Literature/Film Association Annual Conference 2017
Politics, Ethics, and Adaptation

University Center
University of Montana
Missoula, MT USA
Oct. 26 – 28, 2017

Conference Program
THURSDAY OCTOBER 26

4 – 5:45 pm: WELCOME RECEPTION, REGISTRATION / CHECK-IN
Grand Foyer, 3rd Floor, University Center (UC)

6 - 7:00 pm: KEYNOTE LECTURE
University Center Theater
Theodore C. Van Alst Jr.: "The Politics of Language in American Indian Cinema"

FRIDAY OCTOBER 27

8:30 am – 12:00 pm: REGISTRATION / CHECK-IN
UC Meeting Room Foyer

9:00 – 10:20 am Panel 1A
BEYOND ETHICS? EVALUATING ADAPTATION IN A POST-FIDELITY CONTEXT
UC 330

Chair: Margaret Toth, Manhattan College

Meg Toth, Manhattan College
Moving Beyond Fidelity in the Adaptation Studies Classroom

Kevin Donald, Manhattan College
Adapting Humanity: Catharsis, Storytelling and Narrative Excess in Apocalypse Now and Heart of Darkness

Rachel Kurtz, Manhattan College
Director and Imperialist: Exploring the Limitations and Hypocrisies of Coppola’s Apocalypse Now

9:00 - 10:20 am: Panel 1B
RACE AND ADAPTATION
UC 331

Chair: John Alberti, Northern Kentucky University

Dan Platt, Graceland University
“Some People Can’t Learn What We Learn”: Adaptation and/as Gentrification in Hal Ashby’s The Landlord

Samantha Freeman, Northwestern University
White Women Make the Perfect Victims: Adapting Big Little Lies and Erasing Black Women’s Experiences of Gendered Violence

John Alberti, Northern Kentucky University
Is Hermione Black? Is Anyone? Adaptation, Casting, Identity, and Ethics
Marginalized Narratives

Chair: Thomas Leitch, University of Delaware

Anna E. Zimmer, Northern Michigan University
From YouTube to the Berlinale: European Representations of Refugees in Fiction and Film

Michael Eppelmann, University of Mannheim, Germany / University of Waterloo, Ontario
Baby Boomers and Millennials: Different Attitudes towards the Professional World in Maren Ade’s Toni Erdmann (2016) and Arne Feldhusen’s Stromberg – Der Film (2014)

Thomas Leitch, University of Delaware
Adapting the Counterculture

Poetry in Motion

Chair: Marton Marko, University of Montana

Zoe Bursztajn-Illingworth, University of Texas, Austin
“Both in and out of the game, and watching and wondering at it”: Whitmanic Currents and Complications in Spike Lee’s He Got Game

Jack Ryan, Gettysburg College
Jim Jarmusch’s Paterson: Poetics, Place, and Adaptation

Marton Marko, University of Montana
Wings of Desire at 30: Politics, Adaptation, Romance

Adapting the Bard

Chair: Noel Sloboda, Penn State York

Sarah Hamblin, University of Massachusetts, Boston
Sovereignty in Crisis: World Cinema as World Politics in The King is Alive

Tomas Elliott, University of Pennsylvania
Shakespeare, Stoneleigh, Salò: The Magic of Prospero’s Prisons

Noel Sloboda, Penn State York
More or Less Dead Adaptation: A Taste for Shakespeare in Warm Bodies
1:10 - 2:30 pm: Panel 3B
THEATRICAL ADAPTATIONS
UC 331

Chair: Steve Benton, East Central University

Kathryn Huether, University of Minnesota
Musical Witnessing: George Takei’s Japanese Internment Camp Musical, Allegiance

Tony Rafalowski, Jackson State Community College
The Enchanted Cottage: A Tale of War and Redemption

Steve Benton, East Central University
Angels in America, Again: The Rising Spectre of Roy M. Cohn

2:40 - 4:00 pm: Panel 4A
(TRANS)NATIONAL ADAPTATIONS
UC 330

Chair: Matthew Bolton, Gonzaga University

Geo Ciril Podipara, Ashoka University, India
Constructed Identities and Radical Nationalism in Indian Cinema

Caroline Eades, University of Maryland
Wolf Totem by Jean-Jacques Annaud (2015): Turning a Chinese Novel Into a Transnational Film

Matthew Bolton, Gonzaga University
“You both enjoy bloodsport”: Adapting Individualistic Ethics in Kurosawa’s High and Low

2:40 - 4:00 pm: Panel 4B
WOMEN’S VOICES
UC 331

Chair: Tina Olsin Lent, Rochester Institute of Technology

Larry Shillock, Wilson College
Into the Future from Out of the Past: Adaptation, Femininity, and Hegelian Ethics

Rashmila Maiti, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville
Sexy Sita and Respectful Raavan: Alternate Readings of the Ramayana

Tina Olsin Lent, Rochester Institute of Technology
Media Portrayals of the Woman Suffrage Movement: Reinterpreting the Past to Create Stories for the Present
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8:30 am – 12:00 pm: Registration / Check-in
UC Meeting Room Foyer

9:00 - 10:20 am: Panel 5A
Adapting the Classics
UC 330

Chair: Clint Walker, University of Montana

Noelle Hedgcock, Syracuse University
Born to Be Victorian: Marketing Joan Fontaine in *Jane Eyre* (1944)

Geoffrey Wilson, University of Calgary
Musical Narrative in Carl Davis’ Score to *The Thief of Bagdad* (1924)

Clint Walker, University of Montana
Etiology of the Postmodern Condition: Tracing Tropes to the Source in *No Country for Old Men*

9:00 - 10:20 am: Panel 5B
Theoretical Adaptations: Bakhtin, Bazin, Lacan
UC 331

Chair: Allen Redmon, Texas A&M University Central Texas

Emine Akkülah Doğan, Hacettepe University, Turkey
A Carnivalesque Criticism of the Victorian Middle-Class Morality in Oscar Wilde’s *The Picture of Dorian Gray* and Its Screen Adaptations

Michel Valentin, University of Montana
Al/Literal Dissemination of *Les Liaisons Dangereuses*: Hypo-, Arch-, Hyper-Text, or Polytext?

Allen Redmon, Texas A&M University Central Texas
More Than a Memento: Christopher Nolan’s Challenge to Indexical Thinking in the Movies

10:30 - 11:50 am: Panel 6A
Film, Media, Adaptation: Challenges and Strategies
UC 330

Chair: Chuck Hamilton, Northeast Texas Community College

Wu Meng, University of British Columbia
“The East Is Red”?: Tsui Hark’s Adaptation of *Taking the Tiger Mountain by Strategy*

John Sanders, Syracuse University
An Epic Condensed: *Warcraft* and the Issues of Video Game Adaptation

Chuck Hamilton, Northeast Texas Community College
Creating a Culture of Fear through Fake News and Social Media Manipulation
10:30 - 11:50 am: Panel 6B
COMEDIC CHALLENGES
UC 331

Chair: Phillip Gentile, University of Southern Mississippi

Michael Mays, Washington State University
“Not So Funny”: The Equivocal Comedy of Albert Brooks

Elizabeth L. Clausen, Texas State University
Bamboozled and the Impossibility of Satire in White-Supremacist, Capitalist American Cinema

Phillip Gentile, University of Southern Mississippi
Refining Pugilistic Burlesque: Pathos and Violence in Chaplin’s The Champion and City Lights

12:00 – 1:00 pm: CATERED LUNCH
UC 332/333 (Banquet Room)

1:10 - 2:30 pm: Panel 7A
AUTHORIAL ADAPTATIONS
UC 330

Chair: Ian Olney, York College of Pennsylvania

Dennis Rothermel, California State University, Chico
Contrapuntal Movements in Later Adaptations of Two Early 1930s Anti-War Films

Andrew Bumstead, University of Utah
Colonialism vs. The Mother in James Cameron’s Aliens

Ian Olney, York College of Pennsylvania
War Fever: J.G. Ballard, Steven Spielberg, and the Adaptation of Empire of the Sun

1:10 - 2:30 pm: Panel 7B
GENDER POLITICS OF WOMEN ON TELEVISION
UC 331

Chair: Marit Knollmueller, Northern Virginia Community College

Olubunmi Oguntolu, University of Florida
Will Television Project the Revolution?: Broadcasting A Hot Thang with a Helping Hand in Hell's Kitchen and Harlem

Crystal Camargo, Northwestern University
Reconfiguring the Telenovela: Jane the Virgin’s Meta-Telenovela-Trope

Marit Knollmueller, Northern Virginia Community College
Gendered Politics: Madame Presidents in Homeland and House of Cards 2017
2:40 - 4:00 pm: Panel 8A
EMPOWERED WOMEN
UC 330

Chair: Walter C. Metz, Southern Illinois University

Peter C. Kunze, University of Texas, Austin
Rebooting *Beauty*

Margaret A. Toth, Manhattan College
Edith Wharton, Adaptation, and the Literary Marketplace

Walter C. Metz, Southern Illinois University
Science-Fiction as Misdirection: Ethics, Adaptation, and *Passengers*

2:40 – 4:00 pm: Panel 8B
JUSTICE, ETHICS, AND NEW ISSUES IN ADAPTATION
UC 331

Chair: David Johnson, Salisbury University

Perry Moon, Stephen F. Austin State University
Tragedy and the Economics of Justice in *Unforgiven*

Peter Lev, Towson University
When Is a Murder a Murder? *Casablanca* and *The Searchers*

David Johnson, Salisbury University
Adaptation in the Academy: Contemporary and Historical Challenges to the Humanities and How Adaptation Studies Might Respond

4:15 - 5:15 PM: LFA BUSINESS MEETING
UC 332/333 (Banquet Room)
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