’s Sense of the West,” Philip Home, University College London
2. “A Sense of the Past that is not my own: Henry James, the American West, and Public Memory,” Beverly Haviland, Brown University
3. “Daisy Miller in Hollywood,” John Carlos Rowe, University of Southern California

Session 10-E  The Politics of Teaching Latina/o/x Literature (Pacific I)
Organized by Latina/o/x Literature and Culture Society
Chair: Cristina Herrera, California State University, Fresno

2. “Well, That Didn't Work: Lessons from the Latinx Literature Classroom,” Javier Rodríguez, University of North Texas

Session 10-F  Jack London: Mystic, Ghost, Psychologist (Pacific J)
Organized by the Jack London Society
Chair: Jeanne Reesman, University of Texas at San Antonio


Session 10-G  The Early “Nasty Woman”: Recovering “Unruly” Voices in American Literature - Part I (Pacific K)
Chair: Elif Armbruster, Suffolk University

1. “Overcoming the Literary Legacy of the Woman Physician as a Nineteenth Century Nasty Woman,” Margaret Jay Jessee, University of Alabama at Birmingham
3. “Mère, mère, mater, Mary’: H. D.’s Linguistic Alchemy,” Alyssa Duck, Emory University
Session 10-H  New Directions in Chesnutt Scholarship (Pacific F)
Organized by the Charles W. Chesnutt Association
Chair: Bill Hardwig, University of Tennessee

1. “Circuits of life in Charles Chesnutt’s Conjure Stories,” Anna Thomas, Brown University
2. “Dead and Superfluous Limbs: Uncanny Landscapes and Disabled Bodies in Charles Chesnutt’s The Colonel’s Dream,” Kelly Vines, Louisiana State University

Session 10-I  Murders and Murderers: Eudora Welty’s Take on Detective Fiction (Pacific E)
Organized by the Eudora Welty Society
Chair: Julia Eichelberger, College of Charleston

1. “Rediscovering the Mystery: Eudora Welty and the Transformation of a Genre,” Suzanne Marrs, Millsaps College
2. “Welty in the First Degree: Eudora Welty’s Use of Crime Fiction and the Killing of ‘Miss Welty,’” Jacob Agner, University of Mississippi
3. “Attacks of the Ponder Heart: Killing Bonnie Dee Softly,” James Andrew Crank, University of Alabama

Session 10-J  Shirley Jackson’s Strange Domesticities (Pacific C)
Organized by the Shirley Jackson Society
Chair: Melanie R. Anderson, Glenville State College

1. “Savage Domesticity: Shirley Jackson’s Early New Yorker Stories,” Ashley Lawson, West Virginia Wesleyan College
2. “We Have Always Lived in the Castle, Lizzie and Emma Borden, and the Specter of Murderous New England Maidens,” Karen Roggenkamp, Texas A&M University—Commerce
3. “Cat Stories, Moon Fantasies, and Fairytales: Refashioned American Domesticity in We Have Always Lived in the Castle,” Richard Pascal, Australian National University
4. “Domestic Love in We Have Always Lived in the Castle and the Ghosts of Economics Past,” Allison Douglass, The Graduate Center, CUNY

Session 10-K  Business Meeting: Washington Irving Society (Pacific B)
Friday, May 25, 2018
2:10 – 3:30 pm

Session 11-A  Margaret Fuller: In the Classroom and Beyond (Seacliff A)
Organized by the Margaret Fuller Society
Chair: Larry Reynolds, Texas A & M University

1. “Using Fuller to Teach Fuller: Creating Agency and Security,” Holly Dykstra, Laredo Community College
3. “Elemental Bodies: Mapping the Materialist Cartographies of Margaret Fuller’s ‘Leila’ and Kate Chopin’s *The Awakening* in a Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Classroom,” Lesli Vollrath, University of Houston
4. “Praxis of Duality: The Sisterhood of Fuller’s ‘Leila’ and Du Bois’s ‘Atlanta,’” Nanette Rasband Hilton, University of Nevada–Las Vegas

Session 11-B  Dirty Words: Profanity, Power, and American Humor (Pacific D)
Organized by the American Humor Studies Association
Chair: Jeffrey Melton, University of Alabama

1. “Mere Formula—Nothing More’: Poe, Profanity, and the Gothic in ‘Never Bet the Devil Your Head,’” Carl Ostrowski, Middle Tennessee State University
2. “You Are a F**king A**hole’: The Metaphor of Profanity in American Humor,” John C. Bird, Winthrop University

Respondent: Bruce Michelsohn, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Session 11-C  Emily Dickinson Out of Context (Pacific F)
Organized by the Emily Dickinson International Society
Chair: Faith Barrett, Duquesne University

1. “Conjecturing a Climate: On Reading Dickinson’s Winter Poems in the Anthropocene,” Adam Sweeting, Boston University
2. “Poetry Torn Up by the Roots: Dickinson, Biopolitics, and Settler Ecology,” Sean Ash Gordon, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
3. “Tell it slant—’: Emily Dickinson and Testimonial Aesthetics,” Wendy Tronrud, CUNY Graduate Center
Session 11-D  Beat Roots: Burroughs, Kerouac, di Prima, and Self-Identification  (Pacific G)
Organized by the Beat Studies Association
Chair: Todd Hoffman, Augusta University

1. “Burroughs’ Image/Word Virus and the AIDS Crisis,” Michael Lindsay-Chiappini, Case Western Reserve University
2. “Bum’ as Societal Model: Kerouac’s Ecology of Internal Restructuring in The Dharma Bums,” Allison Douglass, Graduate Center, CUNY

Session 11-E  Performance and Panel: Queer Chicana Activism and Performance Ahora!:
Celebrating “International Hip Chick” Monica Palacios (Pacific I)
Organized by Latina/o/x Literature and Culture Society
Chair: Marci R. McMahon, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

1. “Little Rooms, Big Cities: Spatial Encounters and Reconfiguring Borders in Monica Palacios’s Art and Activism through VIVA,” Eddy Alvarez, Portland State University
2. “Kill the Orange Gringo: Monica Palacios’s Queer Universalism and the Politics of Resistance,” Reza Mirsajadi, Tufts University
3. “Sonic Intimacies and Queer Desire in Monica Palacios’s I Kissed Chavela Vargas,” Marci R. McMahon, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
4. “Queer Chicana Soul: Live Performance by Monica Palacios,” Monica Palacios, Independent Artist

Session 11-F  Roundtable: Teaching the Works of Eudora Welty (Pacific J)
Organized by The Eudora Welty Society
Moderator: Julia Eichelberger, College of Charleston

2. “Picturing Difference and Disability in Our Classrooms: Teaching Welty’s Photographs,” Keri Watson, University of Central Florida School of Visual Arts and Design
3. “Queering Welty’s Male Bodies in the Undergraduate Classroom,” Gary Richards, University of Mary Washington
4. “Welty’s Place in the Undergraduate Theory Classroom,” Annette Trefzer, University of Mississippi
5. “Teaching the Art of Welty’s Letters,” Julia Eichelberger, College of Charleston
Session 11-G  New Approaches to Saul Bellow’s Work (Pacific K)
Organized by the Saul Bellow Society
Chair: Gloria Cronin, Brigham Young University

1. “Rethinking Herzog: Notes towards an Investigation.” Makayla Steiner, University of Iowa & Daniel Muhlestein, Brigham Young University

Session 11-H  Lowell and Other Poets (Pacific H)
Organized by the Robert Lowell Society
Chair: Charles Altieri

1. “The threadbare art of my eye’: Robert Lowell’s Portraits of Poets,” Sally Connolly, University of Houston
3. “The world you’ve been saved from grasps you roughly’: The Bostons of Robert Lowell and John Wieners,” Leo Dunsker, University of California, Berkeley
4. “Claudia Rankine’s Lowell,” Nikki Skillman, University of Indiana

Session 11-I  The Importance of the American Short Story: A Roundtable (Pacific E)
Organized by the Society for the Study of the American Short Story
Moderator: James Nagel, University of Georgia

1. Alfred Bendixen, Princeton University
2. Jenn Alandy Trahan, Stanford University
3. Oliver Scheiding, University of Mainz, Germany
4. Olivia Carr Edenfield, Georgia Southern University
5. Enikő Maior, Partium Christian University, Romania.

Session 11-J  Bracebridge and Beyond: Christmas Traditions in American Literature (Pacific C)
Organized by the Washington Irving Society
Moderator: Tracy Hoffman, Baylor University

1. Brian Garcia, Long Beach City College
2. Mary Higbie, Irving Heritage Society
3. Matthew Redmond, Stanford University
4. Judith Richardson, Stanford University
Session 11-K  Business Meeting: Toni Morrison Society (Pacific B)

Session 11-L  Business Meeting: Edwidge Danticat Society (Pacific A)

Friday, May 25, 2018
3:40 – 5:00 pm

Session 12-A  Empathy, Affect, and Friendship in Children’s Literature (Seacliff C/D)
Organized by the Children’s Literature Society
Chair: Linda Salem, San Diego State University

1. “Rural Subdivisions, Toxic Scat, Sexual Consent, and Betrayals: Empathy, Memory, and the Fantastic in Me and Marvin Gardens,” Laura Nicosia, Montclair State University
2. “Children’s Interpretation and Communication of Emotional Exchanges Among Friends in Literary Illustrations,” Eva Nwokah, Our Lady of the Lake University, Casey Talianchich-Klinger, Our Lady of the Lake University, Ariana Garza, Our Lady of the Lake University
3. “Impact of Binaries on Affect and Friendship in Children’s War Literature,” Vera Veldhuizen, University of Cambridge

Session 12-B  Okada and Beyond (Seacliff A)
Organized by The Circle for Asian American Literary Studies (CAALS)
Chairs: David Cho, Hope College, and Christine Kitano, Ithaca College

1. “John Okada: The Life and Rediscovered Work of the Author of No-No Boy,” Frank Abe, Resisters.com
2. “War and Words: Reading the Post-9/11 Bildungsroman,” Anantha Sudhakar, San Francisco State University
3. “Citizenship and Belonging in Chang-Rae Lee’s A Gesture Life,” Roy Kamada, Emerson College

Session 12-C  Emily Dickinson Out of Context II (Pacific D)
Organized by the Emily Dickinson International Society
Chair: Desiree Henderson, University of Texas at Arlington

1. “Miles on Miles / of Nought’?: Dickinson Rethinks Context and Relationality,” Ryan Cull, New Mexico State University
2. “God Trap: Faith and Lack in the Poetry of Emily Dickinson,” Katie Berta, Ohio University
3. “Oh Subsidy of Balm!’: Dickinson, Bataille, and Mystical Non-Knowledge,” Jordan Greenwald, University of California, Berkeley
4. “Back—Toward Time—And forward—’': Conclusion, Possibility, and the Poetics of Contextlessness in Dickinson,” Kacie Fodness, University of South Dakota
Session 12-D  Pauline E. Hopkins’s Activism (Pacific F)
Organized by the Pauline Elizabeth Hopkins Society
Chair: John Cullen Gruesser, Kean University

1. “Pauline Hopkins and Advocacy Journalism,” Rhone Fraser, Howard University
2. “Racial Transmigation in Pauline Hopkins’s Of One Blood,” Amadi I. Ozier, Rutgers University
3. “Anti-Lynching Activism in Pauline E. Hopkins' Contending Forces,” John Cyril Barton, University of Missouri, Kansas City

Respondent: Cherene Sherrard-Johnson, University of Wisconsin, Madison

Session 12-E  Modernism and Diagnosis (Pacific G)
Organized by Lisa Mendelman, Menlo College
Chair: Kyla Schuller, Rutgers University

1. "Modernist Pathologies," Lisa Mendelman, Menlo College
2. "Unhappy Victims: The Unreadability of Star Suicides and the Emergence of Personality Science,”
   Katherine Fusco, University of Nevada-Reno
   University of South Dakota

Session 12-F  “New” Theoretical Approaches to Dreiser Studies (Pacific I)
Organized by the International Theodore Dreiser Society
Chair: Keith Newlin, University of North Carolina Wilmington

   and Jennie Gerhardt (1911),” Jude Davies, University of Winchester
2. “What’s Length Got to Do with It?: Dreiser and the Bourgeois Class,” Jason Potts, St. Francis Xavier
   University
3. “Performing Gender on Skates and the Stage: Athletics and Art in Dreiser's The ‘Genius’ and Sister
   Carrie,” Cara Erdheim Kilgallen, Sacred Heart University
4. “Gonzo Dreiser: A Pioneer of Literary Journalism,” Roark Mulligan, Christopher Newport University

Session 12-G  F. Scott Fitzgerald I (Pacific J)
Organized by the F. Scott Fitzgerald Society
Chair: Kirk Curnutt, Troy University

   Edward’s University
2. “The Last Tycoon on film and television: a comparative analysis and a rekindled interest in
   Fitzgeraldiana?” Patricia Fra-López, University of Santiago de Compostela
3. “F. Scott Fitzgerald’s Musical Imaginary,” Meghan Burns, University of Connecticut
4. “Post-Traumatic Healing in Zelda Fitzgerald’s Caesar’s Things,” Sharon Kim, Judson University
Session 12-H  War and Its Transformations (Pacific K)
Chair: Liam Corley, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona

1. “Nostalgia and the Un-Homely in Ambrose Bierce’s Tales of Soldiers and Civilians,” Susan Scheckel, Stony Brook University
2. “Occupied Others and Voyeuristic Readers: Sites of Iraqi/American Contact in Roy Scranton’s War Porn,” Brian J. Williams, Tennessee Tech University
3. “Gertrude Stein, Gunnar Myrdal, and Race in Stein’s Brewsie and Willie,” Rebecca Walsh, North Carolina State University
4. “Geographies of Traumatized Citizenship: Black Masculinity and War in Morrison’s Fiction,” Johanna X. K. Garvey, Fairfield University

Session 12-I  Philip Roth’s Nonfiction: A Roundtable Discussion (Pacific H)
Organized by The Philip Roth Society
Moderator: Benjamin Schreier, Penn State University

1. Victoria Aarons, Trinity University
2. James Bloom, Muhlenberg College
3. Andy Connolly, Hostos Community College of CUNY
4. Aimee Pozorski, Central Connecticut State University

Session 12-J  Culture and Literature of the Chicago Renaissance: Postmodern and Postcolonial Development (Pacific E)
Organizer and Chair: Yoshinobu Hakutani, Kent State University

1. “Careful Candours’: Gwendolyn Brooks, T. S. Eliot, and the Poetics of Social Critique,” Anita Patterson, Boston University
2. “All Narratives Are Lies, Man, an Illusion’: Buddhism, Postmodernism, and Postcolonialism in Charles Johnson’s Middle Passage and Dreamer,” Preston Park Cooper, Austin Community College

Session 12-K  Lowell Now (Seacliff B)
Organized by the Robert Lowell Society
Chair: Frank Kearful, University of Bonn

1. “Robert Lowell & the Hybrid Imaginary: Life Studies as Inclusionist Urtext,” Phillip Crymble, University of New Brunswick
2. “Lost / in the Mob: Life Studies and ‘The Real Robert Lowell,’” Mark Bauer, University of California, Berkeley
4. “Robert Lowell’s New Economy of the Poetic Vocation and the Stumbling Block of Commodity Fetishism,” Gregorz Kosc, University of Warsaw
Session 12-L  Business Meeting: Society for the Study of the American Short Story (Pacific B)

Session 12-M  Business Meeting: American Humor Studies Association (Pacific A)

Session 12-N  Business Meeting: Catharine Maria Sedgwick Society (Pacific C)

Friday, May 25, 2018
5:10 – 6:30 pm

Session 13-A  Race, Disability, and the Body (Politic) in O'Connor's Fiction (Seacliff A)
Organized by the Flannery O'Connor Society
Chair: Robert Donahoo, Sam Houston State University


Session 13-B  William Stafford in the Anthropocene: Toward a Poetics of the “Earthbound” (Pacific D)
Organized by the Friends of William Stafford
Chair: Laura Armstrong, Independent Scholar


Session 13-C  Sedgwick (and Her Contemporaries) Beyond Unitarianism (Pacific F)
Organized by the Catharine Maria Sedgwick Society
Chair and Respondent: Ashley Reed, Virginia Tech

1. “Stowe’s New England Parishes,” Jessica Ling, University of California at Berkeley
2. “Unitarians, Shakers, and Infidels: The Problem of ‘Rational Christianity’ in Sedgwick’s Redwood,” Gretchen Murphy, University of Texas at Austin
3. “Disenchanted: Skeptical Women and Emergent Secularity in Early American Fiction,” Dawn Coleman, University of Tennessee at Knoxville
Organized by the Toni Morrison Society
Moderators: Craig Stutman, Delaware Valley University and Carolyn Denard, Georgia College and State University

Participants:
1. Lori Martin, Louisiana State University
2. Chris Momany, Adrian College
3. Lynne Simpson, Oklahoma State University

Session 13-E  Third-Generation Holocaust Representation (Pacific I)
Organized by The Society for American Jewish Literature
Chair: Hilene Flanzbaum, Butler University

3. “Picturing Past, Present and Future: Contemporary Graphic Holocaust Literature,” Jessica Lang, Baruch College, CUNY

Respondent: Alan L. Berger, Florida Atlantic University

Organized by the Jack London Society
Chair: Anita Duneer, Rhode Island College


Session 13-G  Political Critiques and Larger Contexts (Pacific K)
Chair: Molly Donehoo, Georgia Southern University

Session 13-H  Continuities in Thom Gunn's Elegiac Poems (Pacific E)
Organizer and Chair: Sally Connolly, University of Houston

1. “Thom Gunn’s Elegy to Robert Lowell by Another Name,” Florian Gargaillo, Boston University
2. “Rites of Passage: Thom Gunn’s and Robert Duncan’s Anthems for Doomed Youth,” Mark Scroggins, Florida Atlantic University

Session 13-I  Enthusiasm and the Wild: Reverence, Irreverence, Survival (Pacific H)
Organized by the Western Literature Association
Chair: Michael K. Johnson, University of Maine, Farmington

2. “Bret Harte’s Outdoor Impiety,” Tara Penry, Boise State University
3. “Neither Naked nor Afraid: Survivalist Misunderstandings of Thoreau’s Wildemess,” Kate Huber, University of Central Oklahoma

Session 13-J  A Choir of Resistance”: “Unruly” Voices and “Nasty” Women in American Literature - Part II (Seacliff B)
Chair: Elif Armbruster

1. “A Choir of Resistance: Margaret Fuller’s Network of Nasty Women in Woman in the Nineteenth Century,” Lesli Vollrath, University of Houston
3. “A Peculiar Case’ of Women’s Writing in Elizabeth Stoddard’s The Morgesons,” Ki Yoon Jang, Sogang University (Seoul)
4. “The Unruly, Unmarried Black Woman Mimi Daquin of Walter White’s Flight,” Julie Anne Navaiaux, University of Alabama in Huntsville
5. “Wandering Women and Queer Resistance in Djuna Barnes’ Nightwood,” Victoria Chandler, University of South Carolina
6. “Teaching the ‘Nasty Woman’: Facing Resistance in the Classroom,” Elif Armbruster, Suffolk University

Session 13-K  Business Meeting: Theodore Dreiser Society (Pacific A)

Session 13-L  Business Meeting: Circle for Asian American Literary Studies (Pacific B)

Session 13-M  Business Meeting: Pauline Elizabeth Hopkins Society (Pacific C)
Friday, May 25, 2018
6:30 – 7:15 pm
Annual Business Meeting for Representatives of Member Author Societies
(Seacliff A)
Chair: Alfred Bendixen, Princeton University

7:15 – 9:00 pm
African American Literature and Culture Society Reception
(Seacliff C/D)

Reading and Book Signing:
Reading by Giovanni Singleton, recipient of the 2017 Stephen E. Henderson Award for Outstanding Achievement in Poetry

Presentation of the Darwin T. Turner Award to Michele Elam

A reception hosted by the African American Literature and Culture Society, the Charles W. Chesnutt Society, the Paul Laurence Dunbar Society, the Pauline Hopkins Society, the Toni Morrison Society, the Ralph Ellison Society, Octavia E. Butler Literary Society, and the John Edgar Wideman Society, and sponsored by the African American Literature and Culture Society and the American Literature Association will precede the reading.

Giovanni Singleton is the author of Ascension (2011), winner of the California Book Award Gold Medal for poetry, and AMERICAN LETTERS: works on paper (2017). Her poetry appears in many anthologies and is inscribed on the Yerba Buena Center for the Arts in San Francisco, CA. She has been a fellow at the Squaw Valley Community of Writers, Cave Canem, and the Napa Valley Writers Conference, as well as a recipient of the New Langton Bay Area Award. She is the coordinator for the Lunch Poems series at the University of California-Berkeley and founding editor of nocturnes (re)view of the literary arts. She has taught at Saint Mary's College, Naropa University and New Mexico State University.

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Saturday, May 26, 2018

Registration (Pacific Concourse): 7:30 am – 3:00 pm
Book Exhibit (Pacific L-M-N-O): 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Saturday, May 26, 2018
8:10 – 9:30 am

Session 14-A Approaches to Ernest J. Gaines (Seacliff A)
Organized by the Ernest J. Gaines Society
Chair: Marcia Gaudet, University of Louisiana at Lafayette

1. “An International and Comparative Approach to Ernest J. Gaines’s Catherine Carmier: The Influence of Ivan Turgenev’s Fathers and Sons,” Toru Kiuchi, Nihon University
2. “Miss Jane’s Kitchen: Ernest Gaines and the Contemporary South,” Terrence Tucker, University of Memphis

**Session 14-B  Refugee Counternarratives (Pacific D)**
Organized by the Circle for Asian American Literary Studies (CAALS)
Chair: Cathy J. Schlund-Vials, University of Connecticut

1. “Refugee Memes: Remembering Historical Trauma and Violence in the Digital Commons,” Long Bui, Vassar College
2. “Your Mountain Lies Down with You’: Hmong Refugee Political Geography in *Afterland*,” Ma Vang, University of California, Merced
4. “Magical Passages through the Refugee Regime in Mohsin Hamid’s *Exit West*,” Mai-Linh K. Hong, Bucknell University

**Session 14-C  Eugene O’Neill: Context, Development, and Influence (Pacific F)**
Organized by the Eugene O’Neill Society
Chair: David Palmer, Massachusetts Maritime Academy

2. “All the World’s a Capitalist Structure: The Allegory of O’Neill’s *The Hairy Ape* through Performance,” Lauren Luedtke, San Diego State University
3. “The Influence of Eugene O’Neill’s Theatre on the Modern Brazilian Stage,” Isadora Grevan de Carvalho, Rutgers University

**Session 14-D  Bartleby Now (Pacific G)**
Organized by the Melville Society
Chair: Meredith Farmer, Wake Forest University

1. “Is non-preference a preference?” Wendy Anne Lee, New York University
2. “The Brain in Your Gut’: An Update on Bartleby and Digestion,” Ralph Savarese, Grinnell College
3. “Thanatopolitics and the Managerial Regime,” Jeffrey Hole, University of the Pacific

**Session 14-E  O’Connor, Catholicism, and Creativity: New Connections/Considerations (Pacific I)**
Organized by the Flannery O’Connor Society
Chair: Andrea Ivanov-Craig, Azusa Pacific University

1. “Coffey with O’Connor: The Importance of Georges Rouault,” Robert Donahoo, Sam Houston State University
2. “Two Enochs: Regional Grotesquerie in the Works of Sherwood Anderson and Flannery O’Connor,” Laura Henning, Daytona State College
4. “Flannery O’Connor’s Absent Fathers: The Working (Through) of Grief in Program Era Fiction,” Benjamin Batzer, University of Iowa

**Session 14-F** Representations, Revisions, and Crises in Eliot’s Poetry: New Perspectives (Pacific J)
Organized by the T. S. Eliot Society
Chair: Nancy K. Gish, University of Southern Maine


**Session 14-G** Charles Olson’s Correspondence and the Emerging of the New American Poetry and Poetics I (Pacific K)
Organized by the Charles Olson Society
Chair: Jeff Gardiner, Independent Scholar

3. “John Wieners’ Projective Verse,” Michael Seth Stewart, University of Alabama
4. “Least Song in the Age of Quantity: Form and the Charles Olson/Robert Creeley Correspondence,” Joshua Hoeynck, Case Western Reserve University

**Session 14-H** The Education of Henry Adams at 100: A Round Table Discussion (Pacific E)
Organized by the Henry Adams Society
Chair: Rene H. Treviño, California State University, Long Beach

2. “Henry Adams and James McNeill Whistler: An Education in Form,” Barry Maine, Wake Forest University

**Session 14-I** American Gothic: Past and Present (Pacific H)
Organized by The Edgar Allan Poe Society of Baltimore
Chair: Benjamin F. Fisher, University of Mississippi

2. “The Politics of Recycling Andrew Klavan’s The Uncanny,” Andrew Smith, Sheffield University
3. “Adah Isaacs Menken and Postbellum Gothic,” Travis Montgomery, Oklahoma Christian University
4. “Many-Voiced Men: Gothic Masculinities in Hawthorne’s Short Stories,” Ian Jayne, Oklahoma Christian University

**Session 14-J  Concepts of Land and People - Native American Visions (Seacliff B)**
Chair: Gloria Cronin, Brigham Young University

1. “The Land and the People are Inseparable’: Writing the Oral and Visual in Leslie Marmon Silko’s Memoirs Sacred Water and Turquoise Ledge,” Annette Portillo, University of Texas
2. “From Cherokee to the Middle East: Diane Glancy’s Polyphonic Prayer for Syria in The Collector of Bodies,” Angela Mullis, Rutgers University
3. “Performing the Past and the Possible in Louise Erdrich’s The Last Report on the Miracles at Little No Horse,” Shari Evans, University of Massachusetts

**Saturday, May 26, 2018  9:40 – 11:00 am**

**Session 15-A  “Black” Modernism and After (Seacliff C/D)**
Organized by the African American Literature and Culture Society
Chair: Keith Byerman, Indiana State University

3. “Persona as Palimpsest: Natasha Trethewey’s Native Guard and the Archive,” Ryan Sharp, University of Texas at Austin.

**Session 15-B  Whitman and the Press (Seacliff A)**
Organized by the Whitman Studies Association
Co-chairs: Stefan Schöberlein, University of Iowa; Stephanie M. Blalock, University of Iowa

1. “Clerk Trouble: Masculinity and Consumerism in Whitman’s Print Culture,” Jason Stacy, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville
2. “Whitman’s 1855 Preface as Bridge and Barrier,” Peter J. Bellis, University of Alabama at Birmingham
3. “The Poet of (Many Happy) Return(s): Whitman the Birthday Boy,” Micah Bateman, The University of Texas at Austin.

**Session 15-C  Asian American History in Literary Imagination (Pacific D)**
Organizer and Chair: Lan Dong, University of Illinois Springfield

1. “Settling the Unsettled Past: Ethnic Roots in David Mura’s Suicides of the Japanese Empire,” Yuki Obayashi, University of California, Santa Cruz
2. “Crafting Stories Untold: Wong’s *Escape to Gold Mountain* and The Central Pacific,” Tena L. Helton, University of Illinois Springfield

**Session 15-D  Social Justice Pedagogy Round Table (Pacific F)**
Organized by the Lydia Maria Child Society
Moderator: Lucy Sirianni, University of Berkeley

1. “Rise Up! Protest and Dissent in American Literature,” Randi Lynn Tanglen, Austin College
2. “He Asked Me if I Meant to Persist in My Resistance’: Social Justice in the American Literature Classroom at a High-Risk, High-Need University,” Autumn R. Lauzon, University of North Carolina, Pembroke
5. “Incidents in the Life of a Blind Girl: Intersectional Disability Justice in the American Literature Classroom,” Lucy Sirianni, University of California, Berkeley

**Session 15-E  Illustrating Crime Fiction (Pacific G)**
Organized by the Crime Fiction Group
Chair: Alfred Bendixen, Princeton University

1. “Illustrating ‘The Murders in the Rue Morgue,'” John Gruesser, Kean University
2. “Old Sleuths: Portraying Age in Detective Serials, 1870-1900,” Nathaniel Williams, University of California, Davis
3. “Graphic Rage: Melvin Van Peebles, Georges Wolinski, and *La Reine des pommes,*” Kinohi Nishikawa, Princeton University

**Session 15-F  Aesthetics and Ethics: New Readings of *Four Quartets* (Pacific I)**
Organized by the T. S. Eliot Society
Chair: Nancy K. Gish, University of Southern Maine

1. “Christian Beliefs and Constructivist Aesthetic: Giving Concrete Body to the Work of Spirit in ‘Ash Wednesday’ and ‘Four Quartets,’” Charles Altieri, University of California Berkeley
Session 15-G  “Models of Exactness” in the Poetry of Marianne Moore (Pacific J)
Organized by the Marianne Moore Society
Chair: Carly Rubin, Louisiana State University

1. “Marianne Moore and Scientific Images,” Elspeth Green, Princeton University
2. “Moore’s Counterpoint,” Elizabeth Gregory, University of Houston
3. “Precisians and Precisionists: Moore and O’Keeffe,” Ashley Lazevnick, Princeton University

Session 15-H  The “Motherline” and the Maternal Body: Explorations into the Labors of Pregnancy, Childbirth, and Motherhood in American Women’s Writing (Pacific K)
Organized by the Society for the Study of American Women Writers
Chair: Christopher Allen Varlack, University of Maryland-Baltimore County

1. “‘She was brought to bed’: The Queer Temporality of Early American Childbirth and the Holyoke Women’s Diaries (1760-1856),” Sam Sommers, University of California, Los Angeles
2. “The ‘will to flower’: Diane di Prima’s Countercultural Maternity,” Mary Paniccia Carden, Edinboro University of Pennsylvania
3. “Many-Gendered Mothers’: Motherhood in Jesmyn Ward’s Salvage the Bones,” Eliza Holmes, Harvard University

Session 15-I  New Directions in Mark Twain Studies (Pacific E)
Organized by the Mark Twain Circle of America
Chair: Bruce Michelson, University of Illinois

1. “Writers Reading and Readers Responding: Mark Twain, Leonard Cohen, and Joan of Arc,” Susan K. Harris, University of Kansas
2. “Readers’ Theater: The Diaries of Adam and Eve,” Linda Morris, University of California, Davis, emerita and Larry Howe, Roosevelt University
3. “Heedless and Too-Bold’s Watery Enchanted Ground: The Pilgrim’s Progress as a Predecessor Text to Adventures of Huckleberry Finn,” Liam Purdon, Doane University

Session 15-J  Alcott in the Classroom (Pacific H)
Organized by the Louisa May Alcott Society
Chair: Melissa M. Pennell, University of Massachusetts Lowell

1. “Louisa May Alcott, Major Author,” Gregory Eiselein, Kansas State University
2. “Slave Rebellions: Teaching ‘An Hour’ Alongside ‘Benito Cereno,’” Christine Doyle, Central Connecticut State University
3. “Thirteen Ways of Looking’: Alcott’s Eight Cousins in the Collegiate Classroom,” Anne K. Phillips, Kansas State University

Session 15-K  Cormac McCarthy I (Seacliff B)
Organized by the Cormac McCarthy Society
Chair: Stacey Peebles, Centre College

1. “A Snare and a Delusion’: Collaboration, Commodification, and Cowboys in Cormac McCarthy’s Cities of the Plain,” Jamie Brummer, Christian Brothers High School
2. “Teaching Gender and Sexuality in Cormac McCarthy,” Lydia Cooper, Creighton University
3. “Avatars of Working Class Identity in Suttree,” Sean Hooks, University of California, Riverside
4 “Malkina: Reading Cormac McCarthy’s Villainess,” Alexandra Chiasson, Louisiana State University

Session 15-L  Business Meeting: Society for American Jewish Literature (Pacific A)

Session 15-M  Business Meeting: Ernest J. Gaines Society (Pacific B)

Session 15-N  Business Meeting: Eudora Welty Society (Pacific C)

Saturday, May 26, 2018
11:10 am – 12:30 pm

Session 16-A  What it Means to be Human in the Work of Octavia E. Butler (Seacliff A)
Organized by the Octavia E. Butler Literary Society
Moderator: Tarshia Stanley, Spelman College

1. “Birthing the Posthuman in Octavia Butler’s Dawn,” Michael Sean Bolton, Santa Fe College
2. “Mescegenation and Mestizaje Rooted in Myth as Elements of Fantasy in Octavia Butler’s Kindred and Carmen Tafolla’s ‘La Malinche,’” Gabriela Serrano, Angelo State University
3. “Slime Mold and Mitochondrial Eve: Butler’s Xenogenesis,” Angela Rovak, University of Oregon

Session 16-B  Asian American Histories and Citizenship: Concepts of Legality in Literature (Seacliff C/D)
Organized by the Circle for Asian American Literary Studies (CAALS)
Chair: Caroline Kyungah Hong, Queens College, City University of New York

1. “Contradictions Between Citizenship and Empire in Sabina Murray’s The Caprices,” Laura Wright, University of Connecticut
2. “Release him from all paper’: Two Appropriations of American Legal Documentation in Asian American Poetics,” Alex Howerton, University of South Carolina
3. “(Un)Documenting the ‘Good’ Immigrant in Fae Myenne Ng’s Bone,” Emily Yoon Perez, University of Maryland, College Park

Session 16-C Katherine Anne Porter: A Woman of Letters (Pacific D)
Organized by the Katherine Anne Porter Society
Chair: Christine Grogan, The Pennsylvania State University

1. “All my past is usable’: Online Access and the Katherine Anne Porter Correspondence Project at the University of Maryland,” Amber Kohl and Beth Alvarez, University of Maryland
2. “Katherine Anne Porter’s Special Bond,” Alice Cheylan, Université de Toulon

Session 16-D Cupcakes, Cruelty, and Curses: Fresh Considerations of Lydia Maria Child (Pacific F)
Organized by the Lydia Maria Child Society
Chair: Sandra Burr, Northern Michigan University

2. “Lydia Maria Child and the National Movement to Prevent Animal Cruelty,” Meredith Eliassen, San Francisco State University
3. “Chocorua’s Curse,’ Domestic Space and Ecology,” Lisa West, Drake University

Session 16-E Space and Smell in Crime Fiction (Pacific G)
Organized by the Crime Fiction Group
Chair: Kinohi Nishikawa, Princeton University

2. “Detective Fiction and the Politics of Deodorization,” Hsuan L. Hsu, University of California, Davis

Session 16-F American Jewish Literature and Trauma (Pacific I)
Organized by The Society for American Jewish Literature
Chair: Victoria Aarons, Trinity University

1. “Can Jewish-American Trauma be American Trauma? A Discussion of the Novels of Jonathan Safron Foer,” Hilene Flanzbaum, Butler University
2. “Poverty After Auschwitz: The Forgotten Survivors in American Jewish Literature,” Anthony Wexler, Case Western Reserve University
3. “Child Not Born’: The Figure of an Unborn Child in the Age of Genocide,” Aimee Pozorski, Central Connecticut State University

Session 16–G  Charles Olson’s Correspondence and the Emerging of the New American Poetry and Poetics II (Pacific J)
Organized by the Charles Olson Society
Chair: Jeff Gardiner, Independent Scholar

1. “Encountering the Poet’s Hand: Charles Olson’s Archive, the Commons, and the Twin Impulses of Composition and Exchange,” Melissa Watterworth Batt, Curator, Charles Olson Research Collection, University of Connecticut
2. “Charles Olson: Post and Polis,” Matthew Hofer, University of New Mexico
4. “The Door is Open: Charles Olson,” documentary on the making of the Maud-Olson library housed at the Gloucester Writers Center

Session 16–H  “She Was Becoming Herself and Daily Casting Aside that Fictitious Self’: Critiques of Domesticity and Servitude in American Women's Writing (Pacific K)
Organized by the Society for the Study of American Women Writers
Chair: Sabrina Stamaman, University of Texas at Dallas

1. “Under the Pressure of Much Care and Business to My Profession’: The Invisible Editorial Labor of Susanna Haswell Rowson,” Kristina Garvin, Saint Joseph’s University
2. “Caroline Kirkland, Harriet Wilson, and the Environmental Critique of Domesticity,” Dylan Ford, University of Massachusetts Amhrest
3. “Not ‘the old story over again’: Coming Womanhood and Coming-of-Age in Fettered for Life,” Elizabeth A. Boyle, Purdue University

Session 16–I  Ralph Ellison and the Ethics of Writing (Pacific E)
Organized by the Ralph Ellison Society
Chair: Marc Conner, Washington and Lee University

1. “Ralph Ellison’s Archaeology of History,” Michael Gemanna, West Virginia University
2. “Universal Indictment: Ralph Ellison’s Invisible Man and the Ethics of Confession,” Ryan Siemers, University of Utah
3. “Tell It Like It Is, Ralph?: Ellison and the Rise of Creative Nonfiction,” Kevin Moore, University of California at Santa Barbara
4. “Ellison on the Color of Memory,” Sterling Bland, Rutgers University, Newark

Session 16-J Teaching Early American Drama (Seacliff B)
Organized by the Society of Early Americanists
Chair: Jennifer Mylander, San Francisco State University

2. “From the Closet to the Classroom: Performance Pedagogy in Early American Literature Courses,” Betsy Klimasmith, University of Massachusetts Boston
3. “Teaching the Terrible; Or, Taking William Charles White’s Orlando: Or Parental Persecution, A Tragedy, to School,” Paul Lewis, Boston College
4. “Women in the Sequel: Using Hamilton to Spotlight the American Enlightenment and Return Revolutionary Female Playwrights to Center Stage,” Kimberly A. Southwick-Thompson, University of Louisiana at Lafayette

Session 16-K Affective Historiography in Percival Everett’s Fiction (Pacific H)
Organized by the Percival Everett International Society
Chair: Amee Carmines, Hampton University

1. “Pain, Violence, and Parody: Critical Distance/ Intimate Suffering in Percival Everett’s The Water Cure,” Amee Carmines, Hampton University

Session 16-L Business Meeting: Marianne Moore Society (Pacific A)
Session 16-M Business Meeting: Louisa May Alcott (Pacific B)
Session 16-N Business Meeting: Mark Twain Circle (Pacific C)
Session 16-O Business Meeting: Kate Chopin Society (Golden Gate)

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12:40 – 2:00 pm

Session 17-A Underground, Indie, and Alternative Publishing & the Graphic Novel (Seacliff C/D)
Organized by the Comics and Graphic Narratives Circle
Chair: Rachel Miller, The Ohio State University
1. “Latinx Comics: The Untold History of Alternative Comics,” Frederick Aldama, The Ohio State University
2. “Publishing Policies and (Independent) publishing houses as topoi in Comics and Graphic Novels,” Barbara Eggert, Danube University Krems
3. ‘My Kid Could Have Done That!: John Porcellino’s King Cat and Comics at the Crossroads,” Joshua Abraham Kopin, University of Texas—Austin

Session 17-B  Roundtable: Digital Sleuthing and Lost Texts: Reading in the Age of Expanding Archives (Seacliff A)
Organized by the Digital Americanists Society
Moderators: Stefan Schöberlein, University of Iowa; Stephanie M. Blalock, University of Iowa, Kevin McMullen, University of Nebraska—Lincoln

Participants:
1. Zachary Turpin, University of Idaho
2. Angela Pettitt, Penn State Shenango
3. Bonnie James Shaker, Kent State University

Session 17-C  New Perspectives on Paul Laurence Dunbar (Pacific D)
Organized by the Paul Laurence Dunbar Society
Chair: John Cyril Barton, University of Missouri, Kansas City

1. “The Curious Afterlife of ‘Life’: or, When a Poem Takes on a Life of It’s Own,” Thomas Morgan, University of Dayton

Session 17-D  Currents of Life: Mysticism, Politics, and Desire in the late H.D. (Pacific F)
Organized by the H.D. International Society
Chair: Rebecca Walsh, North Carolina State University

2. “The Politico-Mystical Turn in H.D.’s Late Writing,” Lheisa Dustin, Zayed University
3. “The Wire She Was’: Modern and Electric Sexuality in H.D.’s Nights,” Haley Larsen, Purdue University

Session 17-E  Eugene O’Neill Today: Pedagogy, Dramaturgy, and Transnationality. A Round-Table Discussion (Pacific G)
Organized by the Eugene O’Neill Society
Moderator: Steven F. Bloom, Lasell College

1. Robert M. Dowling, Central Connecticut State University
2. Eric Fraisher Hayes, The Eugene O’Neill Foundation, Tao House
3. Katie Johnson, Miami University
4. Jeffery Kennedy, Arizona State University
6. Alexander Pettit, University of North Texas
7. Beth Wynstra, Babson College
8. Mariette Ogg, United States Coast Guard Academy

Session 17-F  Travel Writing of Asylum and Refuge (Pacific I)
Organized by the Society for American Travel Writing
Chair: Gary Totten, University of Nevada Las Vegas

1. “Children of War: Narratives of Conflict in Syria and Iraq in Children’s Literature,” Angela Morris, University of Memphis
2. “Rising Stars and Fallen Women: Emily Hahn’s Shanghai,” Jeffrey Mather, City University of Hong Kong
3. “Stories of Displacement in Graphic Travel Writing: Sarah Glidden’s Rolling Blackouts,” Agnese De Marchi, Ca Foscari University of Venice

Session 17-G  Ethnicity and Immigration in the Midwest (Pacific J)
Organized by The Society for the Study of Midwestern Literature
Chair: Kirk Curnutt, Troy University

3. “All are Machines: Labor and Addiction in Algren’s The Man with the Golden Arm,” Doug Sheldon, University of Illinois at Chicago
4. “Non-Parallel Lines: Virginia Campbell, Bridget, and Sally,” Kathleen Butterly Nigro, University of Missouri-St. Louis

Session 17-H  Repeat, Revise, Resist: The Work of Elizabeth Oakes Smith’s Late Indian Novels (Pacific K)
Organized by Timothy Scherman, Northeastern Illinois University
Chair: Cynthia Patterson, University of South Florida

1. “Without Mercy: Revising the Historical Record in Elizabeth Oakes Smith’s Indian Novels,” Tracey Daniels-Lerberg, University of Utah
2. “Contesting the Uncontested: Revisions and Race in Oakes Smith’s The Bald Eagle,” Timothy Scherman, Northeastern Illinois University
3. “Writing for Revenge: Two Tales, Twenty Years, and a Lifetime of Rage,” Rebecca Jaroff, Ursinus College
Session 17-I  Roundtable Discussion on “The Newness of Little Women” (Pacific H)
Organized by the Louisa May Alcott Society
Moderators: Gregory Eiselein and Anne K. Phillips, Kansas State University

2. “Little Women Revisited: Alcott and New Media,” Krissie West, University of Reading, UK
4. “Girl Power: A Look at Recent Little Women Adaptations,” Elise Hooper, Independent Scholar

Session 17-J  Haiku in America and Japan: The Interaction between Two Countries (Pacific E)
Organizer and Chair: Toru Kiuchi, Nihon University

1. “Mutual Influence between the American and the Japanese Haiku,” Toshio Kimura, Nihon University
2. “Richard Wright’s Haiku and Basho,” Yoshinobu Hakutani, Kent State University
3. “Sonia Sanchez’s Haiku and Japan,” Heejung Kim, Independent Scholar

Session 17-K  Disruptive Environments and Strange Relationships (Seacliff B)
Chair: Thomas Garcia, UCLA

1. “Approaching the Wild in the Writing of James Dickey and Jack London,” Kenneth K. Brandt, Savannah College of Art and Design
2. “Lovecraft’s Queer Ecology: Ambivalence and Xenophilia,” Neill Matheson, University of Texas
4. “It Is Dreadfully Hard for a Mother to be Separated from her Children”: Bursting the Myth of Women’s Work in Dorothy Canfield’s The Home Maker,” Ann Bliss, Texas A&M University-San Antonio

Session 17-L  Business Meeting: Society for Contemporary Literature (Pacific A)
Session 17-M  Business Meeting: Octavia Butler Society (Pacific B)
Session 17-N  Business Meeting: Ralph Ellison Society (Pacific C)
Session 17-O  Business Meeting: Katherine Anne Porter Society (Golden Gate)
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Session 18-A  Drawing While Black (Seacliff C/D)
Organized by the Comics and Graphic Narratives Circle
Chair: Rachel Miller, The Ohio State University

1. “Deliberate Design: Barbara Brandon,∗ Black Feminism & the American Comedic Tradition,” Jalylah Burrell, Depaul University
2. “Sequential Art and Slavery: Trauma in the Graphic Novel Adaptation of Octavia Butler’s *Kindred*,” Samanda Robinson, Johns Hopkins University

Session 18-B  Percival Everett and the Problem(s) of Language and Representation (Pacific D)
Organized by the Percival Everett International Society
Chair: Keith Mitchell, University of Massachusetts, Lowell

1. “Percival Everett’s Zulus: Text, Paratext, Intertext,” Keith Mitchell, University of Massachusetts, Lowell

Session 18-C  Truth in Fiction / Fiction in Truth: The Impulse Toward Nonfiction and Truth-Telling in Recent Literary Production (Pacific F)
Organized by Fred Johnson, Whitworth University
Sponsored by the Society for Contemporary Literature
Chair: Theodore Martin, University of California, Irvine

2. “The Serial ‘I’: Brian Reed’s *S-Town* Podcast and the Literary Nature of First Person Memory,” Jacqueline Patz, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

**Session 18-D**  Melville and the Emergence of Trumpism (Pacific G)
Organized by the Melville Society
Chair: James Noel, Los Medanos College

1. “Trumpism and the Know-Nothing Party” Madison Furrh, Colorado State University - Pueblo
4. “Crippled America: Trump, Ahab, and the Materialist Turn,” Nathan Wolff, Tufts University

**Session 18-E**  Politics, Poetics, and Race in Depression-Era American Literature (Pacific I)
Organized by William Solomon
Chair: William Solomon, University at Buffalo

1. “A Feeling for History: African American Historical Representation During the Depression,” Nathaniel Mills, University of Minnesota
2. “Fusing an Alloy: Muriel Rukeyser at the Limits of Poetry / Documentary,” Sarah Ehlers, University of Houston
3. “It Will Have Happened Here Then: American Dictator Novels and the Thirties Today,” Matthew Stratton, University of California at Davis

**Session 18-F**  Mary E. Wilkins Freeman: Open Topic (Pacific J)
Organized by the Mary E. Wilkins Freeman Society
Chair: Ken Johnson, Perimeter College - Georgia State University

1. “No Pity: Mary E. Wilkins Freeman, Subsistence, and ‘The Tears of Things,’” Clare Mullaney, University of Pennsylvania
3. “Queering the Canon: Freeman’s Unlikely Companions in the American Literature Classroom,” Aušra Paulauskiene, LCC International University, Lithuania

**Session 18-G**  Form and Meaning in Contemporary Poetry (Pacific K)
Chair: Alan Soldofsky, San Jose State University

2. “Reading/Representing Disability in Molly McCully Brown’s The Virginia State Colony for Epileptics and Feebleminded,” Andrea Ivanov-Craig, Azusa Pacific University
3. “The Morning of the Poem in the Autumn of the System: James Schuyler’s Middle-Ground Poetics,” Tobias Huttner, Johns Hopkins University
4. “One immaterial body, a fictive person’: Disjunctions of Scale and the Economic Sublime in Timothy Donnelly’s The Cloud Corporation,” Ann Keniston, University of Nevada

Session 18-H Above the American Renaissance: David S. Reynolds and the Spiritual Imagination in American Literary Studies (Pacific E)
Moderator: Harold K. Bush, Saint Louis University

1. Harold K. Bush, Saint Louis University
2. Tracy Fessenden, Arizona State University
3. Nathaniel Williams, University of California
4. Mary Eyring, Brigham Young University
5. Sean Pears, State University of New York
6. Audrey Raden, Independent scholar
7. David S. Reynolds, City University of New York Graduate School

Session 18-I Approaches to Teaching Kate Chopin Round Table (Pacific H)
Organized by the Kate Chopin International Society
Chair: Christina G. Bucher, Berry College

1. “Bird Songs: Teaching the ‘Soundtrack’ of The Awakening,” Mark Schiebe, Queensborough Community College, The City University of New York
2. “Passing for ‘Normal’: Edna Pontellier’s Universal Struggle,” Chris Gilmer, Alcorn State University-Vicksburg
3. “Enriching Kate’s Stories with Stories of Kate’s Life,” Gerri Chopin Wendel, Independent Scholar and Chopin descendant
4. "CRISPing the Classroom: Renewing Chopin through Evolving Pedagogy," Kathleen Butterly Nigro, University of Missouri-St. Louis

Session 18-J Cormac McCarthy II (Seacliff B)
Organized by the Cormac McCarthy Society
Chair: Steven Frye, California State University, Bakersfield

1. “Eucatastrophic Consolations in Cormac McCarthy’s The Road,” Haein Park, Biola University
2. “With Love Alone: Cormac McCarthy and Weak Thought,” Bryan Vescio, High Point University
3. “Dreams of race that was,’ Loss and Quietism in Cormac McCarthy’s The Orchard Keeper” Fredrik Svensson, Karlstad University, Sweden

**Session 18-K  Beyond Modernism (Seacliff A)**
Chair: Christopher Blackburn, Georgia Southern University

1. “In Between a Modernist and Proletarian Ethic: Muriel Rukeyser and Transcendental, Visionary Bridges,” Trudi Witonsky, University of Wisconsin

**Session 18-L  Business Meeting: Margaret Fuller Society (Pacific A)**

**Session 18-M  Business Meeting: Digital Americanists (Pacific B)**

**Session 18-N  Business Meeting: Eugene O’Neill Society (Pacific C)**

**Session 18-O  Business Meeting: Lydia Maria Child Society (Golden Gate)**

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**Session 19-A  Textual History, Historical Texts (Seacliff C/D)**
Organized by the African American Literature and Culture Society
Chair: Grégory Pierrot, University of Connecticut at Stamford

2. “*Kindred'*s Roots,” Angela Rovak, University of Oregon.
Session 19-B  Postindustrial Environments (Seacliff A)
Organized by Laura Finch, University of Michigan, and Theodore Martin, University of California, Irvine
Sponsored by the Society for Contemporary Literature
Chair: Fred Johnson, Whitworth University

2. “Model Cities and Ghost Maps: Scale and Site in Contemporary Ecopoetics,” Margaret Ronda, University of California, Davis
3. “Narrative Mobility and Global Cities: Joseph O’Neill’s Netherland and Teju Cole’s Open City,” Jeffrey Gonzalez, Montclair State University

Session 19-C  Margaret Fuller: Out of New England (Pacific D)
Organized by the Margaret Fuller Society
Chair: Noelle Baker, Independent Scholar

1. “Of Good and Noble Aspect: Margaret Fuller, Catholicism and Pius IX (1847-1850),” Simone Maria Puleo, University of Connecticut, Storrs
2. “Romantic Revolutions: Cosmopolitan Radicalism in Margaret Fuller’s Dispatches from Europe,” Clemens Spahr, Mainz University, Germany
3. “The Morning Star of Margaret Fuller: The Woman’s Club Movement and the Legacy of Fuller’s Conversations,” Katie Kornacki, Caldwell University
4. “Who’s Afraid of Margaret Fuller?: Literary and Biographical Connections Between Virginia Woolf and Margaret Fuller,” Michael Schrimper, Independent Scholar

Session 19-D  Sites of Agency or Exploitation: Perspectives on Public/Private Spheres by American Women Writers of Color (Pacific F)
Organized by the Society for the Study of American Women Writers
Chair: Christopher Allen Varlack, University of Maryland-Baltimore County
1. “I am Homeless and Alone”: Rebuilding Sites of Racial Belonging in *Iola Leroy,* Brittany Susson, Loyola University Chicago
2. “Why ’being swallowed up into some little man’ is Not Enough: Anna Julia Cooper’s Vision of Love and Liberation,” Vivian M. May, Syracuse University
3. “Uplift, Image, and Selfhood in Nella Larsen’s *Quicksand,*” Jenna Marco, University of South Carolina
4. “We all walk that line”: Labor, Gender, and Precarity in 21st Century American Workplace Dramas,” Megan Behrent, New York City College of Technology, CUNY

**Session 19-E**  From Poe to Ellis: Genre and Crime Fiction (Pacific G)
Organized by the Crime Fiction Group
Chair: Molly J. Donehoo, Georgia Southern University

1. “Six Secret Murder Mysteries by Edgar A. Poe,” Susan Amper, Bronx Community College
2. “Inference, Accidents and Closed Rooms in *The Murders in the Rue Morgue,*” Tianyu Ma, New York University
3. “Pop Reprisals: Genre in Bret Easton Ellis’ *Less Than Zero* and *Imperial Bedrooms,*” Erik Noonan, Independent Scholar

**Session 19-F**  Borders, Boundaries, and “a Flourishing Friendship”: The Work of Lyn Hejinian, Leslie Scalapino and their Collaborations (Pacific I)
Organizer: Laura Hinton, City College of New York of CUNY
Chair: William J. Harris, University of Kansas

1. “Perverse Crossings and Muse X: Lyn Hejinain’s Oxota: A Short Russian Novel,” by Julie Carr, University of Colorado, Boulder
2. “Transautography and Leslie Scalapino,” by Lisa Samuels The University of Auckland (New Zealand)

Respondent: Lyn Hejinian, University of California, Berkeley

**Session 19-G** Cape Cod (Pacific J)
Organized by the Thoreau Society
Chair: Kristen Case, University of Maine

1. “Economic Imperception in Henry David Thoreau’s *Cape Cod,*” Alex Moskowitz, Boston College
2. “*Cape Cod*, Literature, and the Illocality of Thinking about Capital,” Benjamin Pickford, Université de Lausanne

**Session 19-H**  Stevens’ Americana (Pacific K)
Organized by the Wallace Stevens Society  
Chair: Zachary Tavlin, University of Washington

1. “A comprehensive island hemisphere: Stevens and the Banjo,” Florian Gargaillo, Boston University

**Session 19-I American Haiku (Pacific E)**  
Organized by the Haiku Society of America  
Chair: Toru Kiuchi, Nihon University

1. “The Postdomestic Woman in Roberta Beary’s _The Unworn Necklace_,” Joshua Gage, Cleveland State University
2. “Lenard D. Moore’s Jazz Haiku,” Ce Rosenow, Lane Community College
3. “Sonia Sanchez’s ‘magic words’: Black History, Haiku & Healing,” Meta L. Schettler, California State University, Fresno

**Session 19-J Exploring Kate Chopin’s Writing Through Theoretical and Legal Lenses (Pacific H)**  
Organized by the Kate Chopin International Society  
Chair: David Z. Wehner, Mount St. Mary’s University

1. “The Right of Repose: Time as Unit of Justice in Kate Chopin’s _At Fault_,” Trinyan Mariano, Florida State University
3. “Re-reading Kate Chopin’s Ignored Story ‘A Morning Walk’ as a Key to Her _Oeuvre_,” David Wehner, Mount St. Mary’s University

**Session 19-K Not Just the In-betweens: Politics, Art, and Transnationalism in the Work of Maxine Hong Kingston (Seacliff B)**  
Organized by the Maxine Hong Kingston Society  
Chair: Erin Farmer, Solano Community College (Tentative)

2. “Peace Consciousness through Literature: Aesthetic Design and Activism in Maxine Hong Kingston’s _Fifth Book of Peace_ and _The Woman Warrior_,” Kuldip Kaur Kuwahara, North Carolina Central University
3. “Traveling with Maxine Hong Kingston, Wittman Ah Sing, and Fa Mook Lan in _I Love a Broad Margin to My Life_,” John Whalen-Bridge, National University of Singapore
Session 19-L  Business Meeting: Mary E. Wilkins Freeman Society (Pacific A)

Session 19-M  Business Meeting: Percival Everett International Society (Pacific B)

Session 19-N  Business Meeting: Cormac McCarthy Society (Pacific C)

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5:10 – 6:30 pm

Session 20-A  RSAP Article Award Winners, Organized by The Research Society of American Periodicals (Seacliff A)
Chair: Mark Noonan, New York City College of Technology – CUNY

1. “The New York School, the Mainstream, and the Avant-Garde,” Josh Schneiderman, CUNY Graduate Center
2. “From the Historical Avant-Garde to Highbrow Coterie Modernism: The Little Review’s Wartime Advances and Retreats,” Christopher LaCasse, U.S. Coast Guard Academy

Session 20-B  Digital Interventions: DH Perspectives on (Dis)ability, Feminism, and Ecology. Organized by the Digital Americanists Society (Pacific D)
Co-chairs: Stefan Schöberlein, University of Iowa; Stephanie M. Blalock, University of Iowa, Kevin McMullen, University of Nebraska—Lincoln

2. “Cyberfeminism: Exploring Feminist Rhetoric and Digital Literacies in New Media,” Cristen Fitzpatrick, St. John’s University

Session 20-C  Embodiment and Charlotte Perkins Gilman (Pacific F)
Organized by the Charlotte Perkins Gilman Society
Chair: Jana Rivers-Norton, Cochise College

1. “The Social Power of Sleep in Charlotte Perkins Gilman’s The Forerunner,” Hannah Huber, University of South Carolina

**Session 20-D  Harriet Beecher Stowe Panel: New Approaches to Reading Stowe (Pacific G)**
Organized by the Harriet Beecher Stowe Society
Chair: Marlowe-Daly Galeano, Lewis-Clark State College

1. “Sailors in *Uncle Tom’s Cabin,*” Cynthia Smith, Miami University
2. “Botanical Stowe,” Katherine Isabel Bondy, UC-Berkeley
3. “Vesey and Gordon’s Righteous Insurrection: The Legacy of Denmark Vesey’s Natural Rights Philosophy in Harriet Beecher Stowe’s *Dred,*” Christopher Allan Black, Auburn University
4. “*Uncle Tom’s Cabin*: Jewett’s Advertisement Methods Create a Perfect Puff Storm and ‘The Story of the Age,’” Kelley Ann Endres, Indiana University of Pennsylvania

**Session 20-E  New Directions in African American Literature (Pacific I)**
Chair: Steven Frye, California State University, Bakersfield

1. “By the Bias: Fashion, Humor, Jazz and the Short Fiction of Toni Cade Bambara,” Jalylah Burrell, DePaul University

**Session 20-F  Thoreau and Resistance (Pacific J)**
Organized by the Thoreau Society
Chair: Kristen Case, University of Maine

2. “Sounding Extinction: Thoreauvian Resistance to Monumental Death,” Rachael DeWitt, UC Davis
3. “Thoreau Against Antigone, or, Individualism and Its Vicissitudes,” Michael Mlekoday, UC Davis

**Session 20-G  William Carlos Williams and West Coast poetry today (Pacific K)**
Organized by the William Carlos Williams Society
Chair: Ian Copestake, Independent Scholar

1. “‘Those to Whom Interesting Things Happen’: William Carlos Williams, Kenneth Rexroth, Lew Welch, and the DNA of West Coast Beat Poetry.” Alan Soldolfsky, San Jose State University
2. “Strange Courage’: WCW’s Inspiring Poetics of Self-Imposed Exile,” Bill Mohr, California State University, Long Beach
3. “The Line: On Williams, Poetry, and Painting,” Dean Rader, University of San Francisco

Session 20-H  Ralph Ellison and the Contemporary American Moment, a Round Table (Pacific E)
Organized by the Ralph Ellison Society
Moderator: Marc Conner, Washington and Lee University
1. “Writing the Territory: Geography and Subjectivity in Ralph Ellison’s *Invisible Man*,” Emerson Hamsa, Rice University
6. “Charlottesville and the Myth of the Flawed White Southerner,” Tim Parrish, University of California at Davis

Session 20-I  Ethics and Love in the Work of George Saunders (Pacific H)
Organized by Not Yet the George Saunders Society
Chair: John Whalen-Bridge, National University of Singapore

Session 20-J  Poetry Reading by Lyn Hejinian—with a Group Reading of Sight (Seacliff B)
Panelists from the Saturday afternoon session, “Borders, Boundaries, and ‘a Flourishing Friendship’: The Work of Lyn Hejinian, Leslie Scalapino and their Collaborations” will join Hejinian, herself, in a reading from her book collaboration with Scalapino, entitled, Sight (Edge Books, 1999). The group reading-performance of Sight will be followed by Hejinian’s solo reading of her more recent work. Panelist-participants besides Hejinian include Lisa Samuels, Julie Carr, William J. Harris, and Laura Hinton, the event organizer.

Session 20-K  Business Meeting: African American Literature and Culture Society (Pacific A)
In the opening pages of the novel, Willie Lincoln is dying of typhoid fever while his parents must host a large state dinner in the White House. After Willie dies, Abraham Lincoln attempts to grapple with his loss by visiting his dead son’s crypt, opening the casket, and holding his beloved son’s body. This act deeply affects several of the spirits inhabiting the charnel ground, but Willie is disturbed by the sight. Now a disembodied spirit, Willie looks down upon his father and his own unrecognized body, unaware that he is dead. Why does his father walk away, abandoning him?

Saunders has defined the bardo as “a transitional state between lives,” but the concept can apply more widely to a number of liminal situations. According to some Tibetan Buddhist teachings, everyday life (the shinay bardo), the dreams that come between one day and the next (the milam bardo), and the bardo of meditative experience (the samten bardo) are all moments in which beings struggle for clarity, though these lesser-known bardos are thought to be less consequential than the purgatorial term between lives. A traveler stuck in an airport due to a missed flight is in a kind of bardo, a period of uncertainty. While the novel is centered on the travail of Willie Lincoln, the boy’s spiritual journey is artfully linked to that of all the other characters in this novel, and perhaps to the whole of American life that is shaped by Abraham Lincoln’s choices.

Like Willie, the President finds himself caught between possibilities. The elder Lincoln faces crises that are at once spiritual, psychological, and political. In late February 1862, just after Grant’s capture of Fort Donelson, the Civil War was beginning to metastasize into a new kind of war—the catastrophe that would claim over 600,000 American lives. During the course of the novel, the ten worst battles were yet to happen. Saunders takes us into the agonized heart of Lincoln as he struggles with what he should do.

Readers (and hearers) of *Lincoln in the Bardo* may find the central organizing metaphor to be quite timely. In response to the political rallies of a more recent politician, Saunders in early 2016 wrote that he had “never before imagined America as fragile, as an experiment that could, within my very lifetime, fail.” Spiritually engaged and
unfailingly intelligent, *Lincoln in the Bardo* appreciates profoundly the fragility of our individual lives and of our communal way of life.

With the kind permission of the writer, The Postmortem Players have come together to perform a reading of *Lincoln in the Bardo* for the American Literature Association.

**Closing Reception: 7:30 – 8:30 pm**
*(Seacliff Foyer)*

**Sunday, May 27, 2018**
Registration (Pacific Concourse): 8:00 am – 10:20 am

**Sunday, May 27, 2018**
8:30 – 9:50am

**Session 21-A**  **1830 is the New ’20: The 1820s as Early American Literature (Pacific D)**
Organized by the Society of Early Americanists
Chair: Kathryn S. Koo, St. Mary’s College

1. “The Great Struggle for Veracity between History and Fiction: Historical Fictionality in the 1820s,” Thomas Koenigs, Scripps College
2. “Re-Periodizing the Historical Novel: Competing Historicism in *Memoir of the Northern Kingdom,*” David Lawrimore, Idaho State University
3. “A Possible Connection Between a Turn-of-the-Nineteenth Century Scandal and Susanna Rowson’s *Lucy Temple* (1828),” Steven Epley, Samford University

**Session 21-B**  **On Williams’s *In the American Grain* (Pacific F)**
Chair: Stephen Hahn, William Paterson University

1. “From Williams to Miranda: The Virtue of History and the Historical Fate of Alexander Hamilton,” Ian Copestake, Independent Scholar
2. “the flower once ravished….’: The Spirit of the Americas in In the American Grain,” Daniel L. Burke, Loyola University of Chicago
3. “Inhuman Clarity”—WCW, Robert Lowell, and In the American Grain,” Marcel Inhof, University of Bonn

**Session 21-C**  **Redeeming Absence in Twentieth-Century American Drama (Pacific G)**
Organized by the American Theatre and Drama Society
Chair: Heather Nathans, Tufts University
1. “Performing Native American Absence in Larissa FastHorse’s The Thanksgiving Play,” Nelson Barre, University of Oregon

Session 21-D  Place and Space in American Writing (Pacific I)
Chair: Megan M. Flanery, Georgia Southern University

1. “In the Silence between Darkness and Light’: Liminal Space in The Stories of Breece D’J Pancake,” Christopher Blackburn, Georgia Southern University
2. “Does ‘It All Turn on Affection’?: Wendell Berry, the Affective Turn, and the Question of Place,” William Major, University of Hartford
3. “Francis Parkman—Traveler, Tourist, Cultural Voyeur,” Susan L. Roberson, Texas A&M University-Kingsville
4. “The Speeches and Writings of Abraham Lincoln: An Eco-Critique,” James Tackach, Roger Williams University

Session 21-E  Scandals and Failures of Reform Writing in the Long Nineteenth Century (Pacific J)
Organized by Ryan Schneider, Purdue University
Chair: Derek Pacheco, Purdue University

2. “(Twice) Wronged Women: Amelia Norman and Zulma Marache,” Nicole Livengood, Marietta College
3. “Maria Stewart’s Moral Worthiness,” Ryan Schneider, Purdue University

Session 21-F  African American Satire: Refashioning History and Genre (Pacific K)
Organized by Christopher A. Shinn, Howard University
Chair: Kelsey Kiser, Southern Methodist University

2. “Mystery Politics: The Case of Crime Fiction in George Schuyler’s Ethiopian Stories,” Christopher A. Shinn, Howard University
Session 22-A  "Great Male Narcissists": Reading (Against) Updike and Wallace Post-#MeToo (Pacific D)
Organized by the John Updike Society and the International David Foster Wallace Society

This roundtable will explore "Great Male Narcissists," a phrase Wallace uses to describe Updike, Philip Roth, and Norman Mailer in his acerbic review of Updike’s novel Toward the End of Time. This roundtable intends to explore the connections and disparities between Updike’s and Wallace’s work, especially regarding their depictions of masculinity. Special attention will also be given to the treatment of religion and spirituality in the work of both authors.

Chair: Mike Miley, Loyola University New Orleans
1. Matt Bucher, President, International David Foster Wallace Society
2. Ryan Lackey, Oregon State University
3. Alex Moran, Independent Scholar

Session 22-B  Contemporary African American Literature (Pacific F)
Chair: M. Elizabeth Geddy, Georgia Southern University

1. “Elite Protest: Dorothy West and the Foundations of the Modern Black Elite,” Terrence Tucker, University of Memphis
3. “Seen and Unseen: Science, Technology, and Determinism in African American Literature,” John Dudley, University of South Dakota
4. “Subversions or ‘Perversions’ of Passing?: Race, Gender, and Queer Sexuality in Linda Villarosa’s Passing for Black and Helen Oyeyemi’s Boy, Snow, Bird,” Erika R. Williams, Emerson College

Session 22-C  American Fiction of Mid-19th Century (Pacific G)
Chair: Amber Shaw, Coe College

1. “Cross-Racial Class Vengeance in George Thompson’s City Crimes,” Timothy Helwig, Western Illinois University
2. “Hawthorne’s Entangled Narratives and Narratives of Entanglement,” Maria Karafilis, California State University
4. “Re-Imagining Mrs. Georgie Sheldon: Feminist Theory in 19th-Century Sentimental Fiction,” Carol Degrasse, University of Texas at Tyler
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Abe, Frank – 12-B
Abney, Lisa – 6-J
Adams, Randi L. – 6-I
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Agner, Jacob – 10-I
Aldama, Frederick – 17-A
Allard, Aimee M. – 2-E
Allen, Patrick – 19-A
Alqueta, Andrew – 8-H
Alteri, Charles – 11-H
Altomare, Francis X. – 7-J
Alvarez, Beth – 16-C
Alvarez, Eddy – 11-E
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American Literature Society – 1-J,
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Society – 5-C, 6-H, 7-C, 8-L
American Theatre and Drama
Society – 21-C
Amiri Baraka Society – 2-C, 4-C,
5-M
Ammah-Tagoe, Aku – 19-B
Amper, Susan – 19-E
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