

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

BREAKFAST & CHECK-IN: 8:00- 9:00 AM - ROYCE 314

Complimentary continental breakfast to all registered attendees, presenters, moderators, and volunteers.

OPENING REMARKS: 9:00-9:15 AM - ROYCE 314

Professor Mitchell Morris, Chair, UCLA LGBTQ Studies Program

SESSION 1: 9:30-11:00 AM

PANEL 1A - ROYCE 314

COMBATING PRIVILEGED NARRATIVES

Queering the Classroom: A Spectrum of/for Decoloniality

Israel Domínguez (He/Him/His)

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Department of Religious Studies

Activist Burnout on Queer & Trans People of Color

Evelyn Lucho (She/Her/Hers)

California State University, Los Angeles, Department of Social Work

Queer Antithesis? Semantic Slippages of Queer Love in 'The One Who Loves You So'
(Virtual Presentation)

Thilini Prasadika (She/Her/Hers)

University of Colombo, Sri Lanka, Department of English

PANEL 1B - ROYCE 306

FINDING OUR PLACE: A CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP

A workshop on ethical creative writing about queer identity and the self.

Facilitated by Jose Pablo Bivian (He/His/They)

California State University, Northridge, Department of English

SESSION 2: 11:15 AM-12:45 PM

PANEL 2A - ROYCE 314

QUEERING FAMILIES, SELVES, & LOVES

Queering the Family to Redefine Social Democracy

Mads Larsen (He/Him/His)

University of California, Los Angeles, Department of Scandinavian Languages

"More Than a Woman or a Man:" The Search for a Soulmate and the Self in *Hedwig and the Angry Inch*

Haley Petersen (They/Them)

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Department of Religious Studies

Queering the Nuclear Family: Normativity and Kinship in Freeform's *The Fosters*

Sam Naimi (He/Him/His)

University of Southern California, Department of Social Work

PANEL 2B - ROYCE 306

RADICAL PLEASURE, INTIMATE VIOLENCE

Biopsychosocial Health Effects Among Men Experiencing Same-Sex Intimate Partner Violence

Christian Hosoda (He/Him/His)

California State University, Los Angeles, Department of Social Work

The Transformative Power of Radical Love, Honesty, and Vulnerability

Sam Shelton (They/Them/Theirs)

Oregon State University, Department of Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

LUNCH: 12:45-1:45 PM - ROYCE 306

Free lunch for all registered attendees, presenters, moderators, and volunteers

SESSION 3: 1:45- 3:15 PM

PANEL 3A - ROYCE 314

A GLOBAL SEARCH FOR QUEER REPRESENTATION

Queer Politics of Korean Variety TV: State, Industry and Genre

Grace Jung (She/Her/Hers)

University of California, Los Angeles, Department of Film and Television, and Digital Media

Do you believe in queer cinema after NQC? New-wave queer cinema and its look back at Italian Neorealism

Giuseppe Grispino (He/Him/His)

Rutgers University, Department of Italian Studies

مِثَالِي (mathli), Not مِثَالِي (mithali): Self-Translation for Queer Love in Hanan al-Shaykh's *انها لندن يا عزيز* (Only in London, trans. Catherine Cobham)

Clayton McKee (He/Him/His)

University of California, Los Angeles, Department of Comparative Literature

"That Language of Softness:" Towards a Queer Theory on Freedom of Expression in East Africa (Virtual Presentation)

Wairimu Muriithi (She/Her)

University of the Witwatersrand, Department of African Literature

PANEL 3B - ROYCE 306

MIGRATION, MARRIAGE & OTHER LOVE LAWS

On Queering Lawful Love or Why Love Did Not Really Win (Yet)

Mattias Decoster (They/Them/Theirs)

University of California, Los Angeles, School of Law

Queering Critical Refugee Studies Through Creative Expressions of Queer Love

Emily La (They/Them)

University of California, Irvine, Department of Asian American Studies

LGBTQ+ Mixed-Status Families: Family Reunification and Radical Love as Resistance to Structures of Immigration Control

Lucía León (She/Her/Hers)

University of California, Los Angeles, Department of Chicana/o and Central American Studies

SESSION 4: 3:30- 4:15 PM

PANEL 4A- ROYCE 306 Balcony LOVE, PLEASURE, COMMUNITY: TOOLS FOR QUEER INQUIRY

Creative Writing Reading: "The Critic as Lover"
C.J.A. (They/Them/Theirs)
University of Southern California, Department of Creative Writing and Literature

Short Story Reading: "Cannonball"
Joliange Wright (She/Her/Hers)
University of Southern California, Department of Creative Writing and Literature

PANEL 4B- ROYCE 306 Balcony COFFEE WITH COLLEAGUES: NETWORKING SESSION

An informal space for graduate students to network and mingle, while taking a short, but much deserved coffee break.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS: 4:30-6:00 PM - ROYCE 314

Dr. Talia Mae Bettcher
Philosopher and Trans Community Organizer
California State University, Los Angeles, Department of Philosophy

Marianna Marroquin
Guatemalan Actress and Producer
Trans Wellness Center Community Program Manager and Advocate

CLOSING REMARKS: 6:00-6:15 PM - ROYCE 314

Conference Organizer
Brenda Lara (she, ella, they)
Doctoral Student, UCLA, Chicana/o and Central American Studies Department

RECEPTION: 6:15 -7:15 PM- ROYCE 306

Casablanca Catering
Dinner provided for all registered attendees, presenters, moderators, and volunteers.

Thank you for your participation in making QGrad 2020 a success!

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS' BIOGRAPHIES

Dr. Talia Mae Bettcher (She/Her/Hers)



Talia Mae Bettcher is a professor of philosophy at California State University, Los Angeles. She has also been involved in Los Angeles trans community organizing for over twenty years. Some of her articles include "Evil Deceivers and Make-Believers: Transphobic Violence and the Politics of Illusion" (*Hypatia*, 2007), "Trapped in the Wrong Theory: Rethinking Trans Oppression and Resistance" (*Signs*, 2014), and "When Selves Have Sex: What the Phenomenology of Trans Sexuality Can Teach about Sexual Orientation" (*Journal of Homosexuality*, 2014). With Ann Garry, she co-edited the *Hypatia* special issue "Transgender Studies and Feminism: Theory, Politics, and Gender Realities" (2009). With Susan Stryker, she co-edited the *Transgender Studies Quarterly* forthcoming special issue "Trans/Feminisms" (2016). She is currently at work on a monograph entitled *Intimacy, Illusion, and Personhood: An Essay in Trans Philosophy*.

Mariana Marroquin (She/Her/Hers)



Marianna Marroquin is a Guatemalan actress and community advocate. She is the Program Manager for the Los Angeles Trans Wellness Center. She graduated from the National School of Dramatic Arts ENAD. Her stage credits include *Manzanita*, *La Loca del Frente*, *Mexican History 101* and the *Soldaderas* with Grupo de Teatro Sinergia. With Teatro Akabal, she appeared in "Yo La Puta," and "Sentado en un arbol caido." In film and television, she has worked in Amazon's "Transparent," "Disclosure," a short by Jacqueline Calderon-Guido; in Carlos Aguilar's documentary *Skid Row* and in the award-winning film "Remember Me in Red," by Hector Ceballos. Marroquín was also "The Voice," and Associate Producer of the multi-award-winning documentary "Wildness." She has performed at the REDCAT Art Festival with P.I.G (Politically Involved Girls), which was also presented in New York. Mariana was named Best Actress at the East Los Angeles Film Festival for her performance in RMIR.

PRESENTER BIOGRAPHIES

Jose Pablo Bivian (He/His/Him & They)



Jose Pablo Bivian is a Master's Student at the California State University, Northridge's Department of English. Their research interests include contemporary literature, comic books, ethnic literature, sports literature, and gender theory. Their Master's thesis is a creative writing piece that explores sexuality and coming of age in Latino/a families. Jose has a love of teaching and learning that he has been pursuing as a CSUN Teaching Fellow and Supplementary Instructor.

CJA (They/Them/Theirs)



CJA is a set of initials. They were born in Salt Lake City but now find themselves in Los Angeles. They have written poetry and prose about such things as the etymology of the word thing, their absent father who once stole a complete set of Audubon's Birds of America, Mormonism, Virginia Woolf's moths, freeways in Oakland, a fungus called *poria incrassata* that eats houses, Gertrude Stein ("I never say no, not in America"), and the pleasure of the text. They review recent books of poetry for West Branch and other journals. They live with an artist named John Sexton Cornejo and a cream-colored pup named Millie.

Mattias Decoster (They/Them/Theirs)



Having studied philosophy and law in Belgium, I came to the UCLA this year in order to pursue the Law & Sexuality LLM program, which serves as a preparation for my doctoral research on the links between the law and straight cis-gender white male privilege and will start next year at the University of Ghent and the University of Antwerp. Inspired by lived experience, I try to tackle with my work various forms of discrimination through interdisciplinary and critical engagement with feminism, queer studies, post-colonialism, and racism and their interactions with the law.

Israel Domínguez (He/Him/His)



Israel is a third-year PhD student in the Department of Religious Studies at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He holds a BA in Religious Studies from The University of Texas at Austin and an MA in religious studies from the University of Colorado Boulder. A queer Tejano born and raised in the Rio Grande Valley, Gloria Anzaldúa's work has always highly resonated with him and inspired his current research on curanderismo of the US-Mexico border and its intersections with decoloniality, disability theory, and queer theory.

Giuseppe Grispino (He/Him/His)



Giuseppe Grispino is currently a Ph.D. student in Italian at Rutgers University. Giuseppe holds an M.A. in Languages and Civilizations of Asia and Mediterranean Africa (2018) from Ca' Foscari University of Venice, Italy. He also holds an M.A.T. in Teaching Chinese to Speakers of Other Languages (2018) from Capital Normal University in Beijing, China. Giuseppe completed his B.A. in Languages, Cultures, Societies of Asia and Mediterranean Africa (2016) at Ca' Foscari University of Venice. Giuseppe's research interests include LGBT studies, queer cinema and cultural studies with a specific focus on Italy, China and Taiwan.

Christian Hosoda (He/Him/His)



Christian Hosoda is a Master's Degree in Social Work student at California State University Los Angeles. His exploration of identity as a biracial Mexican/Japanese gay cisgender male from the Central Valley of California and his experience as a survivor of same-sex intimate partner violence motivated him to aspire to a higher education degree to create a better world for QTPOC. His research interests include: Examining Biopsychosocial Health Effects Among Men Experiencing Same-Sex Intimate Partner Violence, Access and Barriers to Mental Health Support for QTPOC, and Destigmatization of HIV/AIDS in Prevention and Care. He believes that research about QTPOC will help fill a gap in literature that tends to marginalize the stories of this population. Christian will graduate with an MSW in May 2020 and hopes to continue working with QTPOC.

Grace Jung (She/Her/Hers)



Grace Jung is a PhD candidate in Cinema and Media Studies at the University of California, Los Angeles. Her dissertation is on Korean variety television and constructions of masculinity. Her article “Aspirational paternity and the female gaze on Korean reality-variety TV” is published in the journal of Media, Culture and Society. Grace is a published writer and translator, and a former Fulbright scholar.

Mads Larsen (He/Him/His)



Mads Larsen is a PhD student at UCLA's Scandinavian Section, and he has an MFA in Screenwriting from the same university's film school. His dissertation “Stories That Shaped Scandinavia” examines a millennium of influential literature to explain the origins of Nordic egalitarianism, and to suggest how we can use fiction to adapt to disruptions from the Fourth Industrial Revolution. Larsen's research has been accepted for publication with eight journals.

Lucía León (She/Her/Hers)



Lucía León is a doctoral candidate of Chicana/o Studies at the University of California, Los Angeles. She grew up in Orange County where she began organizing with undocumented youth and their families in the mid 2000s. Her research interests include the production of illegality, racialized illegalities, immigrant families, immigration law, undocumented young adults, gender and sexuality. Her dissertation focuses on an intersectional examination of the consequences of immigration law on the lived experiences of undocumented young adults navigating the marriage-based legalization process.

Evelyn Lucho (She/Her/Hers)

Evelyn Lucho is a master's degree in Social Work student at California State University, Los Angeles. She graduated from California State University, Chico with a B.A. in Social Work. Her experience inspired her to pursue a higher education degree because she wants to create policies that are more encompassing of intersectional communities. She believes that QTPOC research will help fill a gap in literature that tends to marginalize the stories of this population. She is interested in identifying strategies that will empower and protect QTPOC who are engaging in activist work. Evelyn will graduate with an MSW in May 2010.

Clayton McKee (He/Him/His)



Clayton McKee is a second-year Ph. D. candidate in the Department of Comparative Literature at UCLA. His work focuses on the translation of gender and sexuality identities across linguistic and cultural boundaries in contemporary literature written in Arabic, English, French, and Spanish.

Sam Naimi (He/Him/His)



Sam Naimi is a Dean's Leadership Fellow at the University of Southern California pursuing a Master of Clinical Social Work. His current research pertains to the intersections of gender, race, and sexuality within 21st -century popular culture, as well as the relationship(s) between social identities and psychoanalytic psychotherapy.

Thilini Prasadika (She/Her/Hers)



Thilini Prasadika is a graduate student following a Masters Degree in English Studies at the Department of English, Faculty of Arts, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka. She is also a first generation academic, struggling to navigate her way in and through the interlocking discourses of academia. Her areas of research include Feminist Studies, Queer Studies, and Cultural Studies. Currently, she is writing her Masters thesis exploring how brown queer diasporic female subjectivities in Memoirs subvert/resist the taxonomy of "people of color" through their various engagements with the embodied aspects of social class, ethnicity and nationality.

Haley Petersen (They/Them)



Haley Petersen earned their M.A. in Religious Studies from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Their research is on the religious traditions of Japan with an emphasis on the ways in which gender and sexual minorities are represented in popular art and literature. Additionally, and through ethnographic work with trans drag queens in the American South, Haley explores the various intersections of performance and activism through drag, as well as the roles of the artist and audience in the utilization of one's own body as the medium of expression.

Sam Shelton (They/Them/Theirs)

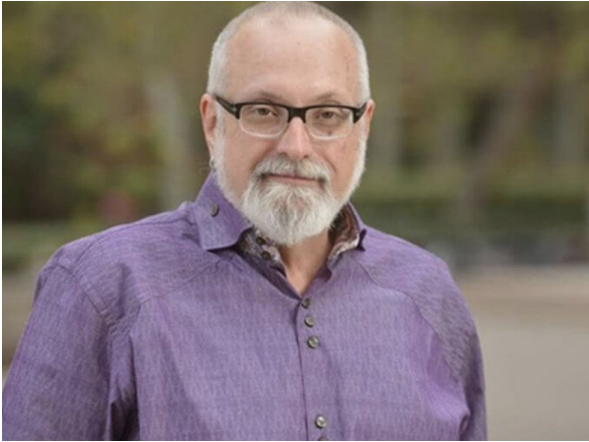
I am a non-binary and queer graduate student at Oregon State University pursuing a Ph.D. in Women, Gender, & Sexuality Studies with a focus in queer, trans, and disability studies. My dissertation research focuses on the process of construction trauma-informed, healing-centered, and transformative spaces for teaching and learning. My research interests include: violence and trauma; advocacy and activism; and feminist, queer, and other critical pedagogies. I have been pursuing queer love for all my life, even before I had the words to describe my identities, my relationships, and my longings.

Joliange Wright (She/Her/Hers)



Joliange Wright's short stories have appeared in Lunch Ticket, Midwestern Gothic, and Consequence Magazine. She has an MFA from The Bennington Writing Seminars, where she was editor of The End of the World, June 2017. She is currently a PhD candidate in Literature and Creative Writing at the University of Southern California, where she holds a Wallis Annenberg Fellowship. She volunteers for 826LA and InsideOut Writers.

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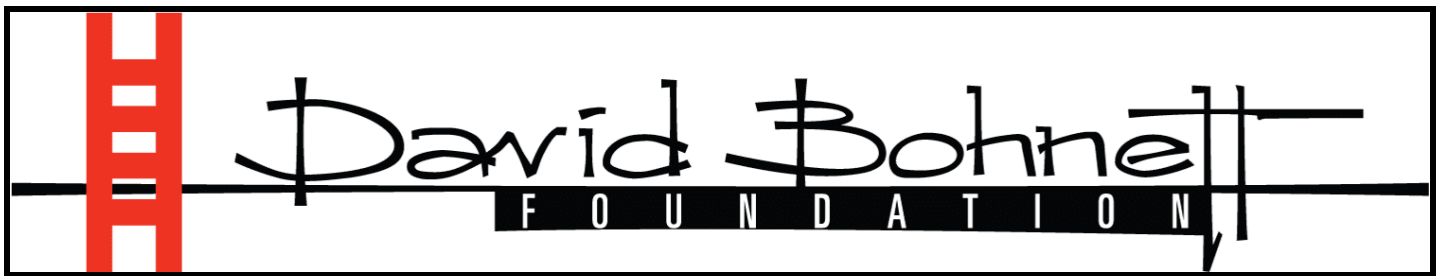
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