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Annual Meeting of the Canadian Comparative Literature Association (CCLA)
Le congrès annuel de l’association canadienne de littérature comparée (ACLC)

Brock University 2014

May 25 – 27 mai

«Surveying Comparative Literature’s Boundaries»

PROGRAM (draft – May 16)

Conference Program Chair/ Président du colloque:
Albert Braz, University of Alberta
SAMEDI/ SATURDAY – May 24, 2014

1:00 – 4:00 pm  CCLA Meeting (pre-conference planning session, everyone welcome)
Room: Centre for Comparative Literature, University of Toronto, Isabel Bader Theatre, 3rd Floor, 93 Charles St. W., Toronto
**DIMANCHE/ SUNDAY – May 25 mai 2014**

Panel 1  
9:30 – 11:00 am (coffee provided)

**Minor Cinemas**

Chair: Victoria M. Abboud  
Room: MACKENZIE CHOWN D BLOCK-308

--Shazia Rahman (Western Illinois University), “Border-crossing in Mehreen Jabbar’s *Ramchand Pakistani*”

--Doris Hambuch (United Arab Emirates University), “The Significance of Paths in Short Films from UAE”

--Jerry White (Dalhousie University), “Towards a Glissantian Film Theory: The Problem of Form”

**Testimonio**

Chair: Cristina Santos  
Room: MACKENZIE CHOWN D BLOCK-309

--Avishek Ray (Trent University), “Testimonial Evidentialism and Uncanny Censorship: Imag(in)ing the 1943 Bengal Famine”

--Adriana Spahr (MacEwan University), “The Power of Testimony”

--Tracy Crowe Morey (Brock University), “Scriptotherapy and Testimonial Writing in Alicia Kozameh’s *Ostrich Legs*”

--Jonathan Hart (University of Alberta), “The Testimony of History”


11:00 – 11:15 am PAUSE/ BREAK (no coffee)

11:15 am – 12:15 pm
Room: MACKENZIE CHOWN D BLOCK-308

**ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION:**

The CCLA Today & Tomorrow

Panelists: (TBA)
12:15 – 1:30 pm PAUSE/ BREAK (lunch options on campus)

Panel 2  1:30 – 3:00 pm

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| --Richard Cavell (University of British Columbia), “Beyond the Geographical Imperative: Toward Comparative Media Studies”  
--Catherine Phillips (Université de Toronto à Mississauga), “L'œuvre d'Hélène Cixous comme littérature comparée”  
--Safaneh Mohaghegh Neyshabouri (University of Alberta), “Nannies and Caregivers in Iranian Women’s Memoirs”  
--Jonathan A. Allan (Brandon University), “Why Now? Queer Theory and Comparative Literature” |

3:00 – 3:30 BREAK/ PAUSE (coffee provided)

Panel 3  3:30 – 5:00 pm

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<td>Victoria Kuttainen (James Cook University)</td>
<td>“Mapping the Space Between: Canadian-Australian Comparative Literary Studies”</td>
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<td>Sarah Galletly (Independent Scholar)</td>
<td>“Pacific Crossings: Representations of Women’s Pacific Travel in Australian and Canadian Middlebrow Magazines between the Wars”</td>
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5:00-7:00 pm  President’s Reception

Room: Congress Centre (Walker Complex)

**LUNDI / MONDAY – May 26 mai 2014**

Panel 4  9:00 – 10:30 am (coffee provided)

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<td>--Elisabeth A. Tutschek (Saarland University), “Quixotry or Diversity? The Role</td>
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10:30 – 11:00 am PAUSE/ BREAK

11 am – 12:30 pm  Plenary
Room: **THISTLE 245**

Stuart Taberner, University of Leeds, UK, “Transnationalism, Cosmopolitanism and New Forms of Literary Engagement in Contemporary German-language Writing” (Co-sponsored by CAUTG)

12:30 – 1:30  BREAK/ PAUSE (lunch options on campus)

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING** (for members of the executive)
Room: **MACKENZIE CHOWN D BLOCK-350L**
### Panel 5  1:30 – 3:00 pm

**Surveying Comparative Literature’s Boundaries**

**Chair:** Jessica Tsui-Yan Li  
**Room:** MACKENZIE CHOWN D BLOCK-300  
- Victoria M. Abboud (College of New Caledonia), “Burgeoning Life, but Subdued Colour’: Natural Space and the Search for Self in Narratives of (Dis)Connection”  
- Yi Chen (University of Toronto), “Comparison, Unconstrained by Commensurables: Paul Celan and Wang Wei”  
- Amir Khadem (University of Alberta), “World Literature and the Possibility of a Meta-theory”

**Super Genres and Absurd Trials**

**Chair:** Hilary Chung  
**Room:** MACKENZIE CHOWN D BLOCK-301  
- Luke Arnott (Western University), “Epic and Genre: Beyond the Boundaries of Media”  
- Shaun Lalonde (University of Guelph), “The Epic Lyric: Literary Interaction between North and South in Medieval France”  
- Nabia Majeed (University of Toronto), “Dialectical Existentialism: Kierkegaard and Kafka”

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**3:00 – 3:30 pm  PAUSE/ BREAK  (coffee provided)**

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### Panel 6  3:30 – 5:00 pm

**North Reading South Reading North**

**Chair:** Lidiane da Cunha  
**Room:** MACKENZIE CHOWN D BLOCK-300  
- Miguel Nenevé (University of Rondônia), “Milton Hatoum’s A Cidade Ilhada and Margaret Laurence’s A Bird in the House: A Possible Cultural Dialogue?”  

**Witches, Goddesses, and Mentors**

**Chair:** Markus Reisenleitner  
**Room:** MACKENZIE CHOWN D BLOCK-301  
- Kevin McGuiness (Brock University), “The Witch and the Goddess: Hansel and Gretel and the Homeric Hymn to Demeter”  
- Elizabeth C. D’Angelo (York University), “Witches and the Cultural Imaginary: Self and Other and the Visual Field”  
- Colin Dignam (York University), “Crossing Liminality: Examining the Transformative Mentor Figure”
5:00 – 5:30 pm  PAUSE/ BREAK

5:30 – 7:00 pm  Annual General Meeting
Room: SOUTH BLOCK 217

7:00 – 9:00 pm  CCLA Soirée
Room: CAIRNS 200

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Panel 8 9:30 – 11:30 pm (coffee provided)

**Surveying Comparative Literature’s Boundaries**

Chair: Valerie Henitiuk  
Room: THISTLE 306  
--Iris Bruce (McMaster University), “Felix Salten’s *Bambi: From National to World Literature*”  
--Justin Derry (York University), “Knowledge Production at the Human/Nonhuman Boundary: Approaching a Trans-species Comparative Literature”  
--Pushpa Acharya (University of Alberta), “The Boundaries of Comparative Literature and Critical Regionalism”

**Glitter, Fame, and Doom**

Chair: Susan Ingram  
Room: THISTLE 307  
--Inga Untiks (York University), “When Marina Abramovic Jumped the Shark: Mass Media, Mobility, and Market Exchange”  
--Kathryn Franklin (York University), “All that Glitters: Exploring the Boundaries of Glamour in Patrick McCabe’s Breakfast on Pluto, Irmgard Keun’s *The Artificial Silk Girl* and Michel Tremblay’s *Hosanna*”  
--Nathaniel Weiner (York University), “The Digital Arcade: Men’s Online Fashion Culture, the Re-enchantment of the Commodity, and the ‘pilgrimage to the commodity fetish’”  
--Elena Siemens (University of Alberta), “Girl on a Bridge: Fashion Photography between the Erotic and the Pornographic”

11:30 – 12:30 pm  PAUSE/ BREAK (lunch options on campus)

Panel 8 12:30 – 2:00 pm

**Cinema and Literature**

Chair: Shazia Rahman  
Room: THISTLE 306  
--Joshua Synenko (York University), “The Settler Sublime: Yael

**Nation, Self, and Beyond**

Chair: Kevin Wilson  
Room: THISTLE 307  
--Jamie Giannou (York University), “A Stranger at Home, at
### Panel 9 2:30 – 4:00 pm

#### Surveying Comparative Literature’s Boundaries

Chair: Andrea Valente  
Room: THISTLE 306  
--Susan Niazi (York University), “Persian Literature and Translation in Modern Iran: A Critical Review”  
--Valerie Henitiuk (MacEwan University), “Bones and Border Lines: Translating World Literature”  
--Paul D. Morris (Université de Saint-Boniface), “Comparative Literature and Translation Studies: Maintaining a Common Boundary across Shared Terrain”

#### Home Elsewhere: De-Nationalizing the Individual Voice in the Poetry of Charles Simic and Bogomil Gjuzel”

--Jessica Tsui-Yan Li (York University), “Translation of the Self: Eileen Chang’s Trilogy of Little Reunion, The Fall of the Pagoda and The Book of Change”  
--Rong Guo (China University of Mining & Technology University), “A Trauma Forever: Reading Yan Geling’s “Celestial Bath”

### 4:00 – 4:30 pm  PAUSE/ BREAK
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- Executive Meeting MC D350L (12:30-1:30)
- General Meeting South Block 217 (5:30-7)
- Soiree Cairns 200 (7-9)

Tuesday, May 27th
- Presentation Room Thistle 306 (10-6)
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