Southeastern Association of Cultural Studies
2nd Annual Conference

February 26-27, 2021
Hosted Virtually

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Welcome to the
2nd Annual SEACS Conference

On behalf of the organizing committee, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the second annual conference for the Southeastern Association of Cultural Studies (SEACS) and the first ever virtual conference for SEACS hosted by UNC Charlotte. The officers hope that you enjoy this virtual format and that sharing your research virtually with colleagues is a rewarding experience.

The Southeastern Association of Cultural Studies, SEACS (www.theseacs.org), is an organization dedicated to connecting and learning from colleagues dedicated to scholarship in Cultural Studies, Literatures, World Languages, Linguistics, and Pedagogy. As a regional organization with an international scope, SEACS holds annual meetings in the southeast region of the US that draws participants from the area and beyond. SEACS is a regional, non-profit organization that promotes scholarly exploration in a collegial spirit. SEACS is an organization that is dedicated to maintaining a supportive community of educators, scholars, and graduate students as well as to providing early professionalization opportunities for advanced undergraduate students.

As always, this organization and annual conference are not possible without members and supporters like you. Thank you for being a part of SEACS as we endeavor to go virtual this year. This has been a difficult year for myriad reasons and SEACS officers extend their gratitude to each of you for making time and space to connect with colleagues virtually this year at SEACS. We hope to see you in person next year.

Melissa Birkhofer
SEACS President, 2020-2021
Instructor, Department of English
Director of US Latinx Studies Program
Western Carolina University
Acknowledgments and Appreciations

Members and officers of SEACS would like to extend our thanks to Annette Saunooke Clapsaddle, award-winning Eastern Band Cherokee author of *Even As We Breathe*, for her keynote address.

Many thanks to the SEACS Officers for their vital work on the program and conference planning:

- Paul Worley  First Vice President
- Jason Huber  Second Vice President
- Kristin Kiely  Secretary/Treasurer
- Paul Worley  Journal Editor
- Anabel Aliaga-Buchenau  Local and Technical Arrangements
- Julia Geaney-Moore  Technical Arrangements

Thanks to the faculty, staff, and students of the Department of Languages and Culture Studies at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte for their support.

SEACS Journal: *Convergences*

Presenters are encouraged to submit their work to *Convergences*. SEACS’s peer-reviewed journal, *Convergences*, is currently accepting submissions until August 15. Email your papers to Paul Worley, editor of *Convergences*, for peer-review at pmworley@email.wcu.edu. Include “Convergences” in the subject line. More details can be found on the organization’s webpage: www.theseacs.org
How to attend the Virtual SEACS Conference

Find the Program Online
The program is available at https://languages.uncc.edu/seacs-conference-2021

Attend a Panel
Find the program at https://languages.uncc.edu/seacs-conference-2021
Click on the Zoom room link for the panel you wish to attend
NO PASSWORDS WILL BE REQUIRED

Ask Questions in a Panel
Please type your question in the Chat
The Chair will address all questions at the end of the presentations
Panelists will respond to questions

Information
Friday 12:00-4:00pm: https://uncc.zoom.us/my/jgeaneym
Saturday 8:00am-5:00pm: https://uncc.zoom.us/my/jgeaneym

Want to Socialize
Join us for Coffee Breaks Join us for Happy Hour on Friday 4-5 pm https://uncc.zoom.us/my/aaliagab

Technical Issues
Contact Melissa Birkhofer at 828-331-1155 (phone or text)
Or
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# Program Overview

**Friday, February 26, 2021**

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**Panel 1:**  
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**Latinx Studies and Pedagogy**  
Chair: Melissa Birkhofer, Western Carolina University  
Tech: Anabel Aliaga-Buchenau, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

“Centering Latinx Communities as US literature and culture”  
Melissa Birkhofer, Western Carolina University

“The Possibility of Other Worlds: When Will It End?”  
Sydney Kinter, Western Carolina University

“Somos Iguales: Anti-Blackness in Latinx Communities”  
Yailyn Zuniga, Western Carolina University

“Colors of Latinx: Anti-Blackness in Latinx Communities”  
Camille Williams, Western Carolina University

“The Exploitation of Mexicans during the mid-1900s in the United States”  
Cc Schaefer, Western Carolina University

**Panel 2:**  
**Room 2 Zoom Link:** https://uncc.zoom.us/my/jgarcia53

**Marginalized Characters and Intersectional Power Dynamics**  
Chair: Javier García León, University of North Carolina at Charlotte  
Tech: Emily Parker, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

“Speak of the Devil: Black Feminism and Subversive Religion in Zora Neale Hurston’s ‘Sweat’”  
Stephanie Cook, Western Carolina University

“Motivations of the Marginalized: Psychoanalysis applied to Toni Morrison’s Sula”  
Jared Combs, Western Carolina University

“A Feminist Perspective of Silence and Domestic Abuse in Dorothy Allison’s ‘Don’t Tell Me You Don’t Know’”  
Haylee Wilkie, Western Carolina University
Panel 3:
Room 3 Zoom Link:  https://uncc.zoom.us/my/dcunicod

Rhetoric and Politics
Chair: Daniela Cunico Dal Pra, University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Tech: Edwin Davila, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

“Appealing to the Base: Rhetorical Strategies for Entrenched Constituencies”
Aaron Toscano, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

June Hobbs, Gardner-Webb University

“Women that Fuel the Political Machine: From the Grimke Sisters of South Carolina to ‘The Squad’ in the 2018 House of Representatives”
Caroline Cashion, The Charleston Museum & Charleston County School District

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Language, Pedagogy, and Interpretation
Chair: Anabel Aliaga-Buchenau, University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Tech: Susana Cisneros, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

“Include more than typical stereotypes in your L2 German classroom”
Angela Jakeway, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

“Pandemic Pedagogy: How to Create Community, Communication, and Mental Well-Being in an Online Spanish Classroom”
Kristin Kiely, Francis Marion University

“Preparing Informed Users of Language Services in Community Interpreting Courses”
Christopher D. Mellinger, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

“Psychological and Physiological Stress in Community Interpreting: A Methodological Framework”
Pawel Korpal, Adam Mickiewicz University
Fulbright Visiting Scholar at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Panel 2:
Room 2 Zoom Link: https://uncc.zoom.us/my/edavila1
Political Rhetoric
Chair: Paul M. Worley, Western Carolina University
Tech: Edwin Davila, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

“Rush Limbaugh: Obviously Outrageous”
Jessie Clay, Western Carolina University

“Rhetorical Analysis of Ronald Reagan’s Evil Empire Speech: Aristotle’s Modes of Persuasion applied to the 40th President of the United States of America”
Jared Combs, Western Carolina University

“How to Run America: Eisenhower’s Instructions for Future Presidents”
Alissa Perske, Western Carolina University

“This Is Where We Are Right Now: Kairos, Ethos, and Other Modes of Persuasion in Barack Obama’s ‘A More Perfect Union’ Speech”
Sarah Rhu, Western Carolina University

Panel 3:
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English Literature
Chair: Daniela Cunico Dal Pra, University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Tech: Taylor Hamms, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

“Rewriting the Enlightenment Binary in Daniel Defoe’s A Journal of the Plague Year”
Jordan Frederick, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

“The Politics of Place: The Body and the City in Mary Pix’s The Czar of Muscovy (1701)”
Katja Pilhuj, The Citadel

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Happy Hour 4:00-5:00pm
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Meaning, Language, and the Words We Use
Chair: Olga Padilla-Falto, University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Tech: Edwin Davila, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

“Linguistic Skill and German Heritage in Dr. Seuss’s Children’s Books”
Ralf Thiede, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

“Audiovisual Translation of Fictional Languages: Dubbing Klingon into Spanish in Star Trek: The Next Generation”
Rita M. Pérez-Padilla, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

“Are Words the Fiat Currency of Education?”
Kevin Jenson, Western Carolina University

Panel 2:
Room 2 Zoom Link: https://uncc.zoom.us/my/cgodev
Reading Global Literatures
Chair: Concepción Godev, University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Tech: Emily Parker, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

“Marcelo Chiriboga: A literary life in film”
Javier Eduardo Pabón, Methodist University

“Land and Labor in Braiding Sweetgrass and On Such a Full Sea”
Shilo Virginia Previti, University of North Dakota

“Women’s Rights in India as Seen in the Realm of Fiction”
Samantha Wilkie, Gardner-Webb University

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**Approaches to Knowledge and Knowing**

Chair: Kristin Kiely, Francis Marion University  
Tech: Taylor Hamms, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

“De/Constructing an Interiority for Chinese Martial Arts: Rational Knowledge, Human Emotions and Peter Chan’s *Wuxia*”
Hongbing Zhang, Professor of Chinese, Fayetteville State University

“Group Phenomenology and Place”
Grant McMillan, University of North Dakota

“The Flag as empty signifier: Autonomy and Surface in Aestheticism and Surrealism”
Jonathan Slaughter, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

**Panel 2:**

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**American Film and Literature**

Chair: Jason Huber, Western Carolina University  
Tech: Lauren Michell, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

“Isn’t this the ending of Fahrenheit 451?: The Intertextual Intersection of *Fahrenheit 451*, *Fight Club*, and *Adjustment Day*”
David McCracken, Coker University

“Hawthorne’s Stance on Scientists as reflected in his Major Tales and *The Scarlet Letter*”
Harish Chander, Shaw University

“The Thing that Eludes Us: John Carpenter, Horror’s Abject, and the Hermeneutics of Cold War Cinema”
Kai-Uwe Werbeck, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

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**Study Abroad and the Pandemic**

Chair: Anabel Aliaga-Buchenau, University of North Carolina at Charlotte  
Tech: Susana Cisneros, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

"Study Abroad Simulation during a Pandemic”
Kristen Krick-Aigner, Wofford College
"Berlin Calling - Intercultural Competence and Language Learning through Tandem Exchange"
Un-Kyung Anna Choi, TU Berlin

"Interning Abroad in a Pandemic: Life Must Go On!"
Samantha Roberts, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

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Session III: 12:00-1:30pm
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Interdisciplinary Linguistics: Linguistic Variation, Inclusive Language, Phonetics, and Phonology
Chair: Anabel Aliaga-Buchenau, University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Tech: Taylor Hamms, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

“Phonetic influence of the Guarani language in the Spanish dialect of Paraguay”
Yennica Palmer, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

“Inclusive Language in Mexico and Spain: Institutional Language Ideology”
Mirna Garcia, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

“A Study of Foot in a Chinese Dialect”
Yangtian Luo, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Panel 2:
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Pedagogy and Rhetoric
Chair: Susanne Gomoluch, University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Tech: Karen Roman, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

“Call me Chuck: Supernatural as Logological Stress Test”
Amy Lea Clemons, Francis Marion University

“Zero-Point Rhetoric: Realizing a New Rhetorical Theory Through Quantum Physics”
Beth Huber, Western Carolina University

“The World Behind the Mask: A Pedagogical Approach to Using the Comic Universe as a Rhetorical Lens for Understanding Genre and the Political Workings of Society”
Diana E. New, Western Carolina University

“Let Them ‘Suck it up,’ Cupcake: Pedagogical Practices for Subverting the ‘Real World’”
Jason Huber, Western Carolina University
Panel 3  
Room 3 Zoom Link: https://uncc.zoom.us/my/nghali  
Caribbean Literatures  
Chair: Anton Pujol, University of North Carolina at Charlotte  
Tech: Lauren Michell, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

“Julia Alvarez, Translator Between Worlds”  
Valerie Davis, Gardner-Webb University

“Folk Stories from the Hills of Puerto Rico: Franz Boas’ “Peasant” Folk Stories from Puerto Rico”  
Rafael Ocasio, Agnes Scott College

“What does it mean to be a Caribbean woman?”  
Tanya Woodward, University of Nebraska-Kearney

“Here Kitty Kitty: Voicelessness and Sexual Violence in Michelle Cliff’s Abeng”  
Jeremiah Handlon, Gardner-Webb University

Lunch Break 1:30-2:00pm  
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Bring your lunch and join us for conversation.
Annette Saunooke Clapsaddle is an enrolled member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and resides in Qualla, NC with her husband, Evan and sons Ross and Charlie. She holds degrees from Yale University and the College of William and Mary. Her debut novel, *Even As We Breathe*, was released by the University Press of Kentucky in 2020. It is currently a finalist for the Weatherford Award in Fiction, and it was shortlisted for the Reading Women's 2020 Fiction Award, and named NPR's *Best Books of 2020* and *Bookriot's Best of 2020*. Her first novel manuscript, *Going to Water* is winner of the Morning Star Award for Creative Writing from the Native American Literature Symposium (2012) and a finalist for the PEN/Bellwether Prize for Socially Engaged Fiction (2014). Clapsaddle's work has appeared in *Yes! Magazine, Lit Hub, Smoky Mountain Living Magazine, South Writ Large* and *The Atlantic*. After serving as executive director of the Cherokee Preservation Foundation, Annette returned to teaching at Swain County High School. She is the former co-editor of the *Journal of Cherokee Studies* and serves on the board of trustees for the North Carolina Writers Network.
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Session IV: 3:15-4:45pm
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Plenary Session on Annette Saunooke Clapsaddle’s *Even as We Breathe*
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Tech: Anabel Aliaga-Buchenau, University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Michael Redman, Southwestern Community College
Jonah Lossiah, The Cherokee One Feather
Paul M. Worley, Western Carolina University
Daniel Heath Justice, University of British Columbia

Break 4:45pm-5:00pm
Zoom Room https://uncc.zoom.us/my/jgeaneym

SEACS Business Meeting
5:00pm-6:00pm
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