Call for Papers

Transgressions

McGill University’s 25th Annual English Graduate Conference
February 15-16, 2019
Montréal, Québec, Canada

McGill University’s 25th Annual English Graduate Conference warmly invites submissions considering transgressions in literature, film, theatre, language, and culture. “Transgression” has a rich etymology and a long tradition of use in history, politics, literature, and criticism, but “transgression” means, on a basic level, “to step across.” Our conference asks: in what ways are transgressions inherent in the process of representation? How have writers, filmmakers, performers, and cultural producers “stepped across” boundaries? How do acts of transgression help to make boundaries and categories legible and explicit? How do we, as scholars and critics, transgress? This might include instances where writers infringe upon established boundaries and norms. Yet, we also invite conversation about the ways in which writers, colonial institutions, and dominant cultures and practices have transgressed against marginalized peoples. Ultimately, our conference seeks to provide a diverse and interdisciplinary understanding of the multitudinous ways humans have always engaged with transgression.

We invite submissions by graduate students from all disciplines focusing on, but not limited to, the following topics:

- Translations and adaptations
- Transitions
- Transformations, conversions, and metamorphosis
- Gender, sexuality, and queer studies
- Race and class
- Diaspora and displacement
- Postcolonial and world literature
- Print culture and book history
- Theatre and performance studies
- Theatre and stage history
- Film studies
- Cultural studies
- Trauma studies
- Censorship
- Literary forms and genres

Presentations will primarily be in English, but we welcome submissions and presentations in French. Please submit abstracts of 250-300 words and a bio of 100 words to transgressions.mcgill.engconf@gmail.com.

The keynote speakers for the event will be Professor Martha Nandorfy (University of Guelph) and Fiona Ritchie (McGill University)
Submission Deadline: 7 December 2018
Conference website: mcgillconference.wordpress.com