ATTACHMENT AND AFFECT
University of Virginia Department of English Graduate Conference

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, MARCH 22-23, 2019
University of Virginia
Charlottesville, VA
PRESENTED BY THE GRADUATE ENGLISH STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
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DAY 1

Friday, March 22, 8am-5pm

8:00 AM BREAKFAST AND REGISTRATION
Bryan Hall Faculty Lounge

9:00 - 10:30 AM PANELS 1 & 2

P1. Affective Reception / Monroe Hall 110
Chair: Kelli Shermeyer
Maayan Omath (UVA), “When Shakespeare Meets the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: Avraham Oz’s Adaptation of The Merchant of Venice”
Leah Putnam (UVA), “Trauma and Media: Revisiting Early Modern Drama in the Wake of the #MeToo Movement”
Shalmi Barman (UVA), “Funny Girl: Humor and Gender in Marjorie Benton Cooke’s Bambi”

P2. Trauma and War / Monroe Hall 134
Chair: Dr. Jesse Bordwin
Jena DiMaggio (Boston University), “Emotional Rhetoric in Political Writing of Revolutionary America”
Miranda Schnakenberg (Virginia Commonwealth), “The Guns? ’Not At This Distance’’: Virginia Woolf’s Jacob’s Room and the American Detachment from WWI”
Michael Doss (University of Delaware), “Failing Depths: Reading Traumatic Origins in Chang-Rae Lee’s The Surrendered”

10:30 - 10:45 AM BREAK

10:45 - 12:15 PM PANELS 3 AND 4

P3. Culture, Campiness, Cuteness, Charisma / Monroe Hall 110
Chair: Professor Susan Fraiman
Ashley Christensen (Florida State), “The world hasn’t changed that much: men still rule’: Historiographic Metafiction and Gendered Reception in the Works of Philippa Gregory”
Lindsey Skillen (University of Southern California), “Revisiting Steel Magnolias 30 Years Later Because Living Under Patriarchal Rule Still Gets a Girl Down”
Bryan Russo (Boston University), “Cuteness as Meta-Aesthetic: The Prosocial Affect in Planetary Modernisms”
Sarah Winstein-Hibbs (UVA), “Collectivist Charisma in Anna Deavere Smith’s Twilight: Affect, Race, and Relationality”
P4. Characterization and Digitization / Monroe Hall 134
Chair: Dr. Brandon Walsh
Stephen Hoyle (UVA), “Pride and Sensibility: The Conflicting Demands of Chivalry in Malory’s Le Morte D’arthur”
Justin Stec (UVA), “Digital Chaucer: Reading Skeuomorphic Gestures in The House of Fame”
Michael VanHoose (UVA), “‘I tremble’: Gothic Audiences Reinscribed from Caleb Williams to Creepypasta”

12:15 - 1:15 PM LUNCH
Bryan Hall Faculty Lounge

1:15 - 2:45 PM PANELS 5 AND 6
P5. Attached Poetics / Monroe Hall 110
Chair: Professor Herbert Tucker
McKay Sheftall (Boston University), “Poetic Attachment: The Personal Affinities of Lyric Obscurity”
Andrew Ash (University of Alabama), “Attachment, Affect, and Form: Grounding Attachment to Literary Works in a Poetics of Complex Literary Form”
Rachel Ravina (Boston University), “Absurdism and Idealism in Angle of Yaw”

P6. Victorian Transformations / Monroe Hall 124
Chair: Professor Stephen Arata
Kelli Holt (UNC), “Prowling Among the Fold: An Animal-Studies Reading of the Evocative Pastoral in Wuthering Heights”
Alex Buckley (UVA), “In Search of an Outside-Text: Esther Summerson’s Pursuit of the Undocumented Life in Charles Dickens’s Bleak House”

2:45 - 3:00 PM BREAK

3:00 - 5:00 PM MASTER CLASS WITH PROFESSOR RITA FELSKI
Bryan Hall Faculty Lounge

7:30 - 9:30 PM SOCIAL
Three Notch’d Brewery / 520 2nd St SE
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DAY 2  Saturday, March 23, 8am-7pm

8:00 AM BREAKFAST AND REGISTRATION
Bryan Hall Faculty Lounge

9:00 - 10:30 AM PANELS 7 AND 8

P7. Rethinking Form / Monroe Hall 110
Chair: Annie Thompson
Margaret Speer (University of California, Irvine), “A Space of Flowers: Tennyson’s Poetic Autonomy”
Ann Marie Jakubowski (Washington University, St. Louis), “Queering the Epic: Aversion, Longing, and Poetic Form”
Claire Barwise (University of Washington), “Textuality as Sociality: Narrative Disjunctions in Rebecca West’s Return of the Soldier”

P7. Ethics and the Nineteenth Century / Monroe Hall 124
Chair: Professor Victoria Olwell
Elise Foote (UVA), “A Distribution of Flowers: the Floral Plea for Reform in Helen Hunt’s Ramona”
Demetra McBrayer (University of Kansas), “Mary Ann Shadd Cary and 19th Century American Aestheticism”
Isaac Kolding (Arizona State University), “The Ethics of Literary Badness in Uncle Tom’s Cabin”

10:30 - 10:45 AM BREAK

10:45 - 12:15 PM PANELS 9 AND 10

P9. Reading Practices / Monroe Hall 110
Chair: Ethan Reed
Nicholas Laudrisen (UVA), “Conflicted Attachment: Reading Through Textual Indeterminancy”
Alex Lenkei (UVA), “Reading in the Academy: Attachment, Love, and Ethics”
Asher Morse (UVA), “Attachment, Affect, and the Difficulties of Sustaining Them in Grad School”

P10. Identity and (Dis)connections / Monroe Hall 124
Chair: Samantha Wallace
Matthew Martello (UVA), “Philosophy of Mind and the Work of Narration in Hemingway’s ‘Now I Lay Me’”
Bellamy Mitchell (University of Chicago), “Apology, Identity, and Fragility in Let Us Now Praise Famous Men”
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**12:15 - 1:15 PM LUNCH**
*Bryan Hall Faculty Lounge*

**1:30 - 3:00 PM PANELS 11 AND 12**

**P11. Atmospheres and Moods / Monroe Hall 110**
Chair: Dr. Anastatia Curley


Jessica Brown (University of Limerick), “Greeness, Keyness, Secrecy: A Deleuzian Mapping of *The Secret Garden*”

Brett Salsbury (University of Kansas), “Reading’ Instinct and Attachment Through the Symbol of the Spiral: An Interdisciplinary Project with Lyric Essays”

**P12. Religion and Symbolism / Monroe Hall 124**
Chair: Lloyd Sy

Fain Riopelle (UVA), “Wulfstan was a Bullfrog; Gildas, Not So Much: The Affect of Providentialism in *Sermo Lupi ad Anglos, The Book of Jeremiah, and De Excidio Britonum*”

Andrew Rivard Hill (UVA), “Reading a Compassionate Sequence in a French Book of Hours: Charlottesville MS 382”


**3:00 - 4:15 PM RARE BOOK SCHOOL AND SCHOLARS’ LAB TOURS**
*Alderman Library (meet in lobby)*

**4:30 PM KEYNOTE BY PROFESSOR LISA RUDDICK (University of Chicago)**
*Monroe 130*

"Privation and the Making of an Expert"

**RECEPTION TO FOLLOW**
*Bryan Hall Faculty Lounge*
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