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Conference Committee

Rachana Sachdev

Silas Dent Zobal
8:30-9:45: Session I
Panel 1: SDR 1

Translations in a Global Society
Moderator: Drew Hubbell

“Native Tongue”
Lisa Lim, Susquehanna University

“Becoming Global Citizens: Literary Translations for a Global Society”
Amanda Chase, Susquehanna University

“Harry Potter: The Translation of Book into Film”
Laura Micali, Susquehanna University

“The Writer or the Typist”
Maria Bulzone, St. Joseph’s College, NY

8:30-9:45: Session
Panel 2: SDR 2-3

Gender I
Moderator: Susan Bowers

“Black Apron”
Emily Kramer, Penn State University

“My Mother and Writing”
Mara Koren, Ursinus College

“Exiled to Antarctica: The Consequence of a Male-Constructed Female Performance in Angels in America”
Quinn Gilman-Forlini, Ursinus College

“Barbies and Body Image”
Katelyn Brower, Susquehanna University

8:30-9:45: Session
Panel 3: MR 1-2

Sexuality and Visual Culture
Moderator: Silas Zobal

“Embracing the Theatrical: The Evolution of Victorian Ideals of Authenticity in Lady Audley’s Secret, ‘A Rose for Emily,’ and Buffy the Vampire Slayer”
Rachel Sterling, Mansfield University

“Fog and Fog-People: Visual Elements in Eugene O’Neill”
Julia Kelley, Ursinus College

“The Art of Sensuality: The Human Body as a Blessing through Renaissance Art, The Epic of Gilgamesh, Sappho, and Abelard and Heloise”
Lauren Geiger, Ursinus College

“The Eyes of Eckleburg are Watching You”
Rachel Ginder, Penn State Harrisburg

8:30-9:45: Session
Panel 4: MR 4-5

Technology and Culture
Moderator: Laurence Roth

“Come Closer, Digital Reading Won’t Byte…Hard: How Digital Reading Devices and the Internet are Affecting Our Minds”
Allison Brown, Susquehanna University

“Machine, All Too Human”
Mary Imgrund, Penn State University, Harrisburg

“Bullying and Technology”
Kathryn Buonantony, St. Francis University

“English Language Learners: Is Technology the Answer?”
Lauren Hendricks, Susquehanna University
10:00-11:15: Session II

Panel 5: MR 1-2
Theorizing Gender, Race and History
Moderator: Amy Winans

“Are You Experienced”
Tyler Call, Westminster College

“An Untamable Weed: Digging Past the Public Image of Edna St. Vincent Millay”
Sophie Zander, Ursinus College

“Racism Resounds: Reactions to the Penn’s Creek Massacre”
Bill Petersen, Susquehanna University

“Thomas Paine, The Age of Reason, and Today”
John Moller, Susquehanna University

Panel 6: SDR 1

Moderator: Dr. Catherine Zobal Dent

FUSE (Forum for Undergraduate Student Editors) Roundtable:

What Does It Mean to Publish?
Presenters: FUSE, Susquehanna University Chapter
All conference attendees welcome.

Panel 7: MR 4-5

Shakespeare
Moderator: Rachana Sachdev

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Erika Leonhard, Thiel College

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Mark Hickey, Ursinus College

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Leanna Yeager, Thiel College

Panel 8: SDR 2-3

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Keynote Speaker, Dr. George Landow

1:45-3:00: Session III

Panel 9: MR 1-2
Technology and Publishing
Moderator: Karla Kelsey

“Publishing a Print Zine in 2013 Suburbia”
Brian Thomas, Ursinus College

“Poems on Telecommunications”
Brooke Goldiner, Penn State University

“Self-Publishing as Self-Branding in the Twenty-First Century”
Amy Masgay, Susquehanna University

“From Mind to Stage: Playwriting and the Finished Project”
Cory Stevens, Shippensburg University

Panel 10: SDR 2-3
Theoretical Approaches to Literature
Moderator: Betsy Verhoeven

“A Feminist Reading of She”
Chelsi Wood, Mansfield University

“The Political, Faillial and Psychological ‘Waste Land’ in Rohinton Mistry’s A Fine Balance”
Rachel Dushkewich, St. Anselm College

“Our Filthy Workshop: Mary Shelley’s Frankenstein and Technological Creation”
Chris Scipioni, St. Joseph’s College

Emily Gorge, Susquehanna University

Panel 11: MR 4-5
Technology, Reason and Writing
Moderator: Glen Retief

“Technology and Conformity: Brave New World”
April Taylor, St. Francis University

“Lonesome House”
Tara Fritz, St. Francis University

“Character by Character”
Cecelia MacDonald, St. Francis University

“Alabama, Equality, and Football: How Civil Rights Speeches Integrated the Crimson Tide”
Karen Stewart, Susquehanna University

Panel 12: SDR 1
Technology and Writing
Moderator: Gary Fincke

Rose Klaiber and Dustin James, Saint Francis University

“Culture Industry”
Annie Rus, Ursinus College

“Learn that Frog to Jump: Regional Writing as a Critique of Stereotypes”
Sarah-Jane Abate, Susquehanna University

“Looking into the Abyss: Gender, Mental Illness, and Rhetoric in Slasher Films”
Lauren Nowalski, Susquehanna University
Next year’s conference will be held on Monday, March 16 2015. Susquehanna University invites undergraduate scholars and writers to participate in its eleventh annual Undergraduate Conference on Literature and Creative Writing.

The conference theme and the keynote speaker for the conference have yet to be determined.

The visiting writer will be Melissa Bank. She has published two books, the bestselling The Girls' Guide to Hunting and Fishing and The Wonder Spot, which have been translated into over thirty languages. The Los Angeles Times wrote, "Bank writes like John Cheever, but funnier." Bank has also published short stories and nonfiction in such publications as The Chicago Trune, Ploughshares, Zoetrope, Cosmopolitan, Glamour, and Seventeen, as well as been broadcast on National Public Radio and the BBC.

Please visit our conference website (http://www.susqu.edu/academics/3047.asp) for updates on the 2015 conference plans.

To be considered for the conference, submit a 300-word abstract of a scholarly paper or a 300 word summary of a work of creative writing appropriate for a 15-minute presentation by November 30, 2014. Abstract or summary should indicate connection to the conference theme. Email submissions as an MS Word attachment to english@susqu.edu. Be sure to include your name, email and the name of your school on the abstract. In the subject line of your email, please indicate:

Conference: [Title of Paper].

Deadline for Submissions: November 30, 2014.

Conference registration fee is $30 for non-SU participants.

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