

# **Migrations of Cultures**

## ***An Undergraduate Research Conference***

University of Pittsburgh, March 22-23 2019

University Club Conference Room A

**March 22**

### ***Registration / Lunch***

1-2pm

### ***Welcome Address***

#### ***Panel 1: Responses to the Perceived 'Other' by Homogenous Societies***

2-3pm

*Moderator: Laura Finkle*

- Best, Maya. University of Pittsburgh. "The Spectrum of Meanings Associated with the Epithet Gaijin in Japan"
- Bobok, Sara. Harvard College. "Patriotic Liberals: The Changing Face of Youth Politics in Hungary"

#### ***Panel 2: Visual Representations as a Reflection of Public Discourse***

3-4:15pm

*Moderator: Mark D'Alesio*

- Quinto, Saraj. University of Pittsburgh. "The Indefatigable Truth of *La Haine*"
- Melcher, Eleanna. University of Pittsburgh. "The Theater of Migration in Today's Germany"
- Crinzi, Elizabeth. University of Pittsburgh. "Collaborative Cartography: A New World and Native Oriented Discussion"



### ***Coffee Break***

4:15-4:30pm

### ***Keynote Address: Katelyn Knox, University of Central Arkansas***

***"Mediating Francophone Afropea: Sampling and Intermediality in 'Crossover Turn' Works by Insa Sané and Edgar Sekloka"***

4:30-6pm

## **March 23**

### ***Panel 3: Cultural Diversity Shrouded Under the Common Vernacular***

10-11am

*Moderator: Olivia Baker*

- Steinle, Sean. University of Pittsburgh. "Peaceful Cosmopolitanism on a Forced March: The Story of Bukovina Before the Age of World War"
- Weigand, Lauren. University of Pittsburgh. "The Lifelong Plight of the North Korean Defector"

### ***Panel 4: The Powers of State in Defining Ethnicity and Identity***

11-12:15pm

*Moderator: Zac Enick*

- Passerini, Sera. University of Pittsburgh. "The Effect of Russia's Migration Laws on the Social Reception of Immigrants"
- Olijar, Marika. University of Pittsburgh. "Building Soviet Nations: Re-assigning and Redefining Culture in Central Asia"
- Shea, Elise. Vassar College. "Reimagining Humanitarian Aid: One Frenchman's (Un)making of the Border"

### ***Lunch***

**12:15-1:30pm**

### ***Panel 5 Tracing Ethnic Experiences Through Literary Analysis***

1:30-2:45pm

*Moderator: Jeanette Schwalm*

- Iyer, Mithila. Grinnell College. "Emerging from the Cage: Liberation and Literature from the Haitian Diaspora"
- Moser, Ethan. University of Pittsburgh. "The Famine Problem: The Murder and Rebirth of the Irish Language"
- Hartigan, Julia. University of Pittsburgh. "Gendered Migration in Contemporary Haitian Literature"

### ***Panel 6 Language as a Tool of Nationalism***

3-4pm

*Moderator: Ariel Klinghoffer*

- Schwalm, Jeanette. University of Pittsburgh. "Cultural Sovereignty in Haiti: How do Non-Governmental Organizations Impact Human Security and Language Dynamics?"
- Garger, Mark. University of Pittsburgh. "The Development of the Burgenland Croatian Dialect and its Perseverance through History"

### ***Panel 7 Establishing a Dual-Identity in the American Diaspora***

4-5pm

*Moderator: Laura Finkle*

- Kaiser, Zoe. University of Chicago. "Spiritual Pilgrims: Russian Emigrants in 1920s Chicago"
- Enick, Zac. University of Pittsburgh. "La Lega Toscana di Protezione: a Social, Spatial, and Linguistic Study"

### ***Merenda @University Club***

**5-6pm**

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