

College English Association - Middle Atlantic Group

ANNUAL SPRING CONFERENCE 2017

Call for Papers

“Islands”

11 March 2017

Keynote Panel: “English Is Not an Island”

Panelists: April Massey, U of the District of Columbia;

Tina Kelleher, Towson U; and Jack Ryan, United States Naval Academy

Location: University of the District of Columbia

This year’s conference charts our course for the theme of “Islands,” literal, metaphorical, and all locales in between. We invite papers or panels on literature, language, cultural studies, composition, and pedagogy that contemplate this theme both within the discipline of English and in other areas of the humanities. We welcome interdisciplinary papers and panels, and we also encourage submissions from AP instructors and graduate students. Proposals may broadly interpret the conference theme along (but not confined to) the following lines:

-  Uncharted islands and pedagogies of terra incognita
-  Voted off the island: Rhetoric and politics
-  Pirates and cyber isles
-  Desert island books: The literary canon
-  No one is an island
-  Pirates of the Caribbean, Wall Street, and beyond
-  Yachts and dinghies: Income inequality and ideology
-  Gilligan’s Island and pop culture icons
-  Message in a bottle: cryptic and forgotten texts
-  Utopia, Atlantis, and islands of paradise or dystopia
-  Flotsam and jetsam of literary traditions
-  Islands and tourism
-  Water, water everywhere, nor any drop to drink: Defunding Public Education
-  Galápagos, evolution, science, and ecospheres
-  Leaving the mainland: Experimental forms of discourse
-  Treasure Island: Defining values
-  Robinson Crusoe and Friday: Colonialism, racism, exoticism, primitivism, etc.
-  No administrator is an island: The role of shared governance
-  Archipelagos and bridges
-  Stranded: Shipwrecks and castaways
-  Rough C’s? —grade inflation
-  The first year of teaching: Survivor, Naked and Afraid, etc.

Please email your paper abstracts (of 500 words or fewer) or panel proposals by Dec. 15 to Joan Romano-Shifflett, Program Committee Chair at ceamagconference@gmail.com. Acceptance letters will be sent out in mid-January. A conference registration/CEA-MAG membership fee of \$40 (\$30 for adjunct instructors and \$20 for graduate students) will be required when you mail in your registration for the conference (includes lunch and subscription to the *CEAMAGazine*). Other questions may be directed to Alex Howe, CEA-MAG President at ahowe@udc.edu or (202-274-5658). Website: www.umes.edu/CEAMAG.

Abstracts and panel proposals should include the following information: Name; institutional affiliation (if applicable; graduate students should identify themselves to be eligible to compete for the \$100 Christopher Bell prize for best grad student paper); mailing address (including zip code); phone number and email address; title for the proposed presentation; abstract of no more than 500 words (papers at the conference should be limited to 15 minutes); A-V needs, if any; special needs, if any. Adjunct instructors are eligible to compete for a travel grant by submitting a full copy of the accepted paper to be presented at the conference by Feb. 24 to the Program Committee Chair; two such grants in the amount of \$100 each will be awarded. For both grad student and adjunct prizes, please submit only conference-length papers.

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