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Registration Desk (Essex Foyer, Westin):

Wednesday, 8:00 pm – 10:00 pm;

Thursday, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm;

Friday, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm;

Saturday, 8:00 am – noon

Thursday, July 8, 2021
9:00 – 10:20 am

Session 1-A Harriet Beecher Stowe Panel 1: Stowe's Sympathy and Domesticity

Organized by the Harriet Beecher Stowe Society

Chair: LuElla D'Amico, University of the Incarnate Word

1. "Stowe, Alcott, and Home Economics," Hollis Robbins, Sonoma State University (virtual presentation)
2. "Pathological Affect: Contagious Sympathy in Stowe's *Dred*," Kathleen Downes, University of Mississippi (in person)
3. "Witnessing Nineteenth-Century Girlhood: The Evangelization of Harriet Beecher Stowe's Little Eva and Martha Finley's Elsie Dinsmore," LuElla D'Amico, University of the Incarnate Word (in person)
4. "Gossip as Resistance in *Dred: A Tale of the Great Dismal Swamp*," Robin Cadwallader, Saint Francis University

Audio-Visual Equipment required: Access for Hollis Robbins' virtual presentation

Session 1-B Contemporary Poetry

Chair:

1. "Christianity in John Ashbury's Later Poetry," Aaron Deveson, National Taiwan Normal University
2. "Dissolution and Absolution: The Elegaic Forces at Play in Sylvia Plath's *Ariel* and Ted Hughes' *Birthday Letters*," Lisa Narbeshuber, Acadia University
3. "Confronting Incompleteness: The Projection of the Self in the Writing of Sylvia Plath," Melissa Santos, Bridgewater State University and Bristol Community College

No AV Requested

Session 1-C Philip Roth and the Return of History

Organized by The Philip Roth Society

Chair: Aimee Pozorski, Central Connecticut State University

1. "'Expect the Vandals': Roth's Rescue Narratives at the Dawn of the Atomic Age," James Bloom, Muhlenberg College
2. "Radical Alterity and the Cyclicity of History in Philip Roth's *The Plot Against America*," Cristina Chevereşan, West University of Timişoara
3. "Roth's Last Men," Andrew Dean, Deakin University
4. "Is There a Communist in the House? Returning Soviet History in *I Married a Communist*," Olga Karasik-Updike
5. "Fictionalizing History: Philip Roth's America in the American Trilogy," Gurumurthy Neelakantan, Indian Institute of Technology

Audio-Visual Equipment required: Projector

Session 1-D East-West Literary Exchange – Looking Back and Looking Forward

Moderator: Robert Pavlik, Independent Scholar

1. "Part One," James Mathew, Independent Scholar
2. "Part Two," Kent Bicknell, Independent Scholar

AV requested: projector and screen

Session 1-E Identity

Chair:

1. "Ecologies of the Future: A Brief History of Time in Asian American Speculative Fiction," Christopher Shinn, Howard University
2. "The Threat of 'Counterfeit Monsters': The American Militia Movement at the End of History in Denis Johnson's *Train Dreams*," Zac Triffley, Southern Methodist University
3. "'You're Illegal'" Ethnicization and Decoloniality in American Border-Crossing Literature," Miranda McLeod, Rutgers University

No Av Requested

Session 1-F Dissentimentalism

Organizer and Chair: Debra J. Rosenthal, John Carroll University

1. "The Afterlife of Sympathy: Dissentimentalism in Charles Chesnut's *The Marrow of Tradition*," Faye Halpern, University of Calgary
2. "Really faking: Séances, Sentiment, and Realism in Howells and James," Laura Scales, Stonehill College
3. "Economic tactics for Dissenting from Sentimental Family Obligations in Elizabeth Stuart Phelps," Laura Korobkin, Boston University

Respondent: Mary Lou Kete, University of Vermont

Audio-Visual Equipment required: None

Thursday, July 8, 2021
11:00 am – 12:20 pm

Session 2-A Harriet Beecher Stowe Panel 2: Stowe's Politics and Economics

Organized by the Harriet Beecher Stowe Society

Chair: Andrew Donnelly, Harvard University

1. "Stowe's Slavery and Stowe's Capitalism: Forced Reproductive Labor in *Uncle Tom's Cabin*," Andrew Donnelly, Harvard University (in person)
2. "The Racial Swamps of Reconstruction in Harriet Beecher Stowe's *Palmetto Leaves*," Elif Armbruster, Suffolk University (virtual)
3. "The Material World of *Uncle Tom's Cabin*," Patricia Roylance, Syracuse University (In person)
4. "Feminine Ambition in Stowe's *Pink and White Tyranny*," Kristin Lacey, Boston University (in person)

Audio-Visual Equipment required: Access for Elif Armbruster's virtual presentation

Session 2-B The Politics of Food

Chair:

1. "Hannaham's Delicious Foods: Experiments with Feeding America," Abha Sood, Monmouth University
2. "Revolution in a Minor Key: Carceral Space and the Politics of Resistance in Tsitsi Dangarembga's *Nervous Conditions*," Marshall Scheider, Portland State University
3. "Virgie Sat Down in the Uncleared Kitchen and Ate Herself: Resistant Food Discourses in Eudora Welty's *The Golden Apples*," Julia P. McLeod, University of Tennessee

No Av Requested

Session 2-C Eileen Myles Now!

Organized by: Joel Duncan, University of Gothenburg

Chair: Leslie Petty, Rhodes College

1. "Eileen Myles and V.R. 'Bunny' Lang: Poetry on the Margins of the New York School," Rosa Campbell, University of St Andrews
2. "Eileen Myles Cruising," Jack Parlett, Oxford University
3. "Eileen Myles in the Driver's Seat," Joel Duncan, University of Gothenburg

Audio-Visual Equipment required: Yes, for digital presentation(s)

Session 2-D Creating an Archival Digital Edition: Collaborating, Editing, and Mentoring in and out of the Classroom

Organizer and Chair: Lucinda Damon-Bach, Salem State University

1. "Creating the Primary Source Cooperative: Why and How?" Ondine LeBlanc, Worthington C. Ford Editor of Publications, Massachusetts Historical Society
2. "Editing the Papers of a Woman Scientist: The Ellen Swallow Richards Papers Project," Serenity Sutherland, SUNY Oswego
3. "The Vision and Personal References of the CMSOL Digital Edition," Patricia Larson Kalayjian, California State University, Dominguez Hills. (Virtual/remote presentation)
4. "After Transcription: Subject Headings and Explanatory Notes for the CMSOL Edition (and any other edition)," Lucinda Damon-Bach, Salem State University
5. "Documentary Editing in the Graduate Digital Humanities Classroom," Ashley Reed, Virginia Tech

Audio-Visual Equipment required: screen/projector for virtual presenter & for slides by in-person presenters

Session 2-E Redefining the Feminine Self

Chair:

1. "American Desi?*: Diasporic Alienation in Indian-American Chick Lit," Srijani Gosh, University of California, Berkeley
2. "Gertrude Stein and Maternal Embodiment, Deborah Wilson, Arkansas Tech University
3. "Writing from the Meso: Gloria Anzaldua and Karen Tei Yamashita Challenge Systematic Barriers to Social Justice," Jamie Crosswhite, University of Texas San Antonio

No Av Requested

Session 2-F Cormac McCarthy I: Cormac McCarthy in Context: A Roundtable Discussion

Organized by the Cormac McCarthy Society

Moderator: Steven Frye, California State University, Bakersfield and editor of *Cormac McCarthy in Context*

Participants:

1. Olivia Carr Edenfield, Georgia Southern University
2. John Dudley, University of South Dakota
3. Lydia R. Cooper, Creighton University
4. Bryan Vescio, High Point University

Audio-Visual Equipment required: None

Session 2-G Business Meeting: The Philip Roth Society

Thursday, July 8, 2021

**Lunch Break
12:20 – 1:40 pm**

**Thursday, July 8, 2021
1:30 – 2:50 pm**

Session 3-A Roundtable: Responses to Jeffrey Insko's *History, Abolition, and the Ever-Present Now in Antebellum American Writing*

Organized by the Catharine Maria Sedgwick Society

Chair: Ashley Barnes, University of Texas at Dallas

1. Melissa Daniels-Rauterkus, University of Southern California
2. Matthew Crow, Hobart and William Smith Colleges
3. Stefan Wheelock, George Mason University
4. Cristin Ellis, University of Mississippi
5. David Brandt, Vanderbilt University
6. Maria Karafilis, California State University, Los Angeles

Respondent: Jeffrey Insko, Oakland University

Audio-Visual Equipment required: One roundtable member will attend virtually so we will need a/v support for this

Session 3-B Views from the Margins

Chair:

1. "Young Adults in Contemporary Plays: Exploring Gender and Race Discrimination," Paula Farca, Colorado School of Mines
2. "Nightmarish Deconstructions: Revisiting Manic Pixie Dream Girls in Post/modern Literature," Sarah Currie, University of Waterloo
3. "Sade and the Rhetoric of Suicide," Ery Shin, University of Southern Mississippi

AV Not Requested

Session 3-C “Tempi All Exempt Except Tempest”: Ronald Johnson’s Restless Ecologies

Organizer and Chair: James Belflower, Siena College

1. “‘To Do As Adam Did’: Gardening and the Shape of Ronald Johnson’s Eco-poetic Career,” Mark Scroggins, Florida Atlantic University
2. “‘Father rafter // ever after / after every rafter’: Ronald Johnson’s Early Years,” Devin King, Independent Scholar
3. “Saturnalia Under Saturn: Historical Ronald Johnson,” Stephen Williams, Benedictine University

Audio-Visual requirements: video and audio projection equipment

Session 3-D Literature and Culture of the Great War

Organizer: Tim Dayton, Kansas State University

Chair: Angela Hubler, Kansas State University

1. “Schismatic Nationality: American Great War Novels and the Problem of Collectivity,” Jonathan Vincent, Towson State University
2. “‘But Freebourne loved its steel’: American Great War Poetry, Modernity, and Mobilization,” Mark Van Wienen
3. “The Strenuous Death: The Cult of the Dead in American First World War Poetry,” Tim Dayton

Audio-Visual Equipment Required: Audio-Visual Equipment Required: ability to display PowerPoint slides

Session 3-E The Politics of Space

Chair:

1. “Racialized Spaces in Claudia Rankine’s *The White Card*,” Angela Mullins, Rutgers University
2. “Black Birth and Bodily Wellness in Gwendolyn Brooks’s *Maud Martha*,” Raquel Kennon, California State University, Northridge
3. “Expanding the Definition of a ‘Refugee’ in Héctor Tobar’s *The Tattooed Soldier*,” Alaina Kaus, Georgia Southwestern State University

AV Requested

Session 3-F Cormac McCarthy II: Complexity and the Natural World

Organized by the Cormac McCarthy Society

Chair: Bryan Vescio, High Point University

1. "The Machine and the Whale: Cormac McCarthy and Complexity Theory." Lydia R. Cooper, Creighton University
2. "Naturalism and Evil Incarnate: Cormac McCarthy's *The Road*," Steven Frye, California State University, Bakersfield

Audio-Visual Equipment required: None

Session 3-G

**Thursday, July 8, 2021
3:00 – 4:20 pm**

Session 4-A Indigeneity and *The Ever-Present Now*

Organized by the Catharine Maria Sedgwick Society

Chair: Jeffrey Insko, Oakland University

1. "Dogs and Indian-Hating in *Hope Leslie*," Alice Hofmann, University at Albany, SUNY
2. "'The Bible of the Heart': Magawisca's Bodily and Textual Authority in *Hope Leslie*," Sara Monahan, Lehigh University
3. "History and Time in Catharine Maria Sedgwick's Native American Tales," Ashley Reed, Virginia Tech
4. "'The next we present before you are things very appalling': William Apess and Lydia Maria Child on 'King Philip,'" Melissa Gniadek, University of Toronto

Audio-Visual Equipment required: One panel member will attend virtually so we will need a/v support for this

Session 4-B

Session 4-C Hawthorne and Fatherhood

Organized by the Nathaniel Hawthorne Society

Chair: Charles Baraw, Southern Connecticut State University

1. "Divided Paternity: The Scarlet Letter's Unstable American Father," Muhammad Imran, University of Sahiwal
2. "The Sacred Father De-gendered: Chillingworth in *The Scarlet Letter*," Eitetsu Sasaki, Momoyama Gakuin University [Virtual Presentation]
3. "The Death of the Father and the Death of Romance in Hawthorne," Ariel Silver, Columbus Ohio Institute of Religion

Audio-Visual Equipment required: Projector requested, please

Session 4-D Race, Place, and Epistemological Standpoint in Comics and Graphic Narratives

Chair: Nicole Dib, Utah State University

1. "Drawing Citizenship: Documenting Undocumented Epistemology in Latinx Comics and Zines," Maite Urcaregui, University of California, Santa Barbara
2. "Documenting Invisible Communities with Comics," Lale Stefkova, University of California, Santa Barbara
3. "*The Photographer*: Restructuring Interactive Narratives in Photos, Text, and Illustrations," Evelyn Vasquez, University of California, San Diego
4. "Through Curious Eyes: Seeking to Negotiate the Resonances of Traumatic Experience," Aisha Anwar, University of California, Santa Barbara

Audio Visual Equipment: Projector for presentations and images

Session 4-E Being and Belonging

Chair:

1. "Realistic Characters Have Accents: Hearing Social Identity and Individual Subjectivity in Nineteenth-Century Fiction," Eleanor Reeds, Hastings College
2. "Ralph Ellison's *Invisible Man* and the Postwar Discourse of the Common Man," Michael Tavel Clarke, University of Calgary
3. "{Freedom/Winthrop/New Prosperia}: A Set-Theoretical Reading of Belonging in Colson Whitehead's *Apex Hides the Hurt*." Cory M. Hudson, Illinois State University

No AV Requested

Session 4-F The Importance of the American Short Story in Other Countries: A Roundtable Discussion

Organized by the Society for the Study of the American Short Story
Chair: James Nagel, University of Georgia

1. Kasia Boddy, Cambridge University (UK)
2. Alfred Bendixen, Princeton University
3. Eniko Maior, Partium Christian University (Romania)
4. Kirk Curnutt, Troy University
5. Bernardo Manzonni Palmeirim, University of Lisbon (Portugal)

A/V equipment: None

Session 4-G Business Meeting: The Cormac McCarthy Society

**Thursday, July 8, 2021
4:30 – 5:50 pm**

Session 5-A Thoreau in the Anthropocene

Organized by the Thoreau Society

Chair: John J. Kucich, Bridgewater State University

1. "Biophony in the Anthropocene: Changes to the Avian Soundscape Since Thoreau's Time at Walden Pond." Rebecca Durham, University of Montana
2. "Inevitable Contamination and Productive Complicity: Thoreau's Impure Ethics for the Anthropocene." Andrew Bishop, Ohio State University
3. "Thoreau on Neighboring Animals in a Post Wild World." Kristian Cantens, Texas A&M University
4. "The Foulest Water Will Bubble Purely": Thoreau's Embodied Attention and Unsettling the Built Environment," Helen Yang, Yale University

Audio-Visual Equipment Required: Projector and internet

Session 5-B Perspectives on Children

Chair:

1. "Louisa May Alcott's Representations of Race & Women's Rights in Literature for Children: Looking Forward and Looking Back," Angela Hubler, Kansas State University
2. "Picture Books in the Age of Neoliberalism," Adam Szetela, Cornell University
3. "Black Fatherhood, Masculinity, and White Male Resistance in *12 Years a Slave*," Carey R. Voeller, Wofford College

No AV Requested

Session 5-C Narrative Perspectives

Chair:

1. "Mrs. Newly-Wed Speaks for Her Servants: Labor, Capital, Race, and Narration in Alice Dunbar Nelson," Howard Horwitz, University of Utah
2. "Confessing from the Margins: Viet Thanh Nguyen's *The Sympathizer*," Ryan Siemers, Southern Utah University
3. "Frozen Solid: White Death in Mat Johnson's *Pym*," Kate Soules, University of Rochester

AV Requested

Session 5-D Mutinous Media and the Maritime World: Political Ecology Goes to Sea

Organizers: Alison Glassie, Harvard University; Emelia Abbé Robertson, University of Michigan

Moderator: Craig Marin, Sea Education Association

1. "Of Water, Wind, and Storms: The Elemental Regimes of the Buccaneer Journal" Jason Payton, University of Georgia
2. "A Madeira-Smuggler's Guide to Incensing the Public to Riot" Emelia Abbé Robertson, University of Michigan
3. "Moral Tempests: The Oceanic Origins of American Philanthropic Debate" Mark G. Hanna, University of California, San Diego
4. "Melville, Shipboard Space, and Maritime Oppression" Mary K. Bercaw Edwards, University of Connecticut
5. "Narrative sovereignty: kalungas, carrancas, and freedom on the waves," Geri Augusto, Brown University
6. "Olokun's Aquarium: Speculative Sea Fiction and the Black Aquatic" Alison Glassie, Harvard University

Audio-Visual Equipment required: VGA Cable, Internet access, speakers, Powerpoint-compatible projection screen.

Session 5-E Spatial Visions

Chair:

1. "Choose Your Own Queer Utopia: Dismantling the American Dream House," Sarah Lofstrom, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
2. "Queer Spaces in Poe's Fiction: Prospero's Abbey and Dupin's Chambers," Paul Christian Jones, Ohio University
3. "The Naturalists' Frontier: Ethnic Mobilities in Jack London's Literary Geographies," Steffen Wöll, Leipzig University

Session 5-F Created Identities

Chair:

1. "The Black Atlantic of Claude McKay's Romance in Marseille," James McCorkle, Hobart and William Smith College
2. "American Naturalism and the Fascinating Actress," Patrick Kindig, Indiana University
3. "Blackface/ Whiteface: Social Performance of Race as Disease in Larsen and Schuyler," Carol Degrasse, Southern Methodist University

Session 5-G Catharine Maria Sedgwick Society: Business Meeting

Session 5-H Society for the Study of the American Short Story: Business Meeting

Thursday, July 8, 2021
6:00 – 7:30 pm
(Essex South)
Welcoming Reception

Friday, July 9, 2021
8:30 – 9:50 am

Session 6-A Cummings' Contact(s): Vision, Eco-Vitalism, and the Actual World.

Organized by the E. E. Cummings Society

Chair: Bernard F. Stehle, Community College of Philadelphia

1. "Textual Vision" & "Visional Text": William Blake's Illuminated Poems and E. E. Cummings' Graphic Experiments," Bowen Wang, Trinity College Dublin
2. "look;begins to grow': Cummings' Topographical Art, Eco-Vitalism, and the Landscape of Wholeness in 1X1 (1944)," Gillian Huang-Tiller, University of Virginia at Wise.
3. "Contact: The Real and the Actual in Thoreau, Moore, and Cummings," Michael Webster, Grand Valley State University

Audio-Visual Equipment required: Projector for laptop.

Session 6-B Lyrical Techniques / Lyrical Visions

1. "(Not) Giving Evidence: Lyric and Document in the Work of Claudia Rankine and Layli Long Solider," Anne Shea, California College of the Arts
2. "Stephen Crane, Friedrich Nietzsche and the Aphoristic Disposition," Dean Casale, Kean University
3. "the otherness, yours': C.K. Williams with Stanley Cavell," Reena Sastri, University of Edinburgh

AV Requested

Session 6-C The Civil War Reimagined

Organized by the Civil War Caucus

Chair: Kathleen Diffley, University of Iowa

1. "The home and the camp so inseparable': Northern Fictions and the Union Cause," Allison M. Johnson, San Jose State University
2. "The Readers' Canon," Sarah E. Gardner, Mercer University
3. "Reconstructing the Literature of Care and Convalescence: Civil War Soldiers, Bedsides, and Hospitals," Jane E. Schultz, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis

Audio-Visual Equipment required: LCD projector

Session 6-D Thematizing “Becoming” in the Work of Herman Melville

Organized by the Melville Society

Chair Lenora Warren, Lecturer at Ithaca College

1. Becoming a ‘Blank’: Melville’s ‘Tartarus of Maids’ and the Diary of Paper Mill Worker Nancy Priest, Bridget M. Marshall, University of Massachusetts, Lowell
2. Andrew Carlyle Urban, "Melville and the Dilemma of Modernity," Andrew Carlyle Urban, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
3. “Becoming-Whale: Fabulous Multiplicities in Melville’s Moby-Dick,” Ross Martin, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
4. "Race and the Subversion of Conversion in 'Benito Cereno'." Justina Torrance, Harvard University

Audio-Visual Equipment required: Projector and Screen

Session 6-E Staging Democracy: Politics and Political Figures in 20th/21st Century American Drama

Organized by American Theatre & Drama Society

Chair: Al (Mohammadali) Dabiri, University of Missouri- Columbia

1. “Impeaching the President on Stage: F. Scott Fitzgerald’s Forgotten Play.,” Hannah Simpson, University of Oxford, England.
2. “It Can’t Happen Here: Sinclair Lewis and American Theatre against Eugenic Fascism,” Ewa Barbara Łuczak, University of Warsaw, Poland
3. “*Votes for Women; a pastoral comical tragical historical dramatization of the ratification of The Nineteenth Amendment*,” Al (Mohammadali) Dabiri, the University of Missouri- Columbia

Audio-Visual Equipment required: Video Projector and speakers.

Session 6-F

Friday, July 9, 2021
10:00 – 11:20 am

Session 7-A Welty, Media, Modernism

Organized by the Eudora Welty Society

Chair: Leslie Petty, Rhodes College

1. "Erskine Hawkins and the Mind-Reading Horse: Welty's 'Powerhouse' Remediated," Michael Pickard, Millsaps College
2. "Pulp Fiction: Reading Magazine Culture in Eudora Welty," Katie Berry Frye, Pepperdine University
3. "Editor's Choice: Journalism and Deviance in the Writing of Eudora Welty," Donnie McMahan and Kevin Murphy, Towson University
4. "Engraved Thunderclouds: Song and Violence in *Delta Wedding*," Rebecca Mark, Director of the Institute for Women's Leadership, Rutgers University

Audio-Visual Equipment: Yes, capability for zoom presentations including three people who need to share their screens with the audience

Session 7-B

Ethical Encounters.

Organized by the Society for the Study of American Travel Writing

Chair: Shealeen Meaney, Russell Sage College

1. "Constance Fenimore Woolson and the Ethics of Sightseeing," Susan L. Roberson, Texas A&M University-Kingsville
2. "Liminal Seduction: Moveable Queer Spaces," Kathryn Klein, Kennesaw State University
3. "(Counter)ethnography and the politics of violence in American Indian travel narratives," Rachel Ravina, Boston University

Audio-Visual Equipment required: Projector, Internet Access

Session 7-C Civil War Monuments and Memorials: A Roundtable

Organized by the Civil War Caucus

Chair: Sarah E. Gardner, Mercer University

1. "Philadelphia's Centennial Fair of 1876," Kathleen Diffley, University of Iowa
2. "Intermedial Memories: Commemorating the Materialities of Print and War," James Berkey, Penn State Brandywine
3. "Britain Recalls the Civil War," Christopher Hanlon, Arizona State University
4. "Mind the Gaps (in the Archive): How to Memorialize Local Black Lives?," Emily Donaldson Field, Bridgewater State University

Audio-Visual Equipment required: LCD projector

Session 7-D Literary Influences

Chair:

1. "‘There is something in this scene’: Tracking Beauty and the Sublime in *Two Men*, Elizabeth Stoddard and the Tradition of Landscape Painting," Jenessa Kenway, University of Nevada Las Vegas
2. "Space and Place in Hip Hop (Literature): Colson Whitehead's *Sag Harbor*," Jaroslav Kušnir, University of Prešov, Slovakia
3. "The *Revolution* and Postbellum Transcendentalist Religious Reform," Todd H. Richardson, University of Texas of the Permian Basin

Session 7-E Media and Marketing

Chair:

1. "Reclaiming the Literary Marketplace in Douglass's *My Bondage and My Freedom*," Blevin Shelnett, University of Chapel Hill Wilmington
2. "James Baldwin and the Confines of the Autobiographical," Tyrone Simpson, Vassar College
3. "‘A Circus In-Print’: How the Mass Media Spectacle Manufactures History in Robert Coover's *The Public Burning*," Tim Urban, Southern Methodist University

Session 7-F

Jack London: Revolution, YA Writings, Race, and Boxing

Organized by the Jack London Society

Chair: Steven Frye, California State University, Bakersfield

1. Oh, The Places You'll Go!: The Critical Conversation of Jack London's Juvenile Writing and a Study of *The Cruise of the Dazzler*, Michael J. Martin, Stephen F. Austin State University
2. "The Magic of Your Phrases": Suspicious Reading and Revolution in *The Iron Heel*, Marc Blanc, Washington University, St. Louis
3. Jack London as Racialist: The Reporter and The Great White Hope, Martin Haber, Independent Scholar

Audio-Visual Equipment required: None

Session 7-G

Friday, July 9, 2021
11:30 – 12:50 am

Session 8-A Defiance and Forbearance in Mary E. Wilkins Freeman

Organized by the Mary E. Wilkins Freeman Society

Chair, Daniel Mrozowski, Trinity College

1. "A Literary Bomb-Shell": Old Maids, Defiance, and Mary E. Wilkins Freeman," Austin Carter, University of California, Irvine
2. "Not Taking No for an Answer: Relentless Suitors in Short Stories by Mary Eleanor Wilkins Freeman," H.J.E. Champion, Université Bordeaux Montaigne and the University of Eastern Finland
3. Dramatic Performance of "The Parrot" by Mary E. Wilkins Freeman, Michèle LaRue, Tales Well Told

Audio-Visual Equipment required: Champion's is a Zoom presentation, so we need to hook up a laptop to a screen and internet connection.

Session 8-B Geology, Neurology, and the Archives: New Directions in Chesnut Scholarship

Organized by the Charles W. Chesnut Association

Chair: Stephanie Browner, The New School

1. "Revitalizing the Charles Chesnut Digital Archive," Karin Dalziel and Ashlyn Stewart, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
2. "The People, —By Which Is Meant the Whole People': Populism and *The Marrow of Tradition*," Andrew Alquesta, Tufts University
3. "Neurasthenia and Racial Uplift in Chesnut's Work," Bill Hardwig, University of Tennessee
4. "Swamped: Setting the Competition Between Conjure and Geology in Chesnut's Fiction," Amanda Lowe, Columbia University

Audio-Visual Equipment required: Projector for Remote Participation

Session 8-C Finding Old Ways to Be New: New Directions for the Robert Frost Society

Organized by The Robert Frost Society

Chair: Daniel W. Toomey, Landmark College

1. "A 'Backward Motion Toward the Source': *The Robert Frost Review* Goes Home," Virginia F. Smith, United States Naval Academy
2. "Believing the Future In: The Robert Frost Society in 2040," Robert B. Hass, Edinboro University

Audio-Visual Equipment Required: projector for PowerPoint and DVD presentations and screen (panelists will bring their laptops)

Session 8-D Trajectories in Southern Studies I

Organized by the Society for the Study of Southern Literature

Chair: William Murray, Baylor University

1. "Southern Cityscapes: Conceptions of Innocence in the South's Cities," William Murray, Baylor University
2. "Locked by the Lawless: A Review of Incarceration in Southern Literature," Elizabeth Steeby, University of New Orleans
3. "The Grim, Gritty, Gorgeous Fiction of Larry Brown, or How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love Grit Lit," Jay Ingraio, University of Texas at Dallas

Audio-Visual Equipment Requirements: Screen and projector w/ sound

Session 8-E Early American Interests

Chair:

1. "Work for a Morsel of Bread': Women and Paid Labor in the Fiction of Susanna Rowson," Anne Baker, North Carolina State University
2. "Playing with Print: Francis Hopkinson & Humor in Early America," Kevin Wisniewski, American Antiquarian Society
3. "The Depiction of the Native Americans in *A Narrative of the Captivity and Restoration of Mrs. Mary Rowlandson*," James Tackach, Roger Williams University

Session 8-F The World and Me— Writing Memoir, Reading History, A Roundtable

Moderator: Frances Smith Foster, Emory University (Emerita)

1. "Our Sixties," Paul Lauter, Trinity College (Emeritus)
2. "The Open Heart Club," Gabriel Brownstein, St. John's University
3. "Mark Twain, The World, and Me," Susan K. Harris, University of Kansas (Emerita)

Audio-Visual Equipment required: none

Friday July 9, 2021

Lunch Break

12:50 – 2:00 pm

Friday, July 9, 2021
2:00 – 3:20 pm

Session 9-A Approaches to Teaching Kate Chopin Round Table

Organized by the Kate Chopin International Society

Chair: David Z. Wehner, Mount St. Mary's University

1. "A Philosophical Approach to Teaching Kate Chopin's 'The Storm,'" Linda Crenshaw, Austin Peay State University (Virtual presentation)
2. "Never again to belong to another then herself: Teaching *The Awakening* as an Introduction to Feminist Theory in Literature Classrooms," Chelsea Fabian, University of Missouri-Columbia and Britt Wilson, Salisbury University
3. "Explaining the Concept of 'Window' in Chopin's Works as a Literary Vehicle," Sonika Islam, Eastern University-Bangladesh (Virtual presentation)
4. "Reimagining the End of Kate Chopin's *The Awakening* as Critical, Creative Practice," Christina Katopodis, City University of New York (Virtual presentation)

Audio-Visual Equipment required: Projector for virtual presentations

Session 9-B Justice, Politics, and Form: Chesnutt Then and Now

Organized by the Charles W. Chesnutt Association

Chair: Bill Hardwig, University of Tennessee

1. "Mob Violence and Legal Justice in Chesnutt's 'The Sheriff's Children,'" John Barton, University of Missouri-Kansas City
2. "Inclusion Challenges and the Dialect Writing of Charles Chesnutt," Samantha Gilmore, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
3. "The Sympathetic Mind of a Northern Woman: Magic as Transcultural Discourse in Charles Chesnutt's *The Conjure Woman*," Carson Eschmann, University of Virginia
4. "Lorraine Hansberry's Chesnutt: Marrows of Tradition, 1901 and 1955," Stephanie Browner, The New School

Audio-Visual Equipment required: Projector for Remote participation

Session 9-C Elizabeth Oakes Smith's Feminist 50s: the Theatre, the Novel, and *The Egeria*

Organized by the Elizabeth Oakes Smith Society

Chair: Rebecca Jaroff, Ursinus College

1. "Feminist Figures for the New York Stage: Public Strategies in Oakes Smith's plays *Old New York, The Roman Tribute, and Destiny*," Kyle Rogers, Independent Scholar, Chicago IL
2. "The Political Economy of Early Feminist Journalism: the Disappearance of *The Egeria*, and the Birth of *The Una*, January 1853," Timothy H. Scherman, Northeastern Illinois University
3. "Zenobia's Retort: Oakes Smith's *Bertha and Lily* (1854) as response to Hawthorne's *Blithedale Romance* (1852)," Heriberto Pelaez, Northeastern Illinois University

Audio-Visual Equipment required: yes, for powerpoint presentation

Session 9-D Climate and the Postwar Poem

Organized by the Postwar Area Literature Group

Chair: Jacqueline Foertsch, University of North Texas

1. "Elegy and Ecology in James Merrill's 'A Christmas Tree,'" Yuki Tanaka, Hosei University
2. "Against Primitivism: Myth, Extractive Capitalism, and Anti-colonial Aesthetics in Amos Tutuola's *The Palm Wine Drinkard*," Baron Haber, University of California, Santa Barbara
3. "'Radiant with terror': The Bomb in the Postwar Poem," Florian Gargaillo, Austin Peay State University

Audiovisual Equipment Required: Projector, hook-ups (for PowerPoint)

Session 9-E Writing War in the 21st Century: Unbound Perspectives on the Global War on Terror

Chair: Melissa Parrish, Smith College

1. "A 21st Century Chapter for *The Soldiers' Tale*," Hilary Lithgow, UNC Chapel Hill
2. "Wayward Warfaring: Black Voices in Contemporary War-Writing," Peter Molin, Rutgers University
3. "'A precious jewel amid the wreckage of this country': Contemporary Iraqi War Fiction," Stacey Peebles, Centre College
4. "'What Kind of Crazy Fits This War?' Considering the 'Global' in the Global War on Terror," Brian Williams, Tennessee Tech University

Audio-Visual Equipment required: None

Friday, May 24, 2019
3:30 – 4:50 pm

Session 10-A Exploring and Comparing Kate Chopin's Writing Through Food and Family

Organized by the Kate Chopin International Society

Chair: Kathryn O'Donoghue, Suffolk County Community College-Grant

1. "Eating Their Words: The Connection Between Food and Speech in *The Awakening*," Ann V. Bliss, Texas A&M University-San Antonio
2. "Edna's 'Uneven, Impulsive' Relationship to Childhood, Motherhood, and the American Family's Structure in Kate Chopin's *The Awakening*," Madeline Gottlieb, Binghamton University (Virtual presentation)
3. "Her Life, Her Letters: A Reading of Chopin and Tagore," Kaberi Chatterjee, Scottish Church College

Audio-Visual Equipment required: Projector for virtual presentation

Session 10-B Sonnets, Sentence Sounds, and Quantum Poetics

Organized by the Robert Frost Society

Chair: Daniel W. Toomey, Landmark College

1. "The Sonnets of *A Boy's Will*," Eleanor Wakefield, University of Oregon
2. "The Road Not Taken': A Sentence Sound Analysis," Gavin Smith, Western Sydney University
3. "Quantum Poetics," Gi Taek Ryoo, Chungbuk National University

Audio-Visual Equipment Required: Projector for PowerPoint, DVD, and Zoom presentations (Gavin Smith will be presenting remotely from Australia)

Session 10-C Hawthorne and Fatherhood

Organized by the Nathaniel Hawthorne Society

Chair: Charles Baraw, Southern Connecticut State University

1. "Divided Paternity: The Scarlet Letter's Unstable American Father," Muhammad Imran, University of Sahiwal
2. "The Sacred Father De-gendered: Chillingworth in *The Scarlet Letter*," Eitetsu Sasaki, Momoyama Gakuin University [Virtual Presentation]
3. "The Death of the Father and the Death of Romance in Hawthorne," Ariel Silver, Columbus Ohio Institute of Religion

Audio-Visual Equipment required: Projector requested, please

Session 10-D Post-45 State of the Field

Organized by the Postwar Area Literature Group

Chair: Florian Gargallo, Austin Peay State University

1. "The More Things Change': Internment Narratives and the Long Twentieth-Century" Nicole Dib, Southern Utah University
2. "The Novel and Now: Telling Stories in the Anthropocene," Jennifer Gutman, Vanderbilt University
3. "Postwar Studies' Identity Crisis at the ALA and Beyond," Jacqueline Foertsch, University of North Texas

Session 10-E Business Meeting: the Elizabeth Oakes Smith Society

Session 10-F

**Friday, July 9, 2021
5:00 – 6:20 pm**

Session 11-A

Session 11-B

Session 11-C

Session 11-D

Session 11-E Business Meeting: The Kate Chopin International Society

Session 11-F Business Meeting: Postwar Area Literature Group

Session 11-G Business Meeting: Nathaniel Hawthorne Society

Saturday July 10, 2021
8:30 – 9:50 am

Session 12-A Thoreau in the Anthropocene

Organized by the Thoreau Society

Chair: John J. Kucich, Bridgewater State University

1. "Biophony in the Anthropocene: Changes to the Avian Soundscape Since Thoreau's Time at Walden Pond." Rebecca Durham, University of Montana
2. "Inevitable Contamination and Productive Complicity: Thoreau's Impure Ethics for the Anthropocene." Andrew Bishop, Ohio State University
3. "Thoreau on Neighboring Animals in a Post Wild World." Kristian Cantens, Texas A&M University
4. "The Foulest Water Will Bubble Purely": Thoreau's Embodied Attention and Unsettling the Built Environment," Helen Yang, Yale University

Audio-Visual Equipment Required: Projector and internet

Session 12-B Self & Identity

Chair:

1. "Simon J. Ortiz and the Power of Recognition," Carolyn Kuchera, University of New Mexico, Gallup
2. "Clear as a Bell(e): Losing the Lost Cause and Finding a Feminist," Amy Pardo, The University of Alabama
3. "'all alone with four Indian men to look after me': American Women Writing (Themselves) in India," Shealeen A. Meaney, Russell Sage College

Session 12-C Changing Perspectives: Adjusting American Literature Lenses

Chair: Gabriela Almendarez, University of California, Riverside

1. "Veterans 'Coming Home': The 'Uncanny' and Focalization in *Love Medicine*," Mattie Norman, Loyola Marymount University
2. "The 'Unmitigated Blackness' of Nonrepresentational Aesthetics: Racial Illegibility in Paul Beatty's *The Sellout*," John Brooks, Boston College
3. "Children of the Land: Immigrant Perspectives as Counternarratives," Ronnie K. Stephens, Tarrant County College
4. "Uncle Remus's Red Velvet Hat: Reading Joel Chandler Harris's *Uncle Remus* as an Alternative History," Robyn Johnson, University of California Riverside

Audio Visual: Projector

Session 12-D *A Small Boy and Others*: Henry James and the Child

Organized by the Henry James Society

Chair: Beverly Haviland, Brown University

1. "The Unborn, the Unlived, and the Unwritten: Henry James's Creative Encounter with Luigi Gualdo's *The Child*," Rachel Bryan, All Souls College, University of Oxford, UK
2. "The Intersectional Boy: *Turn of the Screw*, The Innocents, Gothic Juvenility and Power Differentials," Garrett C. Jeter, Georgia Military College, Warner Robins
3. "A Small Girl and No Others: Maisie's Singular Childhood," Julie Rivkin, Connecticut College

Audio-Visual Equipment Required: Yes

Session 12-E Thornton Wilder: New Approaches at Home and Reception Abroad

Organized by the Thornton Wilder Society

Chair: Park Bucker, University of South Carolina Sumter.

1. "The Uncoupling of Humanity aboard 'Pullman Car Hiawatha'," Troy Coleman, University of Colorado Boulder.
2. "The Story How Wilder 'Spoke' in Georgian," Nino Gambashidze, Guivi Zaldastanishvili American Academy in Tbilisi.
3. "Voicing the Voiceless: Marginalized Communities in Wilder's 'Pullman Car Hiawatha'," Heather Kelley, University of Colorado Boulder.
4. "The Antrobus Family and Climate Change," Ben Stasny, University of Colorado Boulder.

Audio-Visual Equipment required: None

Session 12-F Two Gileads in Contemporary Fiction: Margaret Atwood and Marilynne Robinson

Organized by the American Religion and Literature Society and the Marilynne Robinson Society

Chair: Ray Horton, Murray State University

1. "Political Religion and Puritanism Reinterpreted in Marilynne Robinson's and Margaret Atwood's Gileads," Liz Duke, Southern Methodist University
2. "'Better never means better for everyone': Religion and Social Justice in Teaching *Gilead* and *The Handmaid's Tale*," Kathryn Ludwig, Ball State University
3. "Calvin in Gilead: Culture Making, Apocalypse and Robinson's and Atwood's Fictional Worlds," Caleb Spencer, Azusa Pacific University

Respondent: Christopher Douglas, University of Victoria

Audio-Visual equipment required: none

Session 12-G

Saturday July 10, 2021
10:00 – 11:20 am

Session 13-A Art or Theology?: the Past and Future of Reading Flannery O'Connor

Organized by the Flannery O'Connor Society

Chair: Robert Donahoo, Sam Houston State University

1. "When Sunday Never Comes: Abandoning Anagoge in Flannery O'Connor's Death Scenes," Jason Anthony Walker, University of Texas at Dallas
2. "Why Do the Heathen Read (Flannery O'Connor)?: Attachment, the Ironic Sublime, and an Agnostic's Relation to 'Revelation,'" Bruce Henderson, Ithaca College
3. "O'Connor as an Artist of Interest to Theologians," Marshall Bruce Gentry, Georgia College

Audio-Visual Equipment required: Powerpoint capability

Session 13-B American Literary Biography

Organizer and Chair: Richard Kopley, Penn State DuBois

1. "The Why and How of Literary Biography: Some Reflections," Megan Marshall, Emerson College
2. "A Century of Reform: Writing the Long Life of Thomas Wentworth Higginson," Sandra Harbert Petrulionis, Penn State Altoona
3. "Writing the Whitman Biography," Jerome Loving, Texas A&M University

Audio-Visual Equipment required: None

Session 13-C Interdisciplinary Approaches to David Foster Wallace I

Organized by the International David Foster Wallace Society

Chair: Daniel Leonard, Boston University

1. "'Bursts of Voguish Linguistic Methane': Analyzing Solecisms with David Foster Wallace," Michael R. Fisher, Rowan University
2. "'It's all optional; do it or die': David Foster Wallace, Gregory Bateson, and the vicious logic of the double bind," Peter Schneider, University of Vienna (Austria)
3. "David Foster Wallace and Meritocratic Anxiety," E. Thomas Finan, Boston University
4. "Wallace and the 'Math Melodrama': A Critical Examination of Wallace's Relationship with Math," Ben Zimmerman, Brown University

Audio-Visual Equipment required: Projector and laptop connection

Session 13-D Illness, Society and the Self

Organized by the Henry James Society

Moderator: Victoria Coulson, University of York

1. ““Loose Screws and Loose Ends: Psychosis in *The Turn of the Screw*,” Beverly Haviland, Brown University
2. ““It has been contagious’: Succumbing to Dickensian Germs in Henry James’s ‘Maud-Evelyn,’” Rachel Bryan, All Souls College, University of Oxford, UK
3. “How Queer Was Young William James?,” Korey Garibaldi, University of Notre Dame
4. “Milly Theale’s Hospice,” Shari Goldberg, Franklin & Marshall College
5. “Teaching *Daisy Miller* in Pandemic Times,” Sarah Wadsworth, Marquette University

Audio-Visual Equipment Required: Yes

Session 13-E Round Table: The Letters of Ralph Ellison

Organized by the Ralph Ellison Society

Moderator: Marc Conner, Skidmore College

1. Allen McFarlane, New York University
2. Emerson Zora Hamsa, Rice University
3. John Callahan, Lewis and Clark College, Emeritus
4. Brandy Underwood, UCLA
5. Robert Butler, Canisius College
6. Adam Bradley, University of Colorado at Boulder

Audio-Visual Equipment required: None

Saturday, July 10, 2021
11:30 am – 12:50 pm

Session 14-A Religion and Utopia in American Literature: Post-1900

Organized by the American Religion and Literature Society

Chair: Kathryn Ludwig, Ball State University

1. “Islamic Secularism in G. Willow Wilson’s *Alif the Unseen*,” Dave Morris, University of Illinois
2. “Utopia or Apocalypse in Frank Peretti’s *This Present Darkness*,” Christopher Douglas, University of Victoria
3. “Puritans, Parabolas, and the End of History: Pynchon’s Parodic Utopia in *Gravity’s Rainbow*,” Eric Blix, University of Utah

Audio-Visual Equipment required: Projector for laptop

Session 14-B Animals in the Classics II: How Natural History Inspired Great American Fiction

Organizer and Chair: John Gruesser, Sam Houston State University (201-250-0376)

- 1 "Faulkner's Animals: Testing the Human," Deborah Clarke, Arizona State University
- 2 "Mad Dogs and Maycomb: *Mockingbird's* Call for an Indefinite South," Robert Donahoo, Sam Houston State University
- 3 "Learning to Think Like an Animal: Pragmatic Abduction in Jack London's *The Call of the Wild*," Anthony Reynolds, New York University
- 4 "Whales, Mother Carey's Chickens, and a Heart Stricken Moose in Herman Melville's *Moby-Dick*," Brian Yothers, University of Texas at El Paso

Audio-Visual Equipment required: A projector compatible with both MAC and PC laptops

Session 14-C Interdisciplinary Approaches to David Foster Wallace II

Organized by the International David Foster Wallace Society

Chair: E. Thomas Finan, Boston University

1. "Fiction's about what it means to be a fucking *human being*': Sincerity, Sexuality, and David Foster Wallace's *The Broom of the System*," Zachary Laminack, The University of North Carolina at Pembroke
2. "The Inner Infant: Child Figures and Object Relations in *Infinite Jest*," Daniel Leonard, Boston University
3. "No Strings Attached: Infinite Superability in David Foster Wallace's Tennis Essays," Michelle Rabe, University of Texas at Austin
4. "David Foster Wallace and the Traditional American Family™," Oliver J. Hancock, University of Liverpool

Audio-Visual Equipment required: Projector and laptop connection

Session 14-D Contemporary Perspectives

Chair:

1. "And although pratfalls can be fun/encores can be fatal': Dave Eggers's *The Captain and the Glory* and American satire," Ryan E. Pine, Warner Pacific University
2. "Post-apocalyptic America and the new world order in Omar El Akkad's *American War*," Sonia Farid, Cairo University, Egypt

No AV Requested

Session 14-E *The Spy*, Bicentennial: James Fenimore Cooper, The American Author

Organized by the James Fenimore Cooper Society

Chair: Lance Schachterle, Worcester Polytechnic Institute

- 1 "Cooper's *The Spy*: The Sublime American Apocalypse," Ian Pittman, University of Southern Mississippi
- 2 "There's no profit in being an Honorable Spy: Cooper's *The Spy* and the Economics of Espionage in Spy Fiction," Luis A. Iglesias, University of Southern Mississippi
- 3 "*The Spy* and James Fenimore Cooper's Revolutionary Life," Bradley A. Lenz, Independent Scholar
- 4 "James Fenimore Cooper and the Masquerade of Neutral Ground," Barbara Rumbinas, Independent Scholar

Audio-Visual Equipment Required: None

Session 14-F Literature and the Land

Chair:

1. "Anti-Slavery Literature and Environmental Damage," Michael Evans, The Catholic University of America
2. "Haunted by Ghosts of the Plantationocene: Nonhuman Specters and Extinction in Henry Clay Lewis's 'Valerian and the Panther,'" Anna Bills, Louisiana State University
3. "A Postcolonial Eco-critical Study in *A Small Place* by Jamaica Kincaid," Uzma Imtiaz, Fatima Jinnah Women University, Rawalpindi, Pakistan

No AV Requested

Session 14-G Business Meeting: Flannery O'Connor Society

Session 14-H Business Meeting: Society for the Study of American Travel Writing

**Saturday, July 10, 2021
Lunch Break
12:50 - 2:00 pm**

Saturday, July 10, 2021
2:00 – 3:20 pm

**Session 15-A Narrating History, Home, and Dyaspora: Critical Essays on Edwidge Danticat
Organized by the Edwidge Danticat Society**

Moderator: Maia L. Butler, University of Wilmington North Carolina

Moderator: Megan Feifer, Medaille College

Moderator: Joanna C. Davis-McElligatt, University of North Texas

1. "From Her 'Little Middle Place': Edwidge Danticat's Diasporic Identity and Poetics," Maria Rice Bellamy, College of Staten Island of the City University of New York
2. "Black Butterflies: Survival, Transformation, and the Invention in Edwidge Danticat's Fiction and Nonfiction," Marion Rohrleitner, The University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP)
3. "*Lòt bò dlo* and the Spatial Relations of *Dyaspora*," Gwen Bergner, West Virginia University
4. "Reading Edwidge Danticat's Essays in Light of Her Fiction: Diaspora, Ethics, and Aesthetics," Thomás Rothe, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile/Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez
5. "Reading Edwidge Danticat's Essays in Light of Her Fiction: Diaspora, Ethics, and Aesthetics," Lucía Stecher, Universidad de Chile
6. "Intertextually Weaving a Home-Place: Viewing the Past as Present in *Breath, Eyes, Memory and Untwine*," Tammie Jenkins, Independent Scholar
7. "Edwidge Danticat: The Ethics of Disobedient Writing," Isabel Caldeira, University of Coimbra, Portugal

Audio Visual Requirement: Zoom

Session 15-B History in/and Multi-Ethnic Literature

Organized by the MELUS Society

Chair: Martha J. Cutter, University of Connecticut

1. "Beyond the Ghetto: Jewish Women's Writing and Ethnic Literary Studies," Lori Harrison-Kahan, Boston College
2. "Contested Post-Memories in Vietnam War Comics," Jorge Santos, College of the Holy Cross
3. "The Art of Double Fugue in Rabih Alameddine's *The Angel of History*," Mazen Naous, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
4. "Revising Medical Histories in Toni Morrison's *Home*," Martha J. Cutter, University of Connecticut, Storrs

Audio-Visual Equipment Required: Hook up for power point

Session 15-C Keywords in the Study of Religion and American Literature – A Roundtable Discussion

Organized by the American Religion and Literature Society

Moderator: Ryan Siemers, Southern Utah University

1. "Postsecularity," William Gonch, University of Maryland, College Park
2. "Vocation," Ashley Barnes, University of Texas, Dallas
3. "Irony," M. Cooper Harriss, Indiana University
4. "Belief," Vincent Pecora, University of Utah
5. "Secular Faith," Ray Horton, Murray State University
6. "Sin," Leslie E. Wingard, College of Wooster

Audio-Visual equipment required: standard presentation AV equipment

Session 15-D Women in the Nineteenth Century—Traveling, Writing, Speaking

Organized by the Margaret Fuller Society

Chair: Leslie Eckel, Suffolk University

1. "'More Radical, Than Ever': Fuller's Voyage to Italy and the Transformative Experience of Love," Alice de Galzain, University of Edinburgh
2. "'The shortest way of learning': Knowledge, Class, and Audience in Maria Graham's *Journal of a Residence in Chile During the Year 1822*," Patricia Frick, Otterbein University
3. "'Abilities and Disabilities': Visions of Mission in Rebecca Cox Jackson's and Caroline Crane Marsh's Writings," Etta Madden, Missouri State University

Audio-Visual Equipment Required: projector and screen for Powerpoints

Session 15-E Mystery and Memory

Chair:

1. "Endless Revolution in 'Peter Rugg,'" Matthew Redmond, Stanford University
2. "Louise Erdrich's Justice Trilogy and a Great Plains Gothic," Aaron LaDuke, Northwestern University
3. "Sensory Memory: Washington Irving's Affective Historiography," Michiko Amemiya, The University of Utah

No AV Requested

Session 15-F

Saturday, July 10, 2021
3:30 – 4:50 pm

Session 16-A Bedford Avenue and Beyond: The Conceptual Landscape of August Wilson

Organized by the August Wilson Society

Chair: J. Ken Stuckey, Bentley University

1. “‘Dark Was the Night and Cold Was the Ground’: August Wilson’s Twentieth Century Slave Narrative,” William M. Purcell, Seattle Pacific University
2. “Revisiting the Second B, Beyond ‘Those Wonderful Gaucho Stories’: August Wilson, Jorge Luis Borges, and Aunt Ester,” Paul Devlin, United States Merchant Marine Academy
3. “The Liminal Epistemology of Apocalyptic Disability in August Wilson’s *Joe Turner’s Come and Gone* and *Fences*,” Majda Atieh, Fulbright Association

Audio-Visual Equipment required: AV support for one virtual presenter

Session 16-B Literatures of Displacement

Organized by the Circle for Asian American Literary Studies (CAALS)

Chair: Nina Ha, Virginia Tech

1. “Approaching Exile? The Future of Refugee Aesthetics,” Timothy K. August, Stony Brook University
2. “The Court of Public Opinion: Second Person Narration in *The Sweetest Fruits*,” Rei Magosaki, Chapman University
3. “‘Yes, yes’ and ‘No-no’: Styles of Displacement and Loyalty in ‘Seventeen Syllables’ and *No-No Boy*,” Rowshan Chowdhury, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Audio-Visual Equipment required: projector and screen

Session 16-C “Behold, I am doing a new thing”: Form and Ritual in Modern Literature

Organized by the Jonathan Bayliss Society

Chair: Stephen Farrell, Jonathan Bayliss Society

1. “Form and Scale in Olson’s Short Poems,” Andrew David King, University of California, Davis
2. “Olson’s Address,” Joseph E. Fritsch, Emory University
3. “The Story of a New Fiction: Formal Innovation in *Prologos* by Jonathan Bayliss,” Stephen Farrell, Jonathan Bayliss Society
4. “Not Now / And Now,” Gertrude Stein, T. S. Eliot, and the Litany as Imaginative Ritual,” Annarose F. Steinke, University of Nebraska-Kearney
5. “Collapsing Modern Estrangement: ‘Process’ in Olson & Whitehead,” Timothy J. Cook, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Audio-Visual Equipment required: Yes

Session 16-D Teaching and Practicing Feminism(s) in 2021

Organized by the Margaret Fuller Society

Chair: Jana Argersinger, Independent scholar

1. "Feminist Genealogies, Feminist Pedagogies: How Fuller Teaches Us to Imagine Public Humanities in 2021," Mollie Barnes, University of South Carolina–Beaufort
2. "Fourth Wave Feminism and Fuller's 'The Great Lawsuit,'" Amy Branam Armiento, Frostburg State University
3. "Silent Blight, Deadly Night: A Perfect Storm of Abuse, Neglect, and Accusation in the Works of Susan Glaspell," Victoria Neff, Independent Scholar–Beaufort, SC
4. "Teaching Margaret Fuller's Feminist Archive," Jess Libow, Emory University

Audio-Visual Equipment Required: projector and screen for Powerpoints

Session 16-E James Fenimore Cooper on Society and War

Organized by the James Fenimore Cooper Society

Chair: Luis A. Iglesias, University of Southern Mississippi

- 1 "The Demon Firewater: The Drunken Indian and Native American Identity in James Fenimore Cooper's *Leather-stocking Tales* and William Apess's *A Son of the Forest*," Christopher Allan Black, Auburn University
- 2 "The dark and tangled pathway": Navigating Space in *The Last of the Mohicans*," Sheila Byers, Columbia University
- 3 "*Lionel Lincoln*, or Lechmere's Revenge," Barbara Alice Mann, The University of Toledo
- 4 "Textual Ghosts: Interracial Desire in James Fenimore Cooper's *The Last of the Mohicans*," Daisy Morales Trejo, University of Iowa

Audio-Visual Equipment Required: None

Session 16-F Business Meeting: American Religion and Literature Society

Session 16-G Business Meeting: Edwidge Danticat Society

**Saturday, May 25, 2019
5:00 – 6:20 pm**

Session 17-A

Session 17-B

Session 17-C

Session 17-D

Session 17-E Business Meeting: James Fenimore Cooper Society

Session 17-F Business Meeting: Margaret Fuller Society

Pre-Recorded Sessions

In response to the challenges and continuing uncertainty facing all scholars during the COVID-19 pandemic, the ALA offered member societies the option of pre-recording their sessions for ALA 2021. The link to these sessions is forthcoming as part of the conference program. The sessions are listed below:

African American Literature and Culture Society

Kintu, Muntu, Nommo: Directions in African American Literary Studies

Chair: Aldon Lynn Nielsen, Penn State University

1. "Healing in Community: Toni Cade Bambara's Literary Legacy of Health Activism," Belinda Waller-Peterson, Moravian College
2. "Performing Nommo: Tom Dent, New Orleans, and the Blues Ethos," Jean-Philippe Marcoux, Université Laval
3. "Undisputed Dignity: Recovering Anna Julia Cooper's Poetry and Her Reimagination of Black Cultural History," Sabrina Lapearl Evans, Penn State University

Virtual panel

The Arthur Miller Society
New Perspectives on Arthur Miller Studies

Chair: David Palmer, Massachusetts Maritime Academy

1. "Imperialism, Italian Identity, and Otherness in *A View from the Bridge*," Olfa Gandouz, University of Monastir, Tunisia
2. "A View from the Pod: Launching the Arthur Miller Society Podcast," Ciarán Leinster, Dublin, Ireland, and Ambika Singh, Jaipur, India: Arthur Miller Society Podcast
3. "Arthur Miller's Bedtime Stories," Stephen Marino, St. Francis College, Brooklyn, NY

Audio Visual Equipment Required: None. This session will be pre-recorded on Zoom during the first two weeks of June.

Association for the Study of Literature and the Environment (ASLE)
Extinction in American Literature, Art, and Culture

Chair: Helena Feder, East Carolina University

1. "Inhabiting Extinction in American Climate Fiction," Sarah McFarland, Northwestern State University
2. "Close(ly) reading auk extinction with Walton Ford," Nicole Merola, Rhode Island School of Design
3. "Indigenous Nations' Treaties with Animals and Latour's 'Parliament of Things,'" Timothy Sweet, West Virginia University
4. "Extinction and Slow Art," Helena Feder, East Carolina University

The American Religion and Literature Society
Religion and Utopia in American Literature: Pre-1900

Chair: Caleb Spencer, Azusa Pacific University

1. "Phillis Wheatley and Religious Liberty," John C. Havard, Auburn University at Montgomery
2. "Paradise Pre-Gained: Heavenly Voices and Visions in the *Memoir of Old Elizabeth, a Coloured Woman*," Andrea Frankwitz, Gordon College
3. "Refined Humanity and Re-enchantment of the Human: Phillis Wheatley's Model of Progressive Refinement," Rowshan Chowdhury, University of Massachusetts Amherst
4. "'Where Changes Do Not Come': The Anchoring Influence of Heaven in Susan Warner's *The Wide, Wide World*," Michelle Dostal, Oklahoma State University

Prerecorded Panel

The Charles Olson Society
Outside the Western Box—Olson in Search of the Primary I

Chair: Joshua Hoeynck, Case Western Reserve University

1. "The Informing Body: from Archeology to Physiology to Poetics; Olson's *Lectures on the New Sciences of Man*," Jeff Gardiner, Independent Scholar
2. "Losing it at the Library: John Wieners, Samuel Noah-Kramer, and the Archaic Sought," Michael Seth Stewart, University of Alabama
3. "Passages: Olson, Norse Myths, and Runic Script," Luke Franklin, University of King's College

The Charles Olson Society
Outside the Western Box—Olson in Search of the Primary II

Chair: Joshua Hoeynck, Case Western Reserve University

1. "Brooks Adams and Charles Olson," Joe Safdie, Poet and Independent Scholar
2. "That Which Does Not Possess Grammar Until It Does," J. Peter Moore, Purdue University
3. "Ta'wil: Olson's Hermeneutics of the World," Jeff Davis, Poet & Independent Scholar

The Charlotte Perkins Gilman Society
Domesticity, Mental Illness, and Trauma: Reconsidering Charlotte Perkins Gilman's "The Yellow Wallpaper"

Chair: Hannah Huber, University of the South

1. "Madness, Mayhem, and Mental Illness: A Search for Meaning in the Life and Works of Charlotte Perkins Gilman," Jana Rivers-Norton, Colorado Technical University
2. "The Legacy of Gilman's Wallpaper in *Giovanni's Room* and 'A Temporary Matter,'" Ruth Maxey, University of Nottingham
3. "Hierarchy and Hysteria: Analyzing Gender Roles and Mental Illness in 'The Yellow Wallpaper,'" Morgan Bonanno, William Paterson University
4. Organized by the Charlotte Perkins Gilman Society

The Charlotte Perkins Gilman Society
New Readings of Charlotte Perkins Gilman's *Herland*

Chair: Jana Rivers-Norton, Colorado Technical University

1. "Mastering Scientific Management: Collective Rest and Social Energy in Charlotte Perkins Gilman's *Moving the Mountain* and *Herland*," Hannah Huber, University of the South
2. "Compassionate Control: The Sentimental and Economic Roots of *Herland*," Justin Chandler, Miami University
3. "The Dilemma of Bioethics in Charlotte Perkins Gilman's *Herland*," Kerri Slatius, Keiser University
4. "Futurity without Desire: *Herland* and Queering Darwinian Narratives," Stephanie Vastine, University of North Texas

The Cinema Television Literature Association
Film and Literary Texts

Chair: Christine Danelski, California State University, Los Angeles

1. "Fearing for the Future: Loss of Children in *The Mist* and *The Host*," Jung Ju Shin, University of Warwick.
2. "From Page to Stage and Screen: Okwui Okpokwasili's *Bronx Gothic* and the Revision of Toni Morrison's *The Bluest Eye*," Caroline A. Brown, University of Montreal
3. "What is Long Form Television? An Answer to Jason Mittell," William Bartley, University of Saskatchewan.

The Emily Dickinson International Society
Angelac0kasianDickinson and Greenness:

Chair: Renée Bergland, Simmons University

1. "'This Whole Experiment of Green': Teaching Emily Dickinson in the Anthropocene--now more than ever for the class of 2025", Barbara Mossberg, University of Oregon
2. "Text & Context, Absence & Encounter: Reading & Writing In Vicinities Of", Gillian Osborne, Poetry in America / Bard College
3. "'Had Nature an Apostate': Emily Dickinson, Scale, and Fungal Companionship", Karen Leona Anderson, St. Mary's College of Maryland
4. "Emily Dickinson's Sphere of Green", Renée Bergland, Simmons University
5. "Ecogothic Dickinson": Li-hsin Hsu, National Chengchi University

The Emily Dickinson International Society

Dickinson in Her and Our Time:

Chair: Li-hsin Hsu, National Chengchi University

1. “‘Much Madness is divinest Sense’: Exploring Kantian Transcendentality through the Dickinsonian Mind”, Mousumi G. Banerjee, The English and Foreign Languages University
2. “‘This Smart Misery’: Emily Dickinson and Spiritual Intellectualism”, Amy L. Crawford, the University of Central Florida
3. “‘Robbed Time: Emily Dickinson, Rhythm, and Rubato’”: Gerard Holmes, University of Maryland (US)
4. “‘Hope’ is the thing with feathers” as Twitter Ritual”, Micah Bateman, The University of Iowa
5. “Dickinson’s Transnational Landscapes”, Christa Holm Vogelius, University of Copenhagen

The Research Society of American Periodicals

Digital Research and Pedagogies Symposium

Chair: Tara Penry, Boise State University

Panelists:

Sherita L. Johnson, The University of Southern Mississippi
Ayendy Bonifacio, The University of Toledo
Joey S. Kim, The University of Toledo
Kelley Kreitz, Pace University
Mark J. Noonan, New York City College of Technology – CUNY

The Edith Wharton Society

Reading Edith Wharton at Times of Crisis: Precarity, Vulnerability, and Risk in Her Late Fiction

Chair: Sheila Liming, Champlain College

1. “Interpreting Architecture as a Site of Precarity in Edith Wharton’s *Hudson River Bracketed*,” Mindy Buchanan-King, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
2. “Literary Tradition and Its Precarity in Edith Wharton’s *Hudson River Bracketed* and *The Gods Arrive*,” Chunfang Yi, Northwestern Polytechnical University, China
3. “Edith Wharton and White Male Outsiderism,” Arielle Zibrak, University of Wyoming
4. “Marriage and Parenthood between ‘Age of Innocence’ and ‘Jazz Age’: The Plight of the Vulnerable in Wharton’s Novels of ‘Old’ and ‘New’ New York,” Maria-Novella Mercuri, University College London, UK

The Eudora Welty Society
Eudora Welty and the Body

Chair: Annette Trefzer, University of Mississippi

1. "Eudora Welty, Performativity, and the Speaking Body," Stephen Fuller, Middle Georgia State University
2. "Welty: Southern Elegy," Alex Werrell, Hopkins School
3. "Inside Out: The Dead Girl in Eudora Welty's 'Clytie,'" Sarah Ford, Baylor University

The Eugene O'Neill Society
Covid, Regional Theater, and the Future: A Round-Table Discussion

Moderator: Alexander Pettit, University of North Texas and *The Eugene O'Neill Review*

Session Description: The Covid pandemic brought significant challenges to live theatre. Directors and actors from five regional theaters discuss what these challenges were, how they were met, what lessons were learned, and how this experience may influence how they run their theater companies in the future.

Eric Tucker & Annabel Capper: Bedlam Theatre Company, New York, NY

Geoff Elliot & Julia Rodriguez-Elliot: A Noise Within, Pasadena, CA

Eric Fraisher Hayes & Will Long: Eugene O'Neill Foundation, Tao House, Danville, CA

Ciarán O'Reilly: The Irish Repertory Theatre, New York, NY

Alex Roe: Metropolitan Playhouse, New York, NY

The Ernest Hemingway Society
Hemingway's *Islands in the Stream* at 50: A Reconsideration

Chair: Mark Cirino, University of Evansville

1. "*Islands in the Stream*, Year One: Hemingway in the Nixon Era," Kirk Curnutt, Troy University
2. "Tom's Paris Years: The Function of Backstory in *Islands in the Stream*," Carl P. Eby, Appalachian State University
3. "'But this is a good place now': The Moral Coding of Space and Place in Hemingway's *Islands in the Stream*," Kayla Forrest, The University of North Carolina at Greensboro
4. "Violence in *Islands in the Stream*," Suzanne del Gizzo, Chestnut Hill College
5. "'Eight Times as Deep as it Looks:' Thinking Along with Thomas Hudson," Mark Cirino, University of Evansville

Organized by the Haiku Society of America
American Haiku

1. "Lorine Niedecker's Exchange for Haiku," Michael Dylan Welch, Independent Scholar
2. "The Passing of a Haiku Giant: A Tribute to Anita Virgil," Jay Friedenber, Manhattan College
3. "American Haiku in the New Millennium," Ce Rosenow, Lane Community College
4. "Sedgewick, Vuong, and Beyond: How Contemporary American Poetry is Experimenting with Haibun," Aubrie Cox Warner, University of Louisville

The Jim Harrison Society
Responding to the Poetry of Jim Harrison: Texts and Voices

Chair: Richard Wallach, Independent Scholar.

1. "Spatialized Imagery and Storied Place-Events in *The Theory and Practice of Rivers*," Scott Hendry, University of Oklahoma.
2. "Birds Again: Jim Harrison and the Poetry of Sound," Stephen Spencer, Independent Scholar, American Actor, MFA, SAG-AFTRA, AEA.
3. "Turning Takahashi: Shinkichi Takahashi, Lucien Stryk, and the Zen in the Poems of Jim Harrison," Christopher "CW" Johnson, University of Minnesota Duluth.

The Kay Boyle Society
Kay Boyle's Lives

Chair: Sandra Spanier, Pennsylvania State University

1. "The Writer and the Baron: How Joseph Franckenstein Shaped the Life and Work of Kay Boyle," Anne Boyd Rioux, University of New Orleans
2. "Kay Boyle: Our Last Days Together," Ian von Franckenstein, Independent Scholar
3. "Why it Matters that Kay Boyle's Irises are Blooming in My Garden: The Challenge of Writing Truthful Fiction," Carol Piasente, Independent Scholar
4. "Kay Boyle's Correspondence with James Laughlin," Krista Quesenberry, Albion College

The Kay Boyle Society

Vulnerable Bodies in Works by Kay Boyle, Mina Loy and Djuna Barnes

Chair: Anne Boyd Rioux, University of New Orleans

1. "Thinking and Feeling Vulnerably through the Baroque Tropes of Mina Loy and Djuna Barnes," Stamatina Dimakopoulou, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens
2. "Dancing and Slumping': Transfigured Bodies in Loy, Barnes, and Boyle," Anne Reynes-Delobel, Aix-Marseille Université
3. "Representations of Male Vulnerable Bodies in Works by Kay Boyle and Djuna Barnes," Amy Wells, Université de Caen Normandie
4. "Irreparable Dummies': Vulnerable Bodies in Mina Loy's Late Works," Yasna Bozhkova, Université Sorbonne Nouvelle

The Kurt Vonnegut Society

Vonnegut and Religion Panel

Chair: Nicole Lowman, University at Buffalo

1. "Vonnegut, Apathetic Christianity, and Christian Humanism," Megan Kehoe, Liberty University
2. "Cat's Cradle: The Sin of Science and Systems," Ben Berman Ghan, independent scholar
3. "Shogonai!: Vonnegut's Buddhist and Shinto Imaginary," Camilo Omaña Villanueva, Murray State University

The Kurt Vonnegut Society

Vonnegut Roundtable

Chair: Tom Hertweck, University of Massachusetts Dartmouth

1. "Why Am I Alive in Slaughterhouse-Five?" Chi Angie Tsai, National Taiwan Normal University
2. "Forgetting Red Power: Slaughterhouse-Five, Indigenous Protest, and Vonnegut's Critique of Settler Colonialism," Zachary Laminack, University of North Carolina at Pembroke
3. "Rumfoord's Revenge," Celena R. Orion, Northern Arizona University
4. "In the Slaughterhouse: Pairing Night and Slaughterhouse-Five," Brian Hartt, North Bergen High School
5. "Thinking Race with Vonnegut," Nicole Lowman, University at Buffalo
6. "Vonnegut and Dresden Historiography: the Strange Case of David Irving," Susan Farrell, College of Charleston

The Langston Hughes Society

Crisis, Catastrophe, and Contagion in the Works of Langston Hughes and His Contemporaries

Chair: Christopher Allen Varlack, Arcadia University

1. "Diasporic Disaffection in McKay's *Home to Harlem*," Cole Morgan, University of California, Irvine
2. "'Watch This Play for [a] Misery [that Still Exists]': Racial Terror as Crisis in Langston Hughes' *Scottsboro, Limited*," Christopher Allen Varlack, Arcadia University
3. "'White Shadows in a Black Land': Crises of Racial Capitalism in Langston Hughes's Retrospective Writing on Haiti," Anthony James Obst, Freie Universität Berlin
4. "'Never Will Be a Whole Anywhere': Diasporic Disability and the Divided Self in Claude McKay's *Romance in Marseille*," Joshua M. Murray, Fayetteville State University

Latina/o Literature

The Politics, Planning and Posterity of a Latina/o/x Lecture Series: Lessons from CSULB's Annual Helena María Viramontes Lecture in Latina/o Literature

Organized by: Maythee Rojas, California State University, Long Beach

Chair: Rene H. Treviño, California State University, Long Beach

1. "Politics: Selecting an Author," Maythee Rojas, California State University at Long Beach
2. "Possibilities: Funding Sources," K.T. Shaver, California State University at Long Beach
3. "Practicum: Workshop Dos and Don'ts," Araceli Esparza, California State University at Long Beach
4. "Posterity: Maintaining the Series," Anna Sandoval, California State University at Long Beach

The Louisa May Alcott Society

Teaching Alcott: Alcott in Proximity to Other American Realists, Regionalists, Romantics

Moderator: Gregory Eiselein, Kansas State University

1. "Women in the Nineteenth Century: Revising Moods and Revisiting Margaret Fuller," John J. Kucich, Bridgewater State University
2. "Teaching Alcott and Stowe: The Literary Activism of Regional Writing," Elif Armbruster, Suffolk University
3. "The Possibilities of War and Death: Liminal Space in Alcott and Dickinson," Gaynor Blandford, Berklee College of Music
4. "Alcott's Proximate Circus: Class, Gender, and Race Under the Lilacs," David Carlyon, Independent Scholar
5. "Sentimental Realism: Little Women, The Red Badge of Courage, and Postbellum Contexts," Kristen Proehl, SUNY-The College at Brockport

The Louisa May Alcott Society

Alcott and Adaptation

Chair: Mark Gallagher, University of California, Los Angeles

1. “‘Honest Sentiment’: Little Women on Screen and the Problem of the Sentimental,” Amanda Adams, Muskingum University
2. “Redeeming Amy, Finding Abigail May: Little Women (2019) and The Youngest Sister,” Aryssa Damron, DC Public Library
3. “‘Rowdy and Nothing More’: Writing as Trouble in Greta Gerwig’s Little Women and Louisa May Alcott’s Semi-Autobiographical Sketches,” Jaclyn Carver, University of Iowa
4. “From Delight to Drama: Adapting Louisa May Alcott’s ‘An Old Fashioned Thanksgiving,’” Heidi A. Lawrence, University of Glasgow

The Melville Society

Melville's Anatomies Two Decades Later

Moderator: Brian Yothers, University of Texas at El Paso

1. John Bryant, Hofstra University
2. Wyn Kelley, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
3. Mary K. Bercaw Edwards, University of Connecticut at Avery Point
4. Robert S. Levine, University of Maryland at College Park
5. Cody Marrs, University of Georgia Respondent: Samuel Otter, University of California, Berkeley

NEH Grant Opportunities and Resources

Beauty Bragg

This will be an informational panel providing an overview of funding opportunities offered by the NEH as well as tips for preparing competitive applications. There will be particular emphasis on programs of interest to ALA’s members, such as NEH Fellowships and the Collaborative Research and Scholarly Editions and Translations programs. Participating program officers—Dr. Beauty Bragg and Dr. Russell Wyland—will submit a pre-recorded introduction to NEH programs, a primer on understanding the review process, and guidance on crafting an application. A separate video-conferencing session will provide an opportunity for addressing specific questions in a one-on-one format. Beauty Bragg can be reached by telephone at 202.606.8376

The Pauline E. Hopkins Society

Pauline Hopkins and Social Justice

Chair: John Cyril Barton, University of Missouri, Kansas City

1. "‘After Seeming Death’: Justice and the Making of Equivocal Bodies in Pauline Hopkins’s *Of One Blood*," Hubert Cook, Connecticut College
2. "‘Caste Prejudice, race pride, boundless wealth, scintillating intellects’: Pauline Hopkins’s Response to Booker T. Washington in *The Colored American* and *Of One Blood*," Kelsey Flint-Martin, University of South Carolina
3. "Sappho’s Laughter: Pauline Elizabeth Hopkins’s Satire," April C. Logan, Salisbury University

The Poe Studies Association

Poe’s Environmental Humanities

Chair: Sławomir Studniarz, University of Warmia and Mazury (Poland)

1. "The Nonhuman Agent and Aggressor in 'The Fall of the House of Usher,'" Jordan Costanza, University of Wisconsin
2. "Poe's Ourang Outang and the Ecological Ethics of the Nineteenth Century," Scott Zukowski, Mellon/ACLS Public Fellow at Library of America

Respondent: Lesley Ginsberg, University of Colorado at Colorado Springs

The Poe Studies Association

Poe in the Wireless Classroom

Chair: Cristina Pérez

1. "Wi-finding Poe for the Thumb Generation," Susan Amper, Bronx Community College
2. "'The Raven' Online: Mapping Reprints as well as Literary and Artistic Translations over the Internet," Helciclever Barros da Silva Sales, National Institute for Educational Studies and Research-Anísio Teixeira (Brazil)
3. "Editing Poe in the DH Classroom," Les Harrison, Virginia Commonwealth University
4. "Teaching Poe with Digital Resources in 2021," Lesley Ginsberg, University of Colorado at Colorado Springs

The Ralph Waldo Emerson Society
Emerson and Health

Chair: Joseph Urbas, Université Bordeaux Montaigne

1. " 'I seem to have lost a beautiful estate': Reading death, childhood, and property in Emerson's 'Experience' and 'Threnody,' " Kristina West, University of Reading
2. " 'Scene painting and counterfeit': Performing Grief in Emerson's Elegiac Writing and George Saunders's *Lincoln in the Bardo*," Georgia Walton, University of Leeds
3. "Beauty in Nature as Health for the Soul: Emerson's Poetics of Givenness," J. Edward Hackett, Southern University and A&M College
4. "Get Health: Emerson, Health, and Cultural Pathologies," Stephen Rachman, Michigan State University

The Ralph Waldo Emerson Society
Emerson Studies Now: A Roundtable Discussion

Chair: Bonnie O'Neill, Mississippi State University

1. "Editing the *Oxford Handbook of Ralph Waldo Emerson*," Christopher Hanlon Arizona State University
2. " 'A Future Worthy of the Past': Emerson's Poetic Thinking," Michael Jonik, University of Sussex
3. " 'Where Do We Find Ourselves?': Provocations for Emerson Studies Now," Prentiss Clark, University of South Dakota
4. "Reconsidering Emerson's Critique of Busybodies in an Age of Scholarly Activism," Joseph Urbas, Université Bordeaux Montaigne

Rebecca Harding Davis Society
Possibility, Toxicity, and Metaphysics in Rebecca Harding Davis's "Life in the Iron-Mills"

Chair: Aaron J. Rovin, West Virginia University

1. "Possibility and the Unfinished in Rebecca Harding Davis's 'Life in the Iron-Mills,'" Kacie Fodness, University of South Dakota
2. "The Rhetoric of Secrecy and the Epistemological Problem of Rights in Rebecca Harding Davis's 'Life in the Iron-Mills,'" Sean J Kelly, Wilkes University
3. "Toxic Ghosts in Davis's and Melville's Industrial Fiction," Lauren S. Peterson, University of California, Davis

Rebecca Harding Davis Society

Economics and Gender in Rebecca Harding Davis's Novels

Chair: Alicia Mischa Renfro, Middle Tennessee State University

1. "Mimesis and the 'Man Marriage': Protesting Marital Rape in Rebecca Harding Davis's *The Second Life*," Arielle Zibrak, University of Wyoming
2. "Spiritualism, Christianity, and Economics in *A Law Unto Herself*" Aaron J. Rovan, West Virginia University
3. "'Tigers in the Drawing Room': Futurity and Queer Motherhood in Rebecca Harding Davis's *Frances Waldeaux*," Stephanie Vastine, University of North Texas

The Reception Study Society

New Geographies of Reception

Chair: Kelsey Squire, Ohio Dominican University

1. "Metaphor as Gestalt Phenomenon," Ben Libman, Stanford University
2. "The Reception to the *Game of Thrones* Finale: The Historical Amnesia It Indicates," Stephen Paul Miller, St. John's University
3. "Native American Literary Studies and Geographies of Reading," Matthew Herman, Montana State University

The Research Society of American Periodicals

Digital Research and Pedagogies Symposium

Chair: Tara Penry, Boise State University

Panelists:

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Ayendy Bonifacio, The University of Toledo
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The Shirley Jackson Society

Shirley Jackson in 2021

Chair: Emily Banks, Emory University

1. "The Posthumous Style of Shirley Jackson," Daniel Kasper, University of Texas, Arlington
2. "Writing for Demons: Shirley Jackson's Work for Children," Eric J. Lawrence, Independent Scholar
3. "'I heard something awful...': Shirley Jackson's 'The Road through the Wall' and Chinese American Dehumanization,"
Kevin Knott, Frostburg State University
3. "[Fall]ing [Out] of Line: The Sundial's Apocalyptic Queer Futurity," Emily Banks, Emory University

The Society for the Study of Southern Literature

Trajectories in Southern Studies II

Chair: Todd Hagstette, University of South Carolina Aiken

1. "'Folk Already Think of the South as if it's Another Country': Comics and the US South,"
Matthew Teutsch, Piedmont College
2. "Southern Hyperboles," Michał Choiński, Jagiellonian University
3. "Bring What Ya' Got to the Gumbo Pot: Literature and the Multiethnic South," Amy Schmidt,
Williams Baptist University

The Society of Early Americanists

Migration and Refuge in Early America

1. "John Woolman's Stranger Quakerism," Jay David Miller, University of Notre Dame
2. "The Western 'Empire of Love' and Exclusion in Gilbert Imlay's *The Emigrants*," Molly Porter, Lehigh University
3. "Samson Occom, Black Hawk, and Indigenous American Migration," Allison Siehnel, SUNY Buffalo State

The Society of Early Americanists

Teaching Early American Environments: A Roundtable

1. "'That Which Is So Clear in the Wilderness': Reading the Environment in Early American Literature,"
Amy Oatis, University of the Ozarks
2. "Teaching Early Black Women Off and On the Page: Cultural Scripts and the Construction of
Environment," April C. Langley, University of Missouri Columbia
3. "The Eighteenth-Century iNaturalist?: Teaching Early American Science in a School for Environmental
Studies," Len von Morzé, University of Massachusetts Boston

The T. S. Eliot Society

Translations and Relations: The 21st-Century *Waste Land*

Chair: Nancy K. Gish, University of Southern Maine

1. "The Digital *Waste Land*: 2020," William Best, University of Calgary
2. "Eliot at the Border: Reimagining *The Waste Land* as a 'Translation Space,'" Susan Edmunds, Syracuse University
3. "To Translate or Not to Translate: Foreign Language Citations in *The Waste Land*," Marjorie Perloff, Stanford University

The T. S. Eliot Society

Tradition and the Individual Life: Eliot's Sources

Chair: Nancy K. Gish, University of Southern Maine

1. "'The Darkness of God:' T. S. Eliot and the Miltonic Allusions of 'East Coker III,'" Kate E. Jorgensen, University of New Hampshire
2. "Delivering the Impossible: Voice, Affect, and Intimacy in the T. S. Eliot/Emily Hale Letters," Janine Utell, Widener University
3. "His Heart on His Sleeve: Eliot, Emily Hale, and the Personal Work of Art," Frances Dickey, University of Missouri

The Wallace Stevens Society

Wallace Stevens and Performance

Chair: Hannah Simpson, University of Oxford

1. "Ideas of Order in the Theatre: Wallace Stevens' Drama and the Truth-Function of Performativity", Ian Tan, University of Warwick
2. "The Spirit's Speeches: A Spectator's Theatre of the Mind in Wallace Stevens' Poetry", Wanyu Lin, National Chengchi University
3. "A Perpetual Falling with a Perpetual Self-Recovery: Walking as Performative in the Art of Wallace Stevens", Kathryn Mudgett, Massachusetts Maritime Academy

The Western Literature Association

Stuck in Motion: Movement and Place-ment in the American West

Chair: Nicolas S. Witschi, Western Michigan University

1. "'Place' as a Storied-Event-In-Process in Tommy Orange's *There There*," Scott Hendry, University of Oklahoma
2. "Reflections on Dark Tourism and the Carceral Landscape in the American West," Jennifer Dawes, Midwestern State University
3. "Writing the Rails in Edith Eaton's West," Jennifer S. Tuttle, University of New England

The Whitman Studies Association

The *Walt Whitman Archive* at 25 Years: A Round Table Discussion

Moderator: Ed Folsom, University of Iowa

Participants:

Brett Barney, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Stephanie M. Blalock, University of Iowa

Matt Cohen, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

James O'Neil, University of Iowa

Kevin McMullen, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Kenneth M. Price, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Ashlyn Stewart, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

The Whitman Studies Association

Whitman and Women: A Round Table Discussion

Moderator: Catherine Waitinas, California Polytechnic State University

Participants:

Gregory Eiselein, Kansas State University

Karen Karbiener, New York University

Maire Mullins, Pepperdine University

Bradley Nelson, City University of New York

Kenneth M. Price, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

The Willa Cather Foundation

Willa Cather and Her Readers

Chair: Kelsey Squire, Ohio Dominican University

1. "Anthropology and 'Escapism': Willa Cather and Zora Neale Hurston," William Gonch, University of Maryland, College Park
2. "Bringing Readers to Regionalism: Willa Cather's Reworking of Alexander's Bridge into Alexandra's Plains," Matthew Hitchman, University of Washington
3. "*My Ántonia* at Six Pages a Day: The Slow Read Project," Barbara Tetenbaum, Reed College

The Willa Cather Foundation

Willa Cather and the 1920s

Chair: Kelsey Squire, Ohio Dominican University

1. "Willa Cather and the 1920s: Interactions with Indigenous Cultures in *Death Comes for the Archbishop* and *The Professor's House*," Michelle Allin, Simon Fraser University
2. "Willa Cather, Cubist Projections," Mary Dixon, Central Community College
3. "Against Eden: The Paradise of Artful Design in Willa Cather's *The Professor's House*," Nathan Dixon, University of Georgia
4. "Taylorized Time, Fordized Space and Emotive Aesthetics in 'Paul's Case,'" Miguel Ramón, University of California, Irvine