14th Annual Comparative Literature and Cultural Studies Graduate Student Conference

Where are we going? Human, cultural, environmental, and technological effects of human displacement in the Anthropocene Epoch

University of New Mexico, Albuquerque
April 15-16, 2022

Keynote lecture to be delivered by: Dr. Jesse Alemán, University of New Mexico

Friday, April 15

SUB: Santa Ana A & B

1:00 – 1:30  Panelist Check-In / Registration

1:30 – 1:45  Opening remarks: Mark Smith, University of New Mexico

1:45 – 3:15  Panel 1: Political Displacement

Chair: Laura-Martin Levensailor, University of New Mexico

Entidhar Al-Rashid, University of Texas at Dallas: “The Jews in Iraq: The Trauma and Forced Migration.”

Mark Smith, University of New Mexico: “What is (not) German? Anti-Semitism, the Other and German Identity.”

Rasha Aljararwa, University of Texas at Dallas: “Displacement and the Private Space: The Impact of the Syrian Refugee Crisis on Family Dynamics.”

3:15 – 3:30  Break

3:30 – 5:00  Panel II: Necropolitics, Planitary Politics & Decoloniality

Chair: Dr. Jason Wilby, University of New Mexico

Rachael Aderoju, University of Denver: “Effects of Colonialism: The Story of Liberia and Former Slaves that Ruled it.”

Brigitte Tsobgny, Florida State University: “A form of necropolitics in Thomas Reverdy’s Les évaporés.”

Syeda Nadia Hasan, University of Texas at Dallas: “Happiness and an Enchanted Living.”
5:00 – 5:15  Break
5:15 – 6:45  Keynote Address: Dr. Jesse Alemán, University of New Mexico:
             Moderator: Laura-Martin Levensailor, University of New Mexico
7:00 – 9:00  Dinner and conversation at a local restaurant in Nob Hill

Saturday, April 16  SUB: Santa Ana A & B
8:30 – 9:00  Breakfast
9:00 – 10:30  Panel III: Gendered representations of displacement: Women experiencing
             repression and eco-anxiety
             Chair: Mallaury Gauthier, University of New Mexico
             Lea Briere, University of New Mexico: “Solastalgia in Dystopian novels
             written by women.”
             Marie Bellec, University of Pennsylvania: “The American desert in Chloé
             Zhao’s Nomadland: a contemporary representation of nomadism.”
             Shahrbanoo Hamzeh, University of Texas at Dallas: “Welcoming in the
             front door.”
10:30 – 10:40  Break
10:40 – 12:10  Panel IV: Displacement as perceived through different media
             Chair: Lea Briere, University of New Mexico
             Christian Pattavina, Amherst College: “Myopic Music: A study on using
             music and other art to control space.”
             Sofia Calicchio, Old Dominion University: “The Anthropocentric Threat:
             The Need for Sustainable Initiatives in Argentinian Cultural Ecosystems.”
             Brittney Finley, University of Colorado, Denver: “Plant-Based Fear: The
             Epic and Eco-horror.”
12:10 – 1:30  Lunch
Panel V: Native American Displacement Issues and the Ecological Aspects of Language Preservation

Chair: Mark Smith, University of New Mexico

Benjamin Jacobi, University of New Mexico: “Place-Name in an Era of Climate Catastrophe: An Ecological Argument for Language Preservation.”

Anurima Chattopadhyay, Amherst College: “How Do We Hope Again?”

Nadine Bravo, University of Southern Maine: “The Invisibility Aspect of Native American English Language Learners - Displacement, Disparity, and Depression in Reservation Dogs.”

Break

Seminar-style conference workshop with Dr. Jesse Allemán, University of New Mexico.

There will be a post-conference reception beginning at 7PM. The reception will be held at 3909 Anderson Ave. SE, ABQ, 87108.