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Welcome

“What matters most is how well you walk through the fire.” Charles Bukowski
Welcome and enjoy.

Please use the link below to access all sessions:

<https://esu-online.zoom.us/j/93127014548>

Meeting ID and additional Zoom information is available here:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Ywzx97_ApJgA4cz-MFV-YOq0_afx4T-0_N8ImJCnWck/edit?usp=sharing

Friday

7:00 am – 9:00 am: Virtual Coffee Chat

Session I: 9:00 am – 10:30 am

Chair: Amanda Grieme (East Stroudsburg)

- Tamika Ponds (Cheyney), “The Impact We Shall Rise From”
- Haley Bennett (Shippensburg), “Who am I? The Power of Identity in Times of Crisis”
- Maxx Hitt (Slippery Rock), “Coffee Shop Etiquette amidst a Pandemic”
- Nicholas Allis (Clarion), “Forget the Grief”

Session II: 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

Chair: Artress White (East Stroudsburg)

- Artress White (East Stroudsburg), “How to Write a Protest Poem amid a Pandemic”
- Katherine D. Santoro (East Stroudsburg), “Paths of the Pandemic”
- Timothy W. Bintrim (St. Francis U), “We’ll Meet Again in the Garden: Service Learning with an Intro to Literature Class, Post-Covid”

Lunch: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Session III: 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm (Roundtable)

“Reflection and Regeneration: Strengthening Recruitment and Retention of English Majors and Graduate Students”

Chair: Eleanor Shevlin (West Chester)

Panelists: Lauren Good, Olivia Carzo, Charles Sunday (West Chester), Scott Muir (National Humanities Alliance)

Session IV: 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Chair: Jasmine Villa (East Stroudsburg)

- Kim Vanderlaan (California) and J.P. Staszal (California), “Making Space for Trauma-Informed Care in Higher Education”
- Rebecca Schweitzer (Kutztown), “The American Education System: Failing Our Youth”
- Melissa Stough (Kutztown), “The White Savior Complex in Higher Education Service Trips”

Session V: 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm (Roundtable)

“Writing Peer Mentors: Conversations that Cultivate Growth”

Chair: Michelle Blake (West Chester)

Panelists: Alison Ersheid, Julia Carroll, Victoria Arce, Alex Gianaris, and Kaitlyn Marnien (West Chester)

Saturday

7:00 am – 9:00 am: Virtual Coffee Chat

Session I: 9:00 am – 10:30 am

Chair: Jeffrey Hotz (East Stroudsburg)

- Victoria Ruck (East Stroudsburg), “Prepping in the Pages: How Young Adult Fiction Guided Teenagers Through the Age of COVID-19”
- Zena Parkhurst (Mansfield), “Consumption, the Maternal Body, and the Self in Toni Morrison’s *Beloved*”
- Allison L. Reed (Bloomsburg), “Jonathan Harker’s Transformation: An Analysis of Gender in *Dracula*”
- Allison Weissman (West Chester), “Cold-Blooded”

Session II: 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

Chair: Jan Selving (East Stroudsburg)

- Jan Selving (East Stroudsburg): "Love Poems in Time of COVID"
- Jeffrey Hotz (East Stroudsburg), "Mortal Verses in John Greenleaf Whittier's *At Sundown* (1890, 1892): A Study of a Final Collection"
- Jill Silvius, "Critiquing Closure Theory during COVID: Authorial Reasons for and Reader Responses to Ambiguous Narrative Endings"

Lunch: 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

EAPSU Executive Board Meeting. Dr. Leenerts will share link separately.

Session III: 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm (Roundtable)

"Coming Together Is a Beginning": Working toward Success—an English Curriculum Roundtable Discussion

Chair: Lynn Pifer (Mansfield)

Panelists: Ted Roggenbuck (Bloomsburg), Richard Van Dyke (Lock Haven), Brad Lint (Mansfield), Teri Doerksen (Mansfield), Brent House (California), Kim Vanderlaan (California), Leah Chambers (Clarion), Ellen Foster (Clarion), Mary Paniccia Carden (Edinboro)

Session IV: 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Chair: Cynthia Leenerts (East Stroudsburg)

- Elizabeth Tussey (U of Pittsburgh), "Writing through Grief in the Age of COVID-19"
- Emily Baldys and Michele Santamaria (Millersville), "Journals of the Plague Year: Connecting and Reflecting with Zines"
- Cynthia Leenerts (East Stroudsburg), "Bonding with Jane: (Re)generational Self-Restoration in the Time of Plague"

Session V: 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Chair: Jasmine Villa (East Stroudsburg)

- Jasmine Villa (East Stroudsburg), "#MentalHealth & #TherapyTok: How Social Media Builds the Path to Mental Health Discourse"
- Jonathan Shaw (Kutztown), "Rot & Regeneration"
- Erica Dymond (East Stroudsburg), "From Commoner to King: An Examination of the Importance of the *Isekai* Genre"

Session VI: 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm (Roundtable)

"Sharing Summer Reading Lists and Building New Lists for Winter Reading"

Chair: Michael Downing (Kutztown)
Panelists: Robert Kilker (Kutztown)