

49th Parallel Conference Schedule
Money Talks: Inequality and North American Identity
Friday 19th June 2015

Registration (9:00 – 09:45)
The Cloisters

Introductory session (9:45- 10:00)
A01

Session 1 (10:00 – 11:15)

1. Postmodern Capitalism (Chair: Dr Dan King)
A01

"Because I'm gripped by an existential panic': Patrick Bateman and the 'third self' of late capitalism" – Amy Bride (University of Manchester)

"Entrepreneurial Ecstasy and the Capitalist Hero in American Culture" – Dr David Hancock (Kingston University)

Hubertus Bigend. Reading postmodern capitalism through "a market Mephistopheles." – Julia Nikiel (Maria Curie-Sklodowska University (Lublin, Poland))

2. Legislating and Representing the Poor (Chair: Rosemary Pearce)
A09

"The Clinton Administration and Cultural Explanations of Poverty, 1992-2001" – Alice Lilly (University of Nottingham)

"The Portrayal of Workers' Interests during the 1890s Depression in the United States" – Peter H. Bent (University of Oxford / Massachusetts)

BREAK (11:15 – 11:30)
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Session 2 (11:30 – 13:15)

1. (Im)migrant Communities and Inequality (Chair: Dr Rachel Sykes)
A01

"Dragons and Assassins of Loisaída: Puerto Rican Gang Members Become Community Activists" – Timo Schrader (University of Nottingham)

"Economic hierarchies and distancing mechanisms in Teju Cole's *Open City*" – Christine Okoth (Kings College London)

"Abdulrahman Alger: Heroic Identity in Dave Eggers' *Zeitoun*" – Pat Massey (University of Manchester)

"The Economics of Intolerance: Jewish & African-American Relations in Blues Poetry" – Michael Skansgaard (University of Cambridge)

**2. The Politics and Fiction of Neoliberalism (Chair: Katie Hamilton)
A09**

"Aspirational Labour: Inequality as Neoliberal Necessity" – Sam Cooper (University of Nottingham)

"Imagining Disaster in Lionel Shriver's "obesity bestseller" *Big Brother* (2013)" – Michelle Green (University of Nottingham)

"What To Do I'm Still Working On': The 'New White Guy' Response to Neoliberalism" – Iain Williams (University of Edinburgh)

"Economics versus Ecology: Idle No More, Indigenous Sovereignty and Neoliberal Borders" – Caleb Bailey (University of Nottingham)

**LUNCH (13:15 – 14:00)
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Session 3 (14:00 – 15:15)

**1. Drugs and Money (Chair: Prof. Peter Ling)
A01**

"Profit and Porn in "Post-AIDS" San Francisco" – Dr Victoria Carroll (Kings College London)

"Cocaine dreamers": Subversive identity construction in Clipse's "coke rap" – Ellis Jones (University of Leeds)

"Heroin addiction and the poor whites' identity at the beginning of seventies" – Marta Gara (University of Roma Tre)

**BREAK (15:15 – 15:40)
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**Keynote (15:45 – 17:00)
A01**

"Fascinating Finance: Pynchon, DeLillo, and the Fantasy of the Perfect Market" – Dr Paul Crosthwaite (University of Edinburgh) Chair: Diletta De Cristofaro

**WINE RECEPTION (17:00 – 18:00)
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