



Second Annual Cultural Carolina

LLC Graduate Students' Association
Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures
University of South Carolina

Graduate Student Open Symposium

April 8th, 2017

Welsh Humanities Classroom Building, Room 201
1620 College St., Columbia, SC 29208

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SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The organizers of the Second Annual Cultural Carolina: Graduate Student Open Symposium wish to thank everyone who has been so supportive of our association.

First and foremost, we want to thank Department Chair Dr. Vazsonyi for his unconditional support of the LLCGSA and his willingness to meet with all graduate students of DLLC to discuss and resolve issues that directly affect us.

We are also grateful to all the professors, instructors, and faculty in the Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures for their help and support, in particular to:

Dr. Mabrey, our Faculty Advisor, who has played an essential role from the beginning of the LLCGSA and has caringly supported many students in their professional careers. Dr. Mabrey will be retiring after this semester, and she will be greatly missed by many!

Dr. López, whose idea to make this year's Cultural Carolina an open symposium made it possible. Dr. López has also met with us in the past to help guide us through the process of organizing conferences—we are greatly indebted to her for her guidance.

Terri Lucas, LLC Business Manager, and Catherine Moring, Assistant to the Chair, for their business and managerial support in our past endeavors. Catherine will be leaving the department to accept another job after this semester, and Terri will also be retiring this year. Ladies, thank you so much for all you have done for us.

Bill Fairchild & Henning Liese of the Ted Mimms Foreign Language Learning Center whose support and technological expertise has always been invaluable to us and who have graciously lent us equipment to put on this year's event.

And last, but certainly not least, we would like to thank every graduate student in our department. They have all taken time out of their busy schedules to make this event possible.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dr. Meili Steele

Professor, Department of English Language and Literature
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Meili Steele is Professor of English and Comparative Literature at the University of South Carolina, and he works on philosophy and literature in the modern period. He has published four books and many articles. Today's talk is part of his project on literature and public reasoning.

His Keynote: "The Discursive Shape of Inequality: Barack Obama versus Ta-Nehisi Coates."



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08:45 – 09:20 am : Registration. Breakfast and Coffee provided by LLCGSA.

09:25 – 09:55 am : Words of Welcome by Dr. María Mabrey, Dr. Mercedes

López-Rodríguez and Benjamín Rodríguez.

10:00 – 11:05 am : Panel 1 – Utopia and Decadence

Moderated by Hugo Pascual Bordón

The Stone Lady's Lips: A study of Gustavo Adolfo Bécquer's "The Kiss" as a link between Romanticism and *Noventaiochismo* in 19th century Spain.

Luis Miguel Macías Meléndez, The University of Oklahoma.

The Quixotic Pioneer: Utopia and Idealism in Willa Cather's *A Lost Lady*.

David Beek, University of South Carolina.

A Modernist Parable: New York as New Babylon in *The Great Gatsby*.

Paul T. McElhinny, University of South Carolina.

11:20 – 12:25 pm : Panel 2 – Memory and Trauma

Moderated by Jingsheng Zhang

The Limits of Reform: Haiti and the Catholic Church in Santo Domingo, 1823-1833.

Antony Wayne Keane-Dawes, University of South Carolina.

The Reconstruction of Memory and The Latin-American Detective Novel.

Andrés Felipe Arroyave, University of South Carolina.

Researching Personal Trauma: Making Sense of a Life-Altering Event Through a Qualitative Study.

Tabitha Epperson, University of South Carolina.

12:30 – 02:30 pm : Break for lunch. Participants may eat on their own or may join the group at a local eatery close to campus.

02:40 – 03:45 pm : Panel 3 – Recognition and Issues of Translation

Moderated by Juan David Cruz Duarte

Negotiating (In)Justice: Law, Recognition, and Violence in Sophocles' *Antigone*.

Alan R. van den Arend, University of Kentucky.

Seneca's *Oedipus*: The Theban Plague and the Exemplary Behavior of Oedipus.

Olivia Garrett, University of South Carolina.

Translating the "Untranslatable."

Jeffrey Vesel, University of South Carolina.

04:00 – 04:45 pm : Panel 4 – Leadership and Politics

Moderated by Jeffrey Vesel

African American Women and the Construct of Leadership.

Coyet Greene, University of South Carolina.

President Peña Nieto and Moctezuma: Lessons in diplomacy, the Spanish Conquest and Donald Trump.

Fritz Culp, University of South Carolina.

05:00 – 05:45 pm : Keynote Speech given by Dr. Meili Steele. Introduced by

Benjamín Rodríguez.