
March 30 to April 1, 2023
ROMANTICISM AND JUSTICE
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**Thursday, March 30, 2023**

**First Day of Virtual Conference and In-Person Pre-Conference Day**
Katy and E. Don Walker Sr. Education Center
1402 19th St., Huntsville, TX 77340
Sam Houston Memorial Museum & Presidential Library Complex

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| 11:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m. | NASSR in-person conference registration table opens at the Walker Education Center (WEC) 203—Atrium  
*Coffee, pastries and water available* |
| 8:15 a.m. | **Online Welcoming Remarks**  
- Michael Demson, Sam Houston State University  
- Michelle Faubert, Chair of NASSR  
- Kir Kuiken, Vice Chair of NASSR |
| 8:30 a.m. | **Walls Unit Prison Tour Excursion**  
This tour of the Texas State Penitentiary at Huntsville, aka The Walls Unit, is limited to 10 people. Vans return to the Walker Education Center at 11:30 a.m. |

**8:30–9:45 a.m.—Session 1 of Concurrent Virtual Panels**

| V Panel 1.1 | **Theaters of Violence and Justice I**  
*Moderator: Elizabeth Effinger (University of New Brunswick)*  
**CDT**  
**Th 8:30–9:45 a.m.**  
- Terry F. Robinson (University of Toronto): “The 1794 *Macbeth*: Theatre, Politics, Imagination”  
- Trevor McMichael (Indiana University, Bloomington): “Deep Revenge`; or, *Schaadenfreude* on the Romantic-Era Stage”  
- Ileana Gonzalez Zavala (University of Western Ontario): “The Pursuit of Promethean Justice in Mary Shelley’s *Frankenstein* and Percy Shelley’s *The Cenci* and *Prometheus Unbound*” |
Thursday, March 30

V Panel 1.2

**Isolation and Justice**

*Moderator: Carmen Faye Mathes (University of Regina)*

- Basak Demirhan (Boğaziçi University): “Affects, Demons, and Relationality in James Hogg’s *Confessions of a Justified Sinner*”
- Małgorzata Nowak (Adam Mickiewicz University): “Trial Before God-sacred and state law in Juliusz Słowacki’s *Samuel Zborowski*”
- Carmen Faye Mathes (University of Regina): “Posing Among the Wreckage: Affective Relationality and the Refusal of this World”
- Muhammed F. Salem (The American University of Cairo): “She deserved it”: The Stigmatized Maid in Didactic vs. Newgate Novels

V Panel 1.3

**Trans/Queer Romanticisms I: New Trans Histories**

*Cosponsored by European Romantic Review and Keats-Shelley Association of America*

*Moderator: Kate Singer (Mount Holyoke College)*

- Simon Clewes (University of Birmingham): “‘To cut the cable that binds’: Trans Capacities in the Binary-Breaking Writing of William Godwin”
- Ula Klein (University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh): “Queer Spectacles and the Trans Celebrity of Mademoiselle la Chevalière d’Eon”
- Carlisle Yingst (Harvard University): “Mourn, but for the mourners’: Mary Shelley, David Lyndsay, and the Trans Desire for the Past”
- Jeremy Chow (Bucknell University): “Black | Animal | Trans Romanticisms”

**10:00–11:15 a.m. CDT—Virtual Plenary**

***Women’s History, Women’s Advocacy: Lady Morgan and Romantic-Era Dublin***: Julia Wright (Dalhousie University)

*Introduction by Paul Child III (Sam Houston State University)*

(A virtual coffee hour with Julia Wright will follow at 2:30 p.m. CDT)

**11:00 a.m.**

**Exhibition: Bones of Texas**

WEC 205—Exhibit Gallery

A photography and storytelling project by Morgan Page and Dustin Rice, [www.bonesoftexas.com](http://www.bonesoftexas.com), in the exhibition room
Thursday, March 30

12:00–1:15 p.m. CDT—Plenary
Welcoming Remarks for In-Person Conference
*Michael Demson, Lead Organizer for NASSR 2023 (Sam Houston State University)
WEC Room 207—Mac Woodward Auditorium

“The Prison Writer as Witness: Unraveling the Myths of the Penitentiary and Prison, 1799 to 2023”: Doran Larson, Director of The American Prison Writing Archive (Hamilton College)
Introduction by Mike Yawn, Director of the Center for Law, Engagement, and Politics (Sam Houston State University)

1:15–2:30 p.m. CDT—Lunch
Box Lunches in WEC 115—President Houston Room

2:30–3:45 p.m. CDT—Concurrent Virtual and In-Person Workshops

Virtual Workshop
*Open Educational Resources for a More Just Classroom
Leila Walker (Queens College, City University of New York)

Virtual Coffee Hour
*Coffee Hour with Julia Wright (Dalhousie University)
Moderator: Paul Child III (Sam Houston State University)

In–Person Workshop
*Curation as Social Justice Activism: A Working Introduction to The American Prison Writing Archive (WEC 112—Governor Houston Room)
Doran Larson (Hamilton College)

In–Person Workshop
"A Conversation with the Windham School District (WSD)
(WEC 114—General Houston Room)
with Kristina J. Hartman (Superintendent), Robert O'Banion (Chief Financial Officer), Danielle Nicholes (Communications Administrator) for the Windham School District, which serves residents within the Texas Department of Criminal Justice

4:00–5:15 p.m. CDT—Session 2 of Concurrent Virtual Panels

Virtual Seminar
*Percy Shelley for Our Times
*Sponsored by the Keats-Shelley Association of America
Moderators: Omar F. Miranda (University of San Francisco) and Kate Singer (Mount Holyoke College)
Our seminar asks participants to discuss how we might write and teach a Percy
Shelley ‘for our times,’ in advance of a collection of essays with that name. While the many bicentennial events around important publication dates and deaths have attempted to celebrate, if not memorialize, the Romantics’ haunting present in literary studies and a public readership, this volume asks how Shelley might have already been writing of a future audience, thinking of us thinking about him. Considering a Shelley reading practice as “ten thousand orbs involving and involved” (PU IV.241), we invited readers to think creatively and experimentally about how Shelley might have imagined different audiences across spaces and times, and how we might connect Shelley to our own and other moments. Participants might bring their favorite Shelley poems and other passages from poems and scholarship that would speak to our times.

Art and Justice

Moderator: Adam Schoene (University at Buffalo, State University of New York)

- Sophie Thomas (Toronto Metropolitan University): “(Im)Material Justice: Art, Agency and the Poetics of Restoration”
- Elizabeth Effinger (University of New Brunswick): “Romantic Artivism: Reading and Erasing Frankenstein Behind Bars”
- Ian Haywood (University of Roehampton): “Illustrating slave rebellion”
- Elizabeth Neiman (University of Maine): “Empathy and the justice of representation: returning to point of view in Austen’s Emma”

Regenerative Justice

Moderator: Jordan Green (Tufts University)

- Melissa Bailes (Tulane University): “Regenerating Romanticism: Botany, Sensibility, and Originality in British Literature”
- Christopher Catanese (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill): “Priority and Poetic Property: Enclosure, Original Genius, Real Subsumption”
- Lucien Darjeun Meadows (University of Denver): “Seeking Environmental Justice through an Embodied Ecology of Wonder”

4:00–5:15 p.m. CDT—In-Person Plenary Performance

The Innocents, John Lane & Allen Otte

WEC 207—Mac Woodward Auditorium

Sunset Dinner at the Park

Sponsored by College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Sam Houston State University
Catered by Carbonero Rotisserie, Huntsville, Texas

Vans depart at 5:30 from the Walker Education Center for the CCC-built Raven Lodge at the Huntsville State Park, and will return after dinner to area hotels.

6:00 p.m. CDT—Virtual Event

Film: The Innocents (2022)

The film and introductory remarks from the director, Wojciech Lorenc (Sam Houston State University), can be found on the conference website.
FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 2023

Romanticism and Justice
Lowman Student Center | Sam Houston State University | Huntsville, TX

7:00 a.m. Lowman Student Center (LSC) opens
7:30 a.m. Registration table (LSC Room 230B) opens
7:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m. Book exhibit (LSC Room 230B) open
    Breakfast on own (Old Main Market, adjacent to the LSC, opens at 7:00 a.m.)

8:00–9:15 a.m. CDT—Session 3 of Concurrent Virtual Panels

V Panel 2.1
F 8:00–9:15 a.m. CDT

John Galt and Justice
Moderator: Angela Esterhammer (University of Toronto)

- Clare A. Simmons (Ohio State University): “Female Voices and the Language of Justice in The Entail”
- Pingting Zhang (Nanjing Normal University): “John Galt on Sympathy and Justice”
- Delaney Anderson (University of British Columbia): “Gothic Crimes and Headlines: The Afterlives of John Galt’s Short Fiction in Nineteenth-Century Newspapers”

V Panel 2.2
F 8:00–9:15 a.m. CDT

Resistances of Idealism I: Schellingian Connections
Sponsored by The North American Schelling Society
Moderator: Tilottama Rajan (University of Western Ontario)

- Kirill Chepurin (University of Hamburg): “Schelling on Cosmic Revolution and Universal Justice”
- Kir Kuiken (University at Albany, SUNY): “The Elements of Life: Günderrode and Schelling’s Organicism”

V Panel 2.3
F 8:00–9:15 a.m. CDT

National Romanticism in Finland
Sponsored by FinnFest USA
Moderator: Helena Halmari (Sam Houston State University)

- Carl Rahkonen (Indiana University of Pennsylvania): “The Role of the Kantele in Finnish National Romanticism”
- Juhana Saarelainen (University of Turku): “A Nation’s Right to Have a Literature of Its Own: Nineteenth-Century Romantic Notions of the Finnish Language in Relation to Geographical Marginality”
- Outi Pinomaa (University of Turku): “At the Dawn of the National Romanticism in Finland: Italian Loanwords in Finnish Language,
- Niina Häimäläinen (Executive Director of The Kalevala Society): “Sacred Language and Knowledge: Romanticism and the Creation of the Kalevala”
8:00–9:15 a.m.—Session 1 of Concurrent In-Person Panels

Panel 2.1
F 8:00–9:15 a.m. CDT

Staging Women (LSC 230A)

Moderator: E. Paige Oliver (Vanderbilt University)

- Scott Hubbard (University of South Carolina): “Poetic Justice: An Overview of the Ethics of Editorship in Relation to Percy Shelley’s ‘Bright Wanderer/Lines Written in the Bay of Lerici’”
- Daniela Garofalo (University of Oklahoma): “Emma on Becoming a Comedian”
- E. Paige Oliver (Vanderbilt University): “(E)Motion Granted: Inchbald’s Affective Courtroom and the Politics of Sincerity”

Panel 2.2
F 8:00–9:15 a.m. CDT

Climate Justice and Suffering Finitude (LSC 241A)

Sponsored by The History of Literature, Science, Medicine, and Psychology Caucus
Moderator: David García (Carthage College)

- Seolha Lee (Texas A&M University): “‘Stagnant’ Body and Poetic Creativity in John Clare’s Poetry”
- Andrew McInnes (Edge Hill University): “Ridiculous Exhibitions: Climate Justice and Collective Action in Romantic Pedagogy”
- Lauren Cooper (Syracuse University): “The Wordsworths' Little Ice Age: Climatic Instability and Climate Injustice in the Lake District”
- David García (Carthage College): “From Spectacle to Specificity, Eyewitness to Enclosure: Helen Maria Williams's Letters”

Panel 2.3
F 8:00–9:15 a.m. CDT

Judicious Language (LSC 241B)

Moderator: Allison Dushane (Angelo State University)

- Anna Dodson (Independent Scholar): “Rhetorical Justice in Coleridge and Southey’s ‘The Fall of Robespierre’”
- Jacob Blevins (Sam Houston State University): “Thomas Traherne and the Romantic Sublime”
- Sunghyun Jang (Korea University): “Connecting Words with ‘Things of Considerable Consequence’: the Millennialism of Priestly’s Universal Language”

F 9:30–11:00 a.m. CDT

Prison Museum Excursion

Vans leave from LSC, returning at 11:00 a.m. Pre-registration is required.
Meet at LSC 230B.
### Theaters of Violence and Justice II

**Moderator:** Sophie Thomas (Toronto Metropolitan University)

- Marjean D. Purinton (Texas Tech University): “Justice on Trial in Romantic-Period Drama and Novels”
- James Armstrong (City College and Baruch College, City University of New York): “Ancien Régime Imprisonment in the Plays of Olympe de Gouges and Ira Aldridge”
- Young-ok An (University of St. Thomas): “Women on Trial and the Representations of Injustice in Percy and Mary Shelley”

### Contemporary Theory Through a Romantic Glass (Darkly)

**Sponsored by The Comparative Literature and Thought Caucus**

**Moderator:** Joel Faflak (University of Western Ontario)

- Joseph Albernaz (Columbia University): “Sunray of the negative”
- Sarah Pourciau (Duke University): “Schelling on the Place of the Digital”
- Jan Mieszkowski (Reed College): “Coining Phrases with Berlant and Schlegel”

### Finalists of the Romantic Pedagogy Contest (*LSC 241B*)

**Sponsored by Eighteenth-Century Fiction**

**Moderator:** Kandi Tayebi (Sam Houston State University)

### Introduction to COVE Studio, with Dino Franco Felluga (Purdue University)

This COVE workshop will serve as an introduction to COVE Studio and COVE Editions, with a special concentration on Romantic content and teaching ideas. Topics covered will include: building an anthology, creating a group, annotation (including multimedia), upload, timeline-building, map-building, gallery-building, and edition-building. Access to COVE Studio and COVE Editions is a benefit of NASSR membership.
9:30–10:45 a.m. CDT—Session 2 of Concurrent In-Person Panels

Panel 2.4
F 9:30–10:45 a.m.
CDT

**Justice, Romantic–Era Science, and Literary Forms of Power (LSC 230A)**

*Moderator: Samuel Baker (University of Texas at Austin)*

- Allison Dushane (Angelo State University): “Weird Romanticism: Ecohorror and Aesthetic Form”
- Jacob Risinger (Ohio State University): “Romantic Horsepower and Other Equivalencies”
- Roger Whitson (Washington State University): “Mary Somerville and the Living Force of Electromagnetism”
- Samuel Baker (University of Texas at Austin): “Walter Scott, Automaton”

Panel 2.5
F 9:30–10:45 a.m.
CDT

**Tortured Imaginations (LSC 241A)**

*Moderator: Audrey Murfin (Sam Houston State University)*

- Chris Bundock (University of Essex): “terrible, and strange to tell: Passions, Incarceration, and the Physiology of Fear”
- Erin Goss (Clemson University): “The Limits of Just Deserts: Charlotte Smith’s Sympathy”
- Audrey Murfin (Sam Houston State University): “Revelatory Gothic in James Hyslop’s ‘The Cameronian Dream’”

11:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m. CDT—Session 5 of Concurrent Virtual Panels

V Panel 2.7
F 11:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m. CDT

**Resistances of Idealism II: Schopenhauer, Schelling, and Unconditional Thinking**

*Sponsored by The North American Schelling Society
Moderator: Kir Kuiken (University at Albany, SUNY)*

- Joel Faflak (University of Western Ontario): “Romantic Schopenhauer”
- Tilottama Rajan (University of Western Ontario): “Schelling’s Archive: Unconditional Textuality”
- Gabriel Trop (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill): “Schopenhauer on the Radicality of Unconditioning”

V Panel 2.8
F 11:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m. CDT

**Vengeance and Malevolence**

*Moderator: Conor Hilton (University of Iowa)*

- Andrew Sargent (University of Western Ontario): “In bloodier acts conclude those who with blood began: Byron's Vengeance”
- Liam Rockall (University of Western Ontario): “Moral Genealogy: Good and Evil from Hobbes to Nietzsche (1650–1900)”
- Adam Komisaruk (West Virginia University): “Lord Trump’s Strength”
- John C. Mulligan (Rice University): “Continuous as the Stars that Shine and Twinkle on the Milky Way: Big Data and Slow Time in the Herschel Observatory”
Friday, March 31

Panel 2.6
F 11:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m. CDT

Trans/Queer Romanticism 2: Queer Forms of Knowledge
(LSC 230A)
Sponsored by European Romantic Review
Moderator: Samuel Baker (University of Texas at Austin)

- M. A. Miller (University of Nevada, Reno): “Trans Historiography in an Era of Environmental Transition”
- William D. Brewer (Appalachian State University): “Mary Robinson’s Walsingham: Monsters, Gender Nonconformity, and Sexual (Dis)orientation”
- Nowell Marshall (University of Wisconsin, Madison): “Subjugated Knowledges and Trans Spectrality in Charles Maturin’s Melmoth the Wanderer”

Panel 2.7
F 11:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m. CDT

Rethinking Jurisdictions and John Galt (LSC 241A)
Moderator: Regina Hewitt (University of South Florida)

- Angela Esterhammer (University of Toronto): “Histories and Fantasies of Settlement in Galt’s Transatlantic Tales”
- Jeffrey Cass (Arkansas Tech University): “The intellectual keenness of the Scottish air…: The Commodification of ‘Scotland’ in John Galt’s Glenfell”
- Jeff Baillargeon (University of Toronto): “Discourses of Rule and Dispute: Political Economy, Scottish Romanticism, and the Settler Colonial Pre-Figuration of Upper Canada in the Writings of John Galt”

Panel 2.8
F 11:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m. CDT

Romanticism and the Just Nation (LSC 241B)
Moderator: Susan Egenolf (Texas A&M University)

- Jennifer L. Hargrave (Baylor University): “Violence and Superstition: Sinology’s (De)Construction of Chinese Morality”
- Helena Halmari (Sam Houston State University): “Injustice and the Cycles of Revenge in the Finnish National Epic, the Kalevala”
**12:15–1:30 p.m. CDT—Lunch**

In-Person Lunch at Old Main Market (voucher). Golf Carts available.

**NASSR Mentoring Lunch (Jack Parker Room at Old Main Market)**

*Hosted by Mark Lussier (Arizona State University)*

**Virtual Meeting of the History of Literature, Science, Medicine, and Psychology Caucus**

*Chaired by Lisa Ann Robertson (University of South Dakota)*

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**1:30–2:45 p.m. CDT—Session 6 of Concurrent Virtual Panels**

**Virtual Roundtable Discussion**

**The Caribbean and Romanticism: New Paths Ahead**

*Sponsored by The Keats-Shelley Journal and The Early Caribbean Society*

*Moderator: Kerry Sinanan (University of Texas at San Antonio)*

- Alex Milsom (Hostos Community College, City University of New York), Thom Van Camp (University of Wisconsin–Madison), and Bakary Diaby (Skidmore College)

**V Panel 2.10**

**Thinking Slavery and Freedom, with Reference to P.B. Shelley**

*Sponsored by The Theory and Philosophy Caucus*

*Moderator: Taylor Schey (North Carolina State University)*

- David Collings (Bowdoin College): “Freedom and the Gallows: Kant with Shelley”
- Kate Singer (Mount Holyoke College): “Chattel’ and the (Re)production of Figuration in Shelley & Cugoano”
- Taylor Schey (North Carolina State University): “The Figure of Slavery and the Logic of Blackface; or, Shelley’s ‘Mask’”

**V Panel 2.11**

**Circling Wordsworth**

*Moderator: Marjean D. Purinton (Texas Tech University)*

- Björn Quiring (Trinity College Dublin): “The Mystery of Twofold Justice in Wordsworth’s Prelude”
- Madeleine Roepe (University of California, Santa Barbara): “Bankrupting the Poor Laws: Wordsworth, Betts, and the Role of Emotion in the Legal System”
- Katherine Gaffney (University of Southern Mississippi): “Canon Reformation: Reading Dorothy Wordsworth’s Domestics as a Medium of Poetic Craft”
1:30–2:45 p.m. CDT—Session 4 of Concurrent In–Person Panels

Panel 2.9
F 11:00 a.m.–
12:15 p.m. CDT

**Multilingual Romanticism (LSC 241B)**

*Sponsored by The Comparative Literature and Thought Caucus
Moderator: Alexander Regier (Rice University)*

- Jeffrey Cox (University of Colorado Boulder): “Multilingual Beatrice: Adapting *The Cenci*”
- Alexander Regier (Rice University): “Awkward Tongues”
- Michele Speitz (Furman University): “A Sublime of Many Mouths”

Panel 2.10
F 1:30–2:45 p.m. CDT

**Roundtable: The Future of Academic Conferences (LSC 230A)**

*Moderator: Andrew McInnes (Edge Hill University)*

Andrew McInnes (Edge Hill University), Erin Goss (Clemson University), Jennifer Law–Sullivan (Oakland University), Chris Bundock (University of Essex) and Michael Demson (Sam Houston State University)

Panel 2.11
F 1:30–2:45 p.m. CDT

**Romanticism and Dispossession (LSC 241A)**

*Moderator: Alexander Dick (University of British Columbia)*

- Alexander Dick (University of British Columbia): “Walter Scott(s) and the Disconcerts of Dispossession: 1810, 1913, 2023”
- Lenora Hanson (New York University): “Unenclosing Dispossession: John Clare and Mahmoud Darwish”
- Padma Rangarajan (University of California, Riverside): “Dispossession’s possession: prophecy and colonial terror”

3:00–3:30 p.m. CDT—Tea and Cookies Reception (LSC 242)

3:30–4:45 p.m. CDT—Plenary (LSC 235A - Orange Ballroom)

“Scenes of Justice in the Work of John “Jew” King, Charlotte King (Dacre), and Sophia King (Fortnum)”: Michael Scrivener (Wayne State University)

*Introduction by Michael Demson (Sam Houston State University)*
4:45–6:30 p.m. CDT—Reception *(Austin Hall, Old Main)*  
*Sponsored by* SEL Studies in English Literature 1500–1900  
*Golf cart available*

6:30 p.m. CDT—Performance *(LSC 235A - Orange Ballroom)*  
*An Evening of Classical Guitar*  
*Sponsored by: The Department of English, Sam Houston State University*

8:00–9:00 p.m. CDT—Banquet *(LSC 235B - Orange Ballroom)*

9:30 p.m. CDT—Vans depart for hotels

9:00–10:30 p.m. CDT—Bowling and Karaoke  
*(Kat Klub, LSC Lower Level)*

10:30 p.m. CDT—Vans depart for hotels
SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2023

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9:00–10:15 a.m. CDT—Session 7 of Concurrent Virtual Panels

V Panel 3.1
S 9:00–10:15 a.m. CDT

Reading Philosophers Reading
Sponsored by The Theory and Philosophy Caucus
Moderator: Jan Mieszkowski (Reed College)

• Ivan Boldyrev (Radboud University): “On Sublation and Possessive Pronouns: Hegel Reading Schiller”

• Soelve I. Curdts (Universität Düsseldorf): “am anderen Ende': Nietzsche reads Parmenides or The Deontologizing of Thought”


V Panel 3.2
S 9:00–10:15 a.m. CDT

The Trade of Forms, Books, and Slaves
Moderator: Ileana Gonzalez Zavala (University of Western Ontario)

• Chris Townsend (Christ’s College, University of Cambridge): “Poetic Injustice: Literary and Social Forms in Cowper’s The Task”

• Marietta Kosma (University of Oxford at Lady Margaret Hall): “The Gendering of Crime in Austin Clarke’s The Polished Hoe”

• Michelle Faubert (University of Manitoba): “Slavery, Suicide, and Enforced Life in the Romantic Period”

• Jordan Green (Tufts University): “Education and Empire: Webs of Colonialism and Inquiry in Charlotte Smith’s ‘Little West Indian’”

V Panel 3.3
S 9:00–10:15 a.m. CDT

New Books in the History of Literature, Science, Medicine, and Psychology
Sponsored by The History of Literature, Science, Medicine, and Psychology Caucus
Moderator: Lisa Ann Robertson (University of South Dakota)

• Laura R. Kremmel (Brandeis University): Romantic Medicine and the Gothic Imagination: Morbid Anatomies (University of Wales Press, 2022)

• Jeffrey M. Binder (Penn State University): Language and the Rise of the Algorithm (University of Chicago Press, 2022)

• Kevis Goodman (University of California, Berkeley): Pathologies of Motion: Medicine, Aesthetics, and Historical Thinking (Yale University Press, 2023)
Saturday, April 1

9:00 – 10:15 a.m.—Session 5 of Concurrent In–Person Panels

Panel 3.1  Justice and Policing *(LSC 230A)*
Moderator: Anne Frey (Texas Christian University)
- Jake Elliott (University of Roehampton): “William Blake’s ‘Watchman’: Los and the London Police”
- Susan Egenolf (Texas A&M University): “Josiah Wedgwood, the Etruria Riots and Just Compensation”
- Deborah Phelps (Sam Houston State University): “A Justified Person Can Do No Wrong: Religious Law and the British Crime Novel in James Hogg’s Private Memoir and Confessions of a Justified Sinner”

Panel 3.2  Family and Domestic Justice *(LSC 241A)*
Moderator: Michelina Nelson-Oliveri (University of Denver)
- Alexandra E. LaGrand (Texas A&M University): “And in a dungeon kept: Gendered Imprisonments in Joanna Baillie’s The Family Legend”
- Pamela Siska (Massachusetts Institute of Technology): “‘For the sake of your child’s welfare’: Shelley’s Response to Shelley v. Westbrook in His Letters to Lord Byron”
- Kayla Probeyahn (Ohio State University): “Anne Yearsley and Breastfeeding as Political Labor”

Panel 3.3  Justice in the Context of Colonialism *(LSC 241B)*
Moderator: Nicholas Mason (Brigham Young University)
- Emily M. Goldsmith (University of Southern Mississippi): “My only fault was being sick: Resistance, Disability and Race in Mary Prince’s History”
- Julia S. Carlson (University of Cincinnati): “The Tactual Traveler”

10:30–11:45 a.m. CDT—Plenary *(LSC 235A - Orange Ballroom)*
“Romanticism and Deaf Justice” Essaka Joshua (University of Notre Dame)
*Introduction by Kandi Tayebi (Sam Houston State University)*

11:45 a.m.–1:00 p.m. CDT—Lunch
In–Person Lunch at Old Main Market (voucher) Golf Carts available.
1:00–2:15 p.m. CDT—Session 8 of Concurrent Virtual Panels

**Virtual Roundtable Discussion**

On The Woman of Colour, an *Eighteenth-Century Fiction* (ECF) Special Issue

*Sponsored by* Eighteenth-Century Fiction and the Early Caribbean Society

Nicole Aljoe (Northeastern University), Mariam Wassif (Carnegie Mellon University), and Kerry Sinanan (University of Texas at San Antonio)

**V Panel 3.4**

S 1:00–2:15 p.m. CDT

Revisiting Walter Scott on Justice

*Moderator: Melissa Ganz (Marquette University)*

- Melissa Ganz (Marquette University): “Legal Terror and Popular Violence: Reimagining Justice in Scott’s *The Heart of Midlothian*”
- Peter Kao (National Chengchi University): “Intertextuality of Law in Shakespeare’s *Romeo and Juliet* and Scott’s *The Bride of Lammermoor*”

**V Panel 3.5**

S 1:00–2:15 p.m. CDT

Romantic Lawlessness

*Moderator: Trevor McMichael (Indiana University, Bloomington)*

- Jack Rooney (Ohio State University): “(Metrical) Law and Justice: The Letter and Spirit of Prosody in Romantic Lyric’s Spectral Body”
- Eric Powell (University of Ljubljana): “Percy Bysshe Shelley, William Benbow, and Revolutionary Nonviolence”
- Conor Hilton (University of Iowa): “A Gothic Justice: Eternal Punishment and Unimaginable Forgiveness in *The Monk*”

**V Panel 3.6**

S 1:00–2:15 p.m. CDT

Justice, Compliance, and Disobedience

*Moderator: Adam Nadir Mohamed (University of Ontario)*

- Adam Nadir Mohamed (University of Western Ontario): “Promethean Justice as the Threat of Fascism: Reading *Prometheus Unbound*’s Bodies without Organs on a Plane of Immanence”
- Rajarshi Banerjee (University of Western Ontario): “Los’s Thund’rous Hammer: Science, Justice, and Blake’s Plastic System”
- Susan Oliver (University of Essex): “Imagining Places without People: land use and ‘new’ beginnings in Romantic Pennsylvania”
1:00–2:15 p.m. CDT—Session 6 of Concurrent In-Person Panels

Panel 3.4  
Poets, Pictures, Paper, Print: Developments in Book Production and Distribution in the Romantic Era (LSC 230A)  
Sponsored by The Book History Caucus  
Moderator: Julia S. Carlson (University of Cincinnati)  
- Thora Brylowe (University of Colorado Boulder): “Spies Like Us: Industrial Espionage in the Paper Mill”  
- Tim Fulford (De Montfort University): “Producing Labouring-class Poets for Publication: Kirke White, Bloomfield and the Development of the Book Market in Britain and America”  
- Nicholas Mason (Brigham Young University): “The Discomfiting Remnants of Slavery in Dorothy Wordsworth’s Rydal Journals (1824–35)”

Panel 3.5  
New World Justice (LSC 241A)  
Moderator: Erin Goss (Clemson University)  
- Nadia Faconti-Christodoulou (University of Aberdeen): “Injustice and the Corruption of the Social Contract as Depicted in Walter Scott’s Peveril of the Peak”  
- Mark Lounibos (Finlandia University): “Great Lakes Romanticism: Robert Bage’s Herm sprong and Indigenous Enlightenment”  
- Jasmine Nelson-Olivieri (Colorado State University): “Pristine Wilderness for Pristine People: Influences of Romantic Writing and Settler Colonialism on Conservation Efforts”

Panel 3.6  
Romanticism and Rights (LSC 241B)  
Sponsored by The German Society for English Romanticism (GER)  
Moderator: Laura A. Zander (University of Muenster)  
- Laura A. Zander (University of Muenster): “Of Monsters and Men: Romanticism, Rights, and the Human Subject”  
- Devin Zuber (Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley): “William Blake’s Black Lives Matter: Translating Swedenborg’s Universal Theologies into Romantic Rights”  
- Katherine Ding (University of California, Berkeley): “Blake’s Body Without Boundaries.”

In-Person Seminar  
Romanticism and Sound, with Padma Rangarajan and Michele Speitz (LSC 235D)  
It has been fifteen years since Romantic Circles published a collection of essays on sound and Romantic poetry. In advance of a forthcoming collection of essays on Romanticism and Sound Studies in the same journal, this seminar considers the challenges and rewards of tuning into the sonic. Potential topics discussed in this seminar include sonic warfare, the ephemerality of sound, and Burke and the politics of the sonic sublime.
2:30–3:45 p.m. CDT—Session 9 of Concurrent Virtual Panels

### V Panel 3.7

**The Resonance of Justice**

*Moderator: Terry F. Robinson (University of Toronto)*

- John Savarese (University of Waterloo): “Listening through the Prison Walls: Cognitive Ecology in Redgauntlet”
- Adam Schoene (University at Buffalo, State University of New York): “Silence and Empire”
- Nick Bujak (Oglethorpe University): “Caleb Williams in Prison: Human Perversity, Institutional Suffering, and the Search for a Philosophy of Pessimism”

### V Panel 3.8

**Restorative Justice, Wholeness, and Disability**

*Moderator: Jack Rooney (Ohio State University)*

- Susan E. Brown (University of Prince Edward Island): “Madness, Management and Mistresses: Lunacy Law and the Trials of George Colman”
- Lisbeth Chapin (Gwynedd Mercy University): “Frankenstein and The Wrongs of Woman: Mental Health and Injustice”
- Melissa Johnson (University of Waterloo): “Crippin' Frankenstein: Embracing Parenthetical Knowledge, Refusing Myths of Uniformity”

### V Panel 3.9

**Resistances of Idealism III: Spirit, Imagination, Ontology**

*Sponsored by the Comparative Literature and Thought Caucus*

*Moderator: Gabriel Trop (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill)*

- Elizabeth Fay (University of Massachusetts, Boston): “Kant’s Spirit”
- Catherine Sulpizio (University of California, Berkeley): “Techniques of Imagination: Magic, Nature, and Figure”
- Grant Dempsey (University of Western Ontario): “Tautegory as Philosophical Imperative”
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|  | • David Sigler (University of Calgary) “Desire, punishment and the law in Joanna Baillie’s *Rayner*”  
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In-Person Seminar

**Romantic Hope, with Adam Potkay (LSC 235D)**

*Limited to 15 participants, preregistration required*

Seminar participants will engage in a critical discussion of portions of Adam Potkay’s 2022 book, *Hope: A Literary History*, shortlisted for the Wordsworth-Coleridge Association Marilyn Gaull Prize. Material covered will include the case in antiquity against hope; hope as a theological virtue; and the Romantic transformation of hope, with readings focused on Wordsworth and Percy Shelley. Discussion may range more generally over the history of emotions, philosophy/theology and literature, and the place of Romanticism in broader histories. Readings will be distributed in advance, in pdf, to seminar participants.

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**5:15–6:00 p.m. CDT—Reception (LSC 235B - Orange Ballroom)**

*Sponsored by College of Arts and Media, Sam Houston State University*

**6:00–7:30 p.m. CDT—Performance (LSC 235A - Orange Ballroom)**

*Beachy Head, A Song-Cycle*

*Composed by Amanda Jacobs*

*Performed by Mezzo Soprano Emily Howes Heilman (Sam Houston State University), accompanied on piano by Amanda Jacobs with discussion by Elizabeth A. Dolan (Lehigh University)*

*Sponsored by The Office of Academic Affairs, Sam Houston State University*

*Introduction by Kandi Tayebi (Sam Houston State University)*

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**8:00 p.m. CDT—Conference Banquet**

*Banquet at Sam’s Table in downtown Huntsville*

Vans depart from LSC at 7:45 p.m. CDT

*Awards, announcements, and farewells*

Vans depart for Huntsville hotels
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