FEAR and PARANOIA:
Forging Meaning in Chaotic Times

KEYNOTE
Forging Meaning: Critical Reading in the Writing Classroom

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Friday March 1st

NDSU Harry McGovern Alumni Association
All presentations will be held in the Reimers Conference Room

Breakfast (outside of Reimers Conference Room) 9 am

Dystopian Literature: 9:45 – 10:45 am
Moderator- Dr. Adam Goldwyn
Edward Pomykaj (University of Vermont)
Lynn Koppner (New Mexico State University)
“Wading Through Modern Post-Apocalyptic and Dystopian Literature: A Study in the Fear and Chaos in the Modern Era”

Heroes and Villains in Pop Culture: 11 – 12 pm
Moderator- Shane Gomes
Michael Bittner (North Dakota State University)
“Batman- Gotham City’s Emergency Manager”
Rio Bergh (North Dakota State University)
Sam Kise (North Dakota State University)

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Lunch (Reimers Conference Room) 12 – 1 pm

Panel: Fear and the Criminal Justice System: 1 – 2 pm
Moderator- Dr. Rebecca Weaver-Hightower
Lindsay Campbell (North Dakota State University)
   “Mass Media Effects on Police Officer Representation”
Deborah Haley (North Dakota State University)
   “The Power of Police Representation in Literature”
Ian Kristan (North Dakota State University)
   “Necessary Evolution of Police Training”

Witches be Crazy: 2:15-3:15 pm
Moderator Dr. Verena Theile
Becky Crisman (North Dakota State University)
   “Something Wicked This Way Comes: How the Horror Genre Revitalizes Macbeth”
Alexandra Froslie (North Dakota State University)
   “Scripture and Specters: The Performative Religion Behind the Salem Witch Hunt”
Kaitlyn Grube (North Dakota State University)

Workshop: Digital Pedagogy: 3:30-5 pm (Reimers Conference Room)
Moderator-Dr. Mary McCall: 3:30-5
Amanda Watts (North Dakota State University)
Krista Aldrich (North Dakota State University)
Hannah Stevens (North Dakota State University)
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Workshop: Applying to a PhD Program: 3:30-5 pm (Klefstad Conference Room)
Rio Bergh (North Dakota State University)
Shane Gomes (North Dakota State University)
Ashleigh Petts (North Dakota State University)
Matthew Warner (North Dakota State University)

Friday Night Dinner Social (Rhombus Guys Pizza) 6 pm
Join us for a chance to socialize and eat pizza in downtown Fargo
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Saturday March 2\textsuperscript{nd}

Breakfast (Outside of Reimers Conference Room): 9 am

Panel: Fear of the “Other” and Reparative Readings in Contemporary Cinema: 9:30 – 10:30 am
Moderator- Dr. Emily Wicktor
Stephanie Lemmer (North Dakota State University)
Rex Hughes (North Dakota State University)
Whitney Renville (North Dakota State University)

Recovery of Marginalized Narratives: 10:45 – 11:45 am
Moderator- Dr. Anastassiya Andrianova
Asena Acar (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)
   “America’s History of Islamophobia”
Alan Farhan (North Dakota State University)
   “Challenges of International Students in College Writing Classroom”
Shaibal Dev Roy (North Dakota State University)
   “Equiano’s Narrative: Black Authorship in the White Print Culture”
Rowshan Chowdhury (North Dakota State University)
   “Rape, Bodily Presence, and ‘Still Activism’: Agency of Indigenous Women”

Keynote Lunch (Reimers Conference Room) 12:15–1:45pm
Joanne Baird Giordano, Assistant Professor of English (Salt Lake Community College) and Dr. Holly Hassel, Professor of English (North Dakota State University)
   “Forging Meaning: Critical Reading in the First-Year Writing Classroom”

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Online Rhetorics for Millennial Audiences: 2 – 3:15 pm
Moderator- Dr. Lisa Arnold
Lee Gullickson (North Dakota State University)
   “Using Memes to Find a “Rhetorical Remedy” in the Post-Truth Era”
Jack Law (North Dakota State University)
   “The Conservative Mythos: A Deconstruction of PragerU’s Rhetoric”
Jasmine Banasik (North Dakota State University)
   “My Monster/Myself: Monstrous Families in ‘Daisy Brown’ and Implications for the Audience”

Rewriting Dystopia: 3:30 – 4:30 pm
Moderator- Lee Gullickson
Sheridan Nelson (University of St. Thomas)
   “Denouncing Dystopian Literature as Prophetic Prose”
Anthony Albright (North Dakota State University)
   “Fear, Paranoia, and Chaos: Three Poetic Exploration”

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