

University at Albany's 17th annual English Graduate Student Organization Conference

Race: Embodying Academia

April 5-6, 2019

Friday, April 5, 2019

3:30-4:00—Registration

4:00-4:30—Opening Address

4:30-5:50—**Race in Public Discourse** (Moderator: Carissa Halston)

- Kirk Maynard (New Jersey City University): "The 'RED' Project: Exploring Housing Discrimination in America"
- Shelby Mack (UAlbany): "Semenya, Serena, and Sharapova: : The Racialization of Women Athletes in the Media"
- Andrew Cutrone (UAlbany): "Getting Serious With Stand-Up Comedy: Power, Stand-up Comedy, and American Public Life"

6:00-7:30—Special Guest Lecture: Professor Mary Grace Albanese (SUNY Binghamton):
"Wandering Maniac": Sojourner Truth's Caribbean Errantry"

8:00—Conference Dinner, Barcelona Restaurant

Saturday, April 6, 2019

9:00-9:30—Coffee

9:30-10:50—**The Constitution (and Care) of the Racialized Self** (Moderator: Kevin Kilroy)

- Paulna Valbrun (University of New Hampshire): "Chaos"
- Jennifer K. Chukwu (Brown University): "The 8th House"
- Sarah Chamberlain; Emily Cotton, Ijeoma Njaka; and Noah Martin, (Georgetown University): "Exploring Domains of "Diversity" In Higher Education through Visual Conceptual Learning Maps"

11:00-12:30—Critical Keynote

Gene Andrew Jarrett

Seryl Kushner Dean, College of Arts and Science, New York University

12:30-1:30—Lunch

1:30-2:50—**Separate but Equal: Indigenous and Enslaved Identities** (Moderator: Professor Helene Scheck)

- Simon Kostelanetz (CUNY): “Academia is Racist: Synthesizing Lewis Gordon’s idea of Disciplinary Decadence with Tuhiwai Smith’s *Decolonizing Methodologies*”
- Eugene Pae (UAlbany): “Ursa’s Blues, “A New World Song”: Matrilineal Trauma and Individual Selfhood in Gayl Jones’s *Corregidora*”.
- Kasey Waite (UAlbany): “Pity Me and Pardon Me, O Virtuous Reader!” –The Rhetoric of Abolitionist Action in Harriet Jacobs’ *Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl*”

3:00-4:00—Creative Keynote

June Gehringer, author of *I Don't Write about Race*

4:00-4:50—Closing Roundtable

Nazia Manzoor (Moderator), Professor Erica Fretwell (UAlbany), Eugene Pae (UAlbany)

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