

THE UBC ENGLISH DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

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9AM-10AM | BREAKFAST

• 9:45AM | OPENING REMARKS

10AM-11:15 AM | PANEL 1: COMMUNAL RESISTANCE AND ORGANIZING

MODERATED BY JORDAN ABUALJAZER

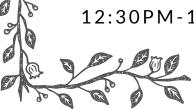
- PAIGE SWEENEY, DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY
 - UNEARTHING THE WAY BACK: ETHICAL RELATIONALITY IN HELEN KNOTT'S MEMOIRS
- ADDYE SUSNICK, UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
 - THE AFFECTIVE, ANARCHIC POLITICS OF QUEER AND TRANS ZINES
- RIJAA KHAN, MCMASTER UNIVERSITY
 - QUEER AFTER HOURS
- RILEY CAMPBELL, UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA
 - THE SAME OLD THEME: BRIDGING THE LYRICS OF W. B. YEATS' 'EASTER 1916' AND DOLORES O'RIORDAN'S 'ZOMBIE'

11:15AM-11:30AM | BREAK

11:30AM-12:30PM | PANEL 2: WORKING WITHIN/BEYOND THE ACADEMY MODERATED BY LEAH ALFRED-OLMEDO

- MADELINE BURNS AND TILDA BRON, UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA
 - BRIDGING DISCIPLINES: READING INDIGENOUS POETICS AND GOVERNANCE
- ALEXA MANUEL, UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
 - RETURNING TO ORIGINAL PLACES OF STORY: A LAND-BASED LITERARY THEORY
- JED ANDERSON, UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
 - HIGHER EDUCATION 'BEYOND HOPE': PRODUCING REGIONS IN NORTHERN BRITISH COLUMBIA

12:30PM-1:30PM | LUNCH



1:30-2:15PM | PANEL 3: TRANSNATIONAL CONNECTIONS AND THE RACIAL IMAGINARY MODERATED BY ALICIA MATTHEWS

- SISI YANG, UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
 - FROM 'GARBAGE WOOD' TO UPSCALE HONGMU FURNITURE:
 RACIAL CAPITALISM IN A SINO-AFRICAN CONTEXT
- TARNDEEP PANNU, UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO
 - BETWEEN WORLDS: THE ROLE OF SPECTATORSHIP IN RACIALIZED DIASPORIC IDENTITY

2:15-2:30PM | BREAK

2:30-3:30PM | PANEL 4: CRITICAL CONVERSATIONS: ALLIANCES ON TROUBLED GROUND MODERATED BY ALEXA MANUEL

- DR. ZOLTÁN GROSSMAN, EVERGREEN STATE COLLEGE
 - UNLIKELY ALLIANCES: NATIVE NATIONS AND WHITE COMMUNITIES JOIN TO DEFEND RURAL LANDS
- DR. STEFAN DOLLINGER, UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
 - LITERARY LAND CLAIMS, LINGUISTIC LAND CLAIMS AND THE 'INSEPARABILITY OF LAND AND CULTURE': ON 'GOOD' TRIBALISM, 'BAD' TRIBALISM, AND UNIVERSALISM

3:30PM-3:45PM | BREAK



3:35PM-5PM | PANEL 5: REMAPPING PERSONAL AND COMMUNAL GEOGRAPHIES MODERATED BY MANZURA HOQUE

- JASLEEN KAUR BAGGA, UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
 - PLOUGHING AGAINST PRECARITY: AGRARIAN STRUGGLES AND THE MAKING OF RESISTANCE IN THE FARMERS' PROTESTS IN PUNJAB
- JUNSHEN WU, UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
 - REMAPPING 200S SHANGHAI: PSYCHOGEOGRAPHY, LANDSCAPE OF FEELINGS, AND SPECTACLE OF CHINA'S URBANIZATION IN ZHOU JIANING'S 'LANDSCAPE OF WAVES'
- FRANK WU, UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
 - (DE-)AMERICANIZING AMERICAN METROPOLISES: URBAN SPACES AND COSMOPOLITAN INTIMACY IN 'TROPIC OF ORANGE' (1997) AND 'BLISS MONTAGE' (2022)
- ROYA MOTAZEDIAN, MCMASTER UNIVERSITY
 - QUEER PRIDE AS URBAN SPACE RE/APPROPRIATION

5:15PM-6PM: KEYNOTE: **DR. ALICE TE PUNGA SOMERVILLE**, UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA





10AM-11:15AM | PANEL 1: CONVERGING BODY AND NATION/SUSPENDED FUTURES (ZOOM PANEL) MODERATED BY JULIA DASILVA

- SUSANNA JOSEPH, UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO
 - 'UNPREDICTABLE BECOMINGS': MORE-THAN-HUMAN OPACITY IN MAYRA MONTERO'S 'IN THE PALM OF DARKNESS'
- NINA SANNES, UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND
 - CONVERGING DYS/UTOPIAS IN OCTAVIA BUTLER'S 'PARABLE OF THE SOWER'
- AKANSHA SINGH, UNIVERSITY OF DELHI
 - SLOWING TIME, RESISTING NATION: MUKTIBODH'S TEMPORAL POLITICS OF MARGINALITY
- LYDIE HUA, UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN
 - MULTIPLICATION OR FRAGMENTATION: QUEER BLACK MASCULINITIES AND DIASPORIC IDENTITY IN MARLON JAMES' 'A BRIEF HISTORY OF SEVEN KILLINGS'

11:15AM-11:30AM | BREAK

11:30AM-12:30PM | PANEL 2: CURATING AND FILTERING SOCIAL SPACES (ZOOM PANEL)
MODERATED BY CAL SMITH

- BASIL PALLMALIL, BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY
 - FOR OLD TIME'S SAKE: CASTE AND NOSTALGIA ON INSTAGRAM
- MAX YANG, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
 - EPHEMEREAL SOLIDARITY: RETHINKING QUEER FAILURE IN THE CHINESE CONTEXT
- AMITA KHURANA, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
 - EXPLORING QUEER SWANA SOCIAL SPACES AND SUBJECTIVITIES IN NEW YORK CITY: HOW A TIME OF CRISIS IMPACTS THE UNDERSTANDING OF SPACES, THE SELF, AND COLLECTIVE LIBERATION





12:30PM-1:30PM | LUNCH BREAK



1:30PM-2:15PM | PANEL 3: DELIMITING CARTOGRAPHIES (ZOOM PANEL)
MODERATED BY SAINICO NINGTHOUJAM, MCGILL UNIVERSITY

- MUSSADIQ HUSSAIN, UNIVERSITY OF HYDERABAD
 - CARTOGRAPHIES OF RESISTANCE: LADAKH AS LIMINAL SPACE IN THE TRANS-HIMALAYAN BORDERLANDS
- FIRDEVS IDIL KURTULAN, PRINCETON UNIVERSITY
 - CARTOGRAPHIC DELINKING IN GLORIA ANZALDÚA, DIONNE BRAND, AND ROBERT HAYDEN

2:15PM-2:30PM | BREAK

2:30PM - 3:30PM | PANEL 4: THE LIMITS OF GENRE MODERATED BY SHARON ENGBRECHT

- HANIYA HUMAYUN, WESTERN UNIVERSITY
 - DECOLONIZING DISCOVERY IN SCIENCE FICTION SHORT STORIES WRITTEN BY INDIGENOUS AUTHORS: AN ANAYSIS OF 'THE LOST ISLAND,' 'I AM... AM I' AND 'A HISTORY OF THE BARBED WIRE'
- JAMES LEE, SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
 - YOUR PLACE IS GIVEN WITH YOUR NAME: SIR GALAHAD,
 VERNACULAR ENGLISHES AND TRAVERSING SPATIAL DISTANCE IN 'LE MORTE DARTHUR' AND 'THE LONELY LONDONERS'
- COLBY PAYNE, UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
 - LAND, FAMILY, AND THE LIMITS OF RESISTANCE IN THE X-FILES

3:45PM-5PM | PANEL 5: PERFORMING RESISTANCE THROUGH LAND AND BODY MODERATOR: AAMNA RASHID

- YELANI PEIRIS, SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
 - SPIRIT, FLESH AND LAND: THE SIGNIFICANCE OF AUTOCONSUMPTION IN TANYA TAGAO'S 'SPLIT TOOTH'
- DALE MACDONALD. UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
 - ETHICAL ROT: SETTLER CORPSE PERFORMANCES ON UNCEDED LAND
- RAJNEET KAUR, UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
 - SHAYER, NADI, TE PUNJAB (THE POET, THE RIVER, AND PUNJAB)

