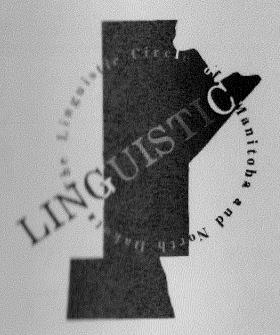


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"Memory, Memorial, Memorializing: Spaces of and for Remembering"

If You Can't Stand the Heat, Get Out of the Desert: The Memorial Function of Hoover Dam— A Rhetorical Perspective

Anthony Arrigo

The object of this analysis is a well known symbol of early twentieth century American ingenuity, resolve, personal sacrifice, and technological prowess: Hoover Dam. Hoover Dam's significance has been studied in several fields (e.g., engineering, social history), however, it has not yet been considered from a rhetorical perspective. In this presentation I engage Hoover Dam by drawing on visual and material rhetoric methodologies a developing theoretical area that describes how visual images communicate messages as expressions of social and cultural meaning, as opposed to being purely aesthetic. I argue that Hoover Dam works as a specific, iconic image that has, over time, been appropriated into new and changing contexts that create connections between past events and contemporary notions circulating in the public consciousness to support universal and collective values. In doing this, I suggest that built environments such as Hoover Dam are particularly suited to providing some context for what is sometimes referred to as our "postmodern condition," the notion that indeterminacy of texts, facts, and images suggests no common story, narrative, history of any sort in which we can place ourselves. What the iconic imagery of the dam has been able to do, however, is buck the postmodern condition and instead create a connection to our sense of history and cultural memory that transcends a notion of time or any particular historical event "in time." Rather, it creates enduring ideas that rise above any specific event, and comes to symbolize a broader meaning within the American social memory.

In this presentation, I draw on the idea of the "social imaginary" as used by both Charles Taylor and Paul Ricoeur. Taylor, a Canadian philosopher known for his viewpoints on morality and modern western identity of individuals and groups, suggests that the social imaginary can be thought of as the way that groups or individuals are already related to a communal reality, a collective consciousness, or a certain type of social bond that is generally outside of our experiences of what Paul Ricoeur calls "immediate participation." I argue that at the time of its construction, the Hoover Dam worked to create a deep commitment to the culture. belief system, values, and morals that "America" represented. Today, it is a conduit through which Americans memorialize those who worked for something bigger than the individual. It provides a common vantage point from which citizens can picture themselves in relation to each other, past and present, in a way that makes them proud and is acknowledged

as a source of satisfaction. Such interaction is not codified, but is understood in a way that is representative of the social imaginary of America. University of Minnesota

Calling Gordon Kahl

Adonica Schultz Aune

Calling Gordon Kahl is a performance piece of about 45 minutes that investigates the social identity of a North Dakota farmer (Gordon Kahl) who had a major conflict with the Internal Revenue Service and other enforcement agents. The conflict resulted in the death of two U.S. Marshals at Medina, North Dakota in 1983 and the ultimate death of Gordon Kahl in Arkansas.

The performance takes place in the Kahl kitchen on a farm near Medina and relates the anguish of Mrs. Kahl and her son, Yorie and Yorie's friend, Scott Faul. They are all being questioned and intimidated by the law. The performance depicts the chaos of the confrontation and explores the regional motivation of Gordon Kahl and other landowners who lost their land and way of life in the early '80s.

The ballad Calling Gordon Kahl threads through the play. The ballad by Harley McLain was banned from the radio waves during the hunt for Gordon Kahl. The ballad relates the story of a man running from the law, missed by his family who beg him to call home.

Mrs. Kahl (Joan) appears as a traditional wife and mother who supports her husband, but is bewildered by his obsession with taxes. The defense and offense attorneys come to the Kahl home to cross-examine those involved in the IRS fracas. Scott Faul is convinced that the law attacked the group because he chose to home-school his children. Karen Kahl appears towards the end of the play to explain her father's actions and to comfort her mother.

The script is a poetic docudrama on a significant, but unfortunate event that highlights a social change for farmers of the region. The event has since become a part of North Dakota's history.

University of North Dakota

Whose City is it Anyway? Carolyn D. Baker

Puritan colonial leader and lay preacher John Winthrop's 1630's homily "A Model of Christian Charity," especially its often and most famously quoted phrase "a city upon a hill" has developed a separate, national, literary tradition all of its own. A broad range of politicians, writers, and educators—John Adams, John Kerry, Howard Dean, Bill Clinton, George W. Bush, Abraham Lincoln, John F Kennedy, Michael Dukakis, Ronald Reagan and Michael Reagan—have used and often invested new meanings into this phrase, with seemingly sometimes little apparent regard for the historical, social, and religious conditions under which this now national narrative was originally penned. What Winthrop wrote then, and what modern readers hear now, appear sometimes to be different. Likewise, Winthrop's interpretation of his own source behind this phrase seems to reflect his own interpretive times.

Mayville State University

In-Between: Narrating Toronto's Landmarks Sally Booth

My paper will attempt to explore the performance of space in relation to consumption, focusing on Toronto as a postmodern urban landscape, Toronto, categorized this way, is a site that hinges on visual consumption of space in an industrial, global framework. The postmodern city dissolves traditional spatial identities where architecture represents an ordered synchronicity between locale and the people who live there; instead, the postmodern urban landscape reconstructs spatial identities according to industrial, globalised, consumptive terms. I will ground my exploration of the ways cities negotiate traditional, modern narratives of mercantilism and localism with globalised, industrial production in suggested walking tours of downtown Toronto in various guidebooks.

Sites such as St. Lawrence Market, the Royal York Hotel, the Eaton Centre and the Air Canada Centre all point to a restructuring of cities from an older, mercantile logic to a postmodern concept of consumption where identities are no longer developed in tandem with space, but space develops identity. Moreover, the narration of these cites in a postmodern framework consistently inverts the specificity of place to mythologise a history that a wide segment of society can consume. As such these sites can

be seen as liminal spaces, in Victor Turner's sense, because they mediate the localism of space to evolve into a new social, cultural and economic space that has global appeal. All these sites are traditionally viewed as quintessential elements of Toronto's landscape; in a postmodern urban landscape, they are re-narrated into an image that the population can "buy into" and consume, marking a shift from architecture as markers of a specific, local function to architecture as part of a image-based economy that uses cultural value as currency in a global market.

In walking tours there is a premium placed on uncovering the "true" Toronto against a backdrop of posh restaurants, loft apartments and swank restaurants. Quite often, these marketable sights are citations of an older Toronto where the space was markedly working class. Thus, luxury loft apartments in old warehouses are cultural capital that is economically valuable. This dynamic points to a re-narrating of an imaginary landscape for the purposes cultural capital. Space, therefore, is diffused with notions of consumption, leading to a greater control of people in space.

University of Guelph

"Slipp'd from Oblivion": Atavism, Archaism, and Allusion in Robert Bridges' "Low Barometer"

Mark William Brown

Today Robert Bridges is remembered, in the words of Donald Davie, "above all as the author of the unreadable Testament of Beauty and as the man who withheld from us, for longer than we think necessary, the poems of Gerard Manley Hopkins." He is also remembered, as Ezra Pound famously remembers him in Canto 80, for his sometimes precious poetical diction:

> "forloyn" said Mr Bridges (Robert) "we'll git 'em all back" meaning archaic words . . .

Insofar as such diction functions merely as ornament or reflects the peculiar aims of the Society for Pure English (of which Bridges was a founding member), this criticism is valid. If the interests of Bridges and those who read him are chiefly antiquarian, then he might as well not be read at all. One simply cannot say of Bridges, whom John Sparrow called "the author of the largest body of entirely beautiful poetry in the language," what Pound says of "Fordie" (Ford Madox Ford) in Canto 82: that he "never dented an idea for a phrase's sake."

But not every archaic word or phrase dents an idea, as Pound well knew; sometimes diction of this kind, like literary allusion, serves as a precise and economical means of recovering and expressing an idea. And when that idea is the power of the primitive past to reassert itself in the present, archaism and allusion seem especially appropriate. This paper will examine how the two work together in Bridges' greatest poem. "Low Barometer," which deals with the conflict between Reason and the forces of the unconscious mind or prehuman memory.

Jamestown College

Spaces of Memory: Performance as Feminist Praxis in Gayl Jones's Corregidora

Sarah Burcon

In this paper I scrutinize the aesthetic of performance in Gayl Jones's Corregidora, a novel that explores the struggles of four generations of African American women. Ursa, a Blues singer and the last generation in a long line of abused women, reveals these struggles through her music. I argue that these articulations of memory by way of performance provide fertile ground for feminist praxis.

Alison Landsberg examines the role of memory within mass culture, defining "prosthetic memory" as a new form of memory that "emerges at the interface between a person and a historical narrative about the past." She continues to suggest that this particular type of memory is an experience that occurs when people stitch themselves into a history which they cannot claim is "naturally" theirs. The end result of this practice is that memory has the capacity to inform a person's subjectivity, and, more largely, how we conceive of historical experience as well. Elizabeth Grosz is another memory theorist who contends that the past allows for new readings which can bring new life to old texts. Applying these theories to Jones's text, I argue that memory does not simply act as a cathartic experience for the character or the reader, as psychoanalytic paradigms often presume; instead, or in addition, memory also works toward a political and collective objective.

Shannon Jackson points out that when we look at "performance" etymologically, we find that it derives from a Greek root meaning "to furnish forth" or "to carry forward." Both meanings foreground active making. In my work I look at performance as an active articulation of memory, which is itself active in the sense that the past is, as Grosz stresses, "always already in the present,"

Wayne State University

John Millington Synge's Ironic Tragedy: Riders to the Sea Ben L. Collins

When serious disasters occur (such as 09/11/07, the Virginia Tech massacre, Hurricane Katrina), the press refers to them as tragedies. These event are not tragedies, however, for "tragedy" is a literary term, ostensibly introduced by Aristotle in his *Poetics* and briefly defined thus: "Tragedy is, then, an imitation of an action that is serious and complete and has magnitude; an imitation that is made by embellished language; "and is presented by men in action rather than by narration; and through pity and fear brings about the catharsis of such emotion. Six parts are necessary: plot, character, speech, spectacle, song, and thought.

Though not all of the above terms are clearly defined, most readers know that according to Aristotle action is most important and that character is subservient to plot. Hence the characters in Greek drama are masked, toga-ed and don built-up shoes to appear not as "persons" but as "fictional" characters and to be identified as better than the men of today.

Essentially, classical drama presents a hero, often a member of royalty, at the height of his career, who through a flaw in his character (of which he is not necessarily aware) falls from high position to low. The socalled perfect tragedy is Sophocles' Oedipus Rex in which by command of an oracle of Apollo, Oedipus is doomed to kill his father and marry his mother. His parents are aware of this and have attempted to escape the edict by ordering the death of the infant Oedipus. When Oedipus is later made aware of the oracle, he, like his parents, also tries to alter it and therefore shares their guilt. Eventually he fulfills the oracle.

Oedipus Rex, of course, has all of the trappings of classical Greek tragedy: the royal family, the tragic flaw, the Chorus, the peripety and anagnorisis, and the approximation of catharsis.

In most post-Classical drama character becomes at least equal to action. The hero retains much of his stature—though generally sans the garb—and inherits a personality that demonstrates more human characteristics. In the present century, however, according to Northrop Frye (Anatomy of Criticism, Princeton, 1947), the tendency in literature has been a shift from the high mimetic to the ironic mode, its projection to shift from the quasi-Platonic philosophy of ideal forms to "extentialism." In this mode, the protagonist is inferior in power and intelligence to ourselves, and we feel that we are looking down on scenes of bondage, frustration, or absurdity. Tragedy is ironic and is presented with complete objectivity, and with no moral judgment. The characters tend toward tragic isolation.

In John Millington Synge's Riders to the Sea, the tragic "hero" is a poor aged woman, who, at the final curtain has lost her entire male family, retaining two dowerless daughters, and who will have to exist in dire poverty or on the charity of others in the Aran Islands which is regularly battered by the sea and winds, constant reminders of her losses. There appear to be no redemptive qualities to the wind and waters of that ocean that once provided a living and then took the lives of the providers. Even the sup of holy water and the cake (Irish soda bread) do not suggest communion, nor does the promise of the young priest that God would not take Maurya's last living son. Maurya's forgetting nails for the coffin boards after so many deaths, and her neglecting bread and blessing for Bartley show that she has been worn down. What element controls this poignant drama?

Perhaps the main idea behind the play is Maurya's "calm" acceptance that the sea can take nothing more from her, that after the final death nothing more can trouble her mind. And so it is Death itself (not the sea, or God, or the sea hags, or the wind) that is the dreaded protagonist: Death unpremeditated and yet prepared foe. And though the six parts mentioned above—plot, character, speech, spectacle, song, and thought may be necessary to any performance, I feel that song is of prime importance, song in the caoine-ing (keening) of the women.

Death to the usually taciturn Aran Islanders who fight for their difficult existence is described by Synge as expressed in their keening: "In this cry of pain this inner consciousness of the people seem to lay itself bare for an instant, and to reveal the mood of beings who feel their isolation in the face of a universe that wars upon them with wind and seas. They are usually silent, but in the presence of death all outward show of indifference or patience is forgotten and they shriek with pitiable despair before the horror of the fate to which they are doomed."

University of North Dakota (Emeritus)

"We Will Never Forget" Virtual Past and Visual Memory in the Performance of Post-traumatic Space

Gordon Coonfield

Like "Remember the Alamo" and "Remember Pearl Harbor" before it, "We Will Never Forget" has become a persistent refrain in the constitution of a post-9/11 social space. Since being scrawled in the very dust of the disaster itself, the promise to remember has been painted, printed, and etched on the visible and visual surfaces of which American memory of 9/11 is comprised. Visuality, then, has played a central part of the drama of memory, but far from the only one. The very acts of making visible, the successive actualizations of the virtual past, have also played a central role in the fulfillment of the promise to never forget.

From the missing posters and impromptu shrines which blossomed even as the dust settled, to the proposed World Trade Center Memorial "Reflecting Absence," this paper traces that visible and visual memory. Through a survey of the range and variety of phenomena that, it is argued, comprise the enactment of the promise to never forget, this paper explores the relationship between acts of remembering and cultural healing in the creation of what Zelizer (2004) terms post-traumatic social space. The central questions this paper poses are: How is memory done? How does that doing actualize the virtual past? What impact does that actualization have on a collective's relation to its past? And what are the consequences of that relation for the present?

Villanova

A Man on the Brink: Remembering Ismail Kadare's Personal Cold War

John K. Cox

Ismail Kadare (b. 1936) is a highly regarded and prolific Albanian author. He has dozens of novels, short story and poetry collections, memoirs, and literary-historical studies to his credit. His best known works are the novels The General of the Dead Army, Broken April, and The Palace of Dreams. Today Kadare is also increasingly known as a public intellectual commenting on and involving himself in human rights and political issues in the Balkans, especially those involving the Albanian populations in Kosovo (southern Serbia) and Macedonia. Kadare's numerous themes range from Europe's classical heritage to the deformations of societies under Stalinist dictatorships, from relations between Albanians and Serbs to the emancipation of women, from blood feuds and the contested legacy of customary law to life under the Ottoman Empire.

It is the goal of this paper to examine the Cold War both as a space in which Ismail Kadare created and attempted to negotiate his fate as a writer in a dictatorial state (by memorializing Albania's diplomatic and political changes in a manner consistent with his earlier, successful artistic ethos) and as forum in which contrasting views of Kadare's patriotism and artistic integrity compete with one another to this day. For this study I have selected Kadare's two lengthy novels on Albania's foreign relations in the Cold War: Der grosse Winter, treating the break with the USSR in the early 1960s, and *The Concert*, dealing with the rupture with China in the late 1970s. Despite his lionizing of Albania's "supreme guide," Enver Hoxha, Kadare's works landed him in hot water with the regime because they failed to meet the criteria of healthy socialist realism. Ironically, since the 1980s, the books have been roundly criticized for other reasons: charges of toadying to the dictator and orientalizing the Russians and the Chinese abound. Using sources in French, German, and English (a common methodology in the study of Albanian intellectual life, since knowledge of Albanian among Westerners remains extremely rare and sources are difficult to obtain), I will relate the story of how and why Kadare wrote these works. How did he refashion Cold War history to suit his own purposes? How did his significant international artistic reputation help "fix" the common perception of Albania's role in the Cold War? Why have the books had so many repercussions in different eras? Which memories of the Cold War, and of Kadare's artistic role in it, come closest to being accurate or objective?

It is expected that this line of inquiry will shed light on the following issues: the unpredictable (and not just tyrannical) environment in which Albanian artists operated; Kadare's contested reputation; the growth of "citadel nationalism" so important to both communists and ethnic nationalists in Albania; the beginnings of Kadare's problematic "othering" of the East; why, to our delectation, Kadare was pretty much only capable of writing "bad" socialist realism; and the tension in the Albanian national narrative between pathetic isolation and proud independence.

North Dakota State University

Don't Forget the Air Force: Making Meaning at the United States Air Force Memorial

Katherine Cruger

Public memorials and monuments have been explored with increasing frequency by rhetoric studies scholars in recent years. However, Most rhetorical criticism fails to account for the active meaning-attribution that visitors engage in at memorial sites. This study attempts to remedy this oversight by applying ethnographic research methods (both the ethnographic interview and onsite observation) to rhetorical critical studies. I critically examine how visitors approach and engage in meaning-making at the new United States Air Force Memorial (USAFM) in Washington, DC and attempt to explain how visitor interpretations are different or similar to the "official" meaning of the memorial. Intriguing for both its design choice and political context, the USAFM was forged from the fires of litigation and such bitter competition between branches of the military that the memorial actually employs their own team of public relations professionals. It is located adjacent to the wall of the Pentagon where the plane crashed on 9/11 and within eyesight of both Arlington National Cemetery and the Washington Monument.

I ultimately argue that visitors are often ambivalent to this memorial because, as Barbara Biesecker argues, we are a fragmented nation in crisis, searching for unity and identity. Far from offering comfort in memory, the USAFM is stark, modern, and evocative of the future of technology and space travel. The memorial's sterility disconnects military service from actual human bodies, highlighting instead values upheld by the Air Force (values such as "Integrity" or "Sacrifice" which no one can criticize, similar to the way that no one can refuse to "Support our Troops"). Because it is not event-based, but service-oriented, the ambiguous USAFM is not in keeping with memorials' traditional ways of organizing memories and comes up wanting in visitors' eyes.

University of Colorado at Boulder

What the "Body Knows" and the "Camera Shows": **Death and Memory in Personal Portraiture** Alison Dean

"We no longer study the art of dying, a regular discipline and hygiene in older cultures; but all eyes, at rest, contain that knowledge. The body knows. And the camera shows, inexorably." -- Susan Sontag, Introduction to Portraits of Life and Death.

This paper will investigate the discussion about photography as being inherently related to death. I will consider how the cultural performance of the medium—the performance of photographing and of the discourse around photography—shapes perceptions of the medium and influences the visual rhetoric present in the work. My focus will be on the written work of Susan Sontag—as well as Annie Leibovitz's 2004 series of photographs of Susan Sontag-and the work of photographer Nan Goldin.

I will look especially at Goldin's 1991 series Cookie Mueller, and Annie Leibovitz's A Photographer's Life: 1990-2005, giving specific consideration to the linguistic terms in which both critics and the artists themselves discuss the work.

In A Photographer's Life, Leibovitz includes a number of intimate portraits of Sontag. Among these are images of Sontag as she is fatally ill. up to and including the occurrence of her death. Similarly, Goldin's work includes a number of images of her loved ones, including her good friend and frequent muse Cookie Mueller. These images include photos taken notably before – and after – Mueller's death. My interest is in both the linguistic conventions that frame the photographs, as well as the visual and photographic conventions adopted by the artists in their representation of the 'real' death of their loved ones.

Sontag's On Photography and Roland Barthes's Camera Lucida are two of the most influential texts written on the subject of photography. My research will begin with a consideration of these texts, remaining mindful of the impact that Sontag and Barthes (among others) have had on all subsequent photography theory and criticism. The linguistic terms and ideas presented in the ongoing discourse around photography are important to the criticism and perceptual frameworks of the artistic texts in question. The way language and the theory of photography are framed in these seminal texts has a direct bearing on the ways in which both the artists and their critics address and understand the contemporary photographic images that make up the centre of this investigation. Further-

more, Sontag's own writing about photography is especially and uniquely relevant to the way that Leibovitz, her critics, and the general public have received and written about the sensitive post-mortem images included in A Photographer's Life.

This paper will contemplate the aforementioned images of death and loss. I will also begin to consider the ways in which these specific visual texts—and photographs in general—are discussed, paying close attention to the visual rhetoric, the linguistic rhetoric, and how the two are understood and expressed in relation to each other.

University of Guelph

FPG (Greve/Grove)'s Autobiographies, 1927 & 1946: Mémories Corrected

Gaby Divay

To explore the German-Canadian authors's autobiographical techniques, the proposed power-point presentation will make use of two massive e-texts made available in 2000 & 2007 on the University of Manitoba Archives's FPG website. Though both autobiographical books deliberately applied an artful mixture of "fact & fiction" with explicit reference to Goethe's Dichtung and Wahrheit, the 1927 text is much closer to the truth then the 1946 one.

Frederick Philip Grove (1879-1948), who had been the prolific German translator Felix Paul Greve until 1909, surfaced in Manitoba in 1912. For three years he had roamed the United States, and this obscure period is only documented in his autobiographical novel A Search for America (ASA, 1927).

Once in Canada, Grove kept silent for ten years, then emerged in 1922 with impersonal nature essays. Couched in Manitoban disguise, he devoted his entire first novel Settlers of the Marsh (1925) to his wife Else (later the New York dadaist Baroness von Freytag-Loringhoven, FrL) whom he had abandoned in 1911. Next, after Else had returned to Berlin and shortly before her death in Paris, Grove's ASA boldly described FPG's passage from Liverpool to Montreal, his American adventures in New York, Pittsburgh, and on a Bonanza Farm near Fargo, hiding them elegantly behind the simple "Verfremdungs" device of dating them back to 1892.

The year spent with Else in "Sparta, Kentucky, am Eagle Creek" (so on a German poem dedicated to "FPG" in the University of Maryland FrL collection) is carefully spared out from this candid narrative.

Neary twenty years later, Grove's official autobiography In Search of Myself (1946) was published. In it, the perfectly truthful episode about a New York book scam which involved the peddling of a multi-volume history set to gullible industrialists in Pittsburgh and elsewhere for ten times the going price, is not retold, but simply dropped. Two other earlier accounts, however, namely those concerning FPG's passage to North America and the "Bonanza farm in the Dakotas", are elaborately recanted: the route across the Atlantic from England to Canada on a White Star Liner is changed to that on a steamer of the Hamburg-America Line crossing from Germany to New York. The Bonanza Farm, seen allegedly just once in 1892, now was regularly visited for twenty consecutive seasons. of which the last one in 1912—precisely when Greve/Grove really was there!—is best remembered due to especially heavy rain falls.

Reminiscences regarding FPG's childhood and education, on the other hand, are not substantially revised, but rather consolidated. But here, Grove gets into trouble with his fictitious time-frame: his archaeological studies with Adolf Furtwängler, for one, could not have taken place in Munich in the early 1890s, since the renowned professor was lecturing in Berlin at that time. Grove's correspondence in the 1940s shows just how upset he was when his friend Carleton Stanley, to whom ISM is dedicated, pointed out this discrepancy. Then, old age and failing memory are invoked to justify this lapse which nearly blew the confidence man's longstanding cover.

The reasons for Grove's change-of-heart from the earlier to the later autobiographical book are obvious: in 1927, he was virtually unknown, and free to experiment with an invented and much beautified biography. It included the appropriation of the entire family background of Greve's Anglo-German friend Rutherford-Kilian, who had Greve sentenced for fraud in May 1903. By 1946, Grove was a well-known Canadian author who was imprisoned in a biographical web of his own making. He now feared that he had said too much in his earlier account, or rather, that the time- and place parameters then introduced were insufficient to conceal his former identity.

The two key episodes Grove saw fit to subject to drastic revisions, his passage and the Bonanza Farm, will be presented side-by-side, along with documentary illustrations from the FPG Archives.

University of Manitoba Archives

Mourning. Memory and Art in Urguhart's The Stone Carvers

Monique Dumontet

Jane Urguhart's The Stone Carvers (2001) is a complex narrative about loss, mourning, and memorializing. One of the novel's central characters is Klara Becker, a 38-year-old spinster, living alone on her family's small farm in the German-settled town of Shoneval in southwestern Ontario. Klara's story is one of love, abandonment, and heartbreak, and she is haunted by her memories of Eamon O'Sullivan, a young man she loved and lost to the First World War. In fact, among the villagers of Shoneval, Klara is known to be "geist-ridden" or "surrounded by ghosts" (29, 30). Though her family and her lover are all gone or dead, "each had left a trace of himself or herself in one room or another" of her childhood home. "And each had left something unresolved in Klara" (32). In response to her loss, her grief, and her ghosts, Klara trains herself "in the art of stoic apartness, a separation from her former self' (31). Because The Stone Carvers seems to follow a Freudian model of grief and recovery, Klara's aloofness might best be described as melancholic. Over the course of the novel, Klara, who sent her lover away to war unconsoled and unloved, must exorcise both her guilt and her sorrow. More particularly, Klara overcomes her repression and melancholia by making art. Once Klara carves the face of Eamon O'Sullivan in the stone monument at Vimy, she is released from her guilt and is able to love again. The role and function of art are central to Urquhart's novel, and to this paper. Does art cure melancholia? Can art make what is absent present again? What relationship between art and memory is implied in this text?

At the same time as Klara struggles to heal her grief over Eamon's death, Walter Allward struggles to heal the grief of the nation mourning its 66, 000 dead by constructing a war memorial at Vimy, France. Allward intends the Vimy monument to be a "huge urn he had designed to hold grief" (377), "carved to expiate the sorrow of one country on the soil of another" (390). Klara, who purges her grief into stone, may well function as a model for cultural healing. There is a tension, however, between Allward's art and Klara's; Allward's art is strictly "allegorical," and "universal," so that it might "represent everyone's lost friend, everyone's lost child." "Personal expression," such as Klara produces, "had never been his intention" (337). Her portrait, because it is particular, personal, and individual, becomes something "more than an allegorical figure" (343). By carving Eamon's face onto the figure of the torchbearer, Klara "had brought a personal retrospection to his monument, and had by doing so allowed life to enter it" (340). How does Urguhart's text reconcile the two visions of memorializing—the personal and the allegorical? Does this text suggest that the Great War resists not only allegory but the universalizing tendencies of Great Art? How does art become the perfect vehicle for remembering the dead, and yet externalizing grief, so that the culture as a whole is neither paralyzed by the past, nor forgetful of it?

This paper also explores Urguhart's novel itself as a memorializing act. Indeed, Urguhart's novel functions as a memorial to the Canadian dead, as well as those who suffered their loss, by offering a necessary supplement to the Canadian National Vimy Memorial, by bringing Vimy to Canadians, and by calling readers to "participate in the awkward fabrication of matter" (6). In this 90th anniversary year of the Battle of Vimy Ridge, and following the April 9, 2007 re-dedication of the newly refurbished Vimy Memorial, this call to participate in the transformation of memories of the Great War into an enduring form, is particularly compelling.

University of Manitoba

Tapestries of Remembrance: Memorial Ouilts and the Political Work of Mourning

Karen Espiritu

The AIDS NAMES Memorial Quilt Project agonistically seeks to include the previously disavowed AIDS-related deaths of gay men into the fold of national grief and responsibility, while the more recent *United* in Memory 9/11 Memorial Quilt Project characterizes the victimized inhabitants of the American "homeland" on September 11, 2001 as patriotic "heroes"—thereby implicitly excluding from the notion of "true" American citizenry even those individuals who so much as voiced critiques of rabid patriotism and U.S. foreign policy after "9/11." What, then, does the United in Memory 9/11 Memorial Quilt Project inherit from the ongoing legacy of the AIDS NAMES Project—a memorial project that even now continues to unfold, as the AIDS epidemic does? What does the memorial quilt—as a mode and form of public remembrance—teach about the cultural work of mourning and remembrance, and what can be learned from this mode of memorialization? My paper explores the ways in which the United in Memory 9/11 Memorial Quilt Project represses and supplants the political work of its historical predecessor, the AIDS NAMES Ouilt Project, even and especially when the "9/11" Quilt Project samples the physical scale of the NAMES Project without sufficiently acknowledging any subsequent dialectical relationships it may have with the

The over-particularized attention the memorial quilts focus upon the labour of mourning individual deaths also threatens to privatize and depoliticize public memorialization, in a time when public discourse about both AIDS and "9/11" have become so politically and pedagogically bankrupt as to rely heavily on triumphalist mainstream proclamations that "the AIDS crisis is over," and that "9/11" did nothing to shake the resolve of "Americans." To be sure, despite the publicization of the two Quilt Projects as "democratizing" death—this, by virtue of the memorial quilt's structural refusal to hierarchize the deaths it mourns, as well as its commemoration of individual deaths as part of a larger tapestry of "national" loss—the quilt as a mode of memorial work has been negatively regarded as evading any palpable political engagements with the events and deaths they commemorate. As memorials made of cloth and modeled on handicrafts, the quilt projects are closely associated with what was once called "women's work"; that is, work such as sewing and mending conducted by women who were given the duty to manage the home and provide its inhabitants the "comfort" required to thrive and grow. The memorial quilt's alignment with domesticity and "comfort," I argue, threatens to placate and neutralize the urgency of addressing both AIDS and "9/11" as ongoing political issues and causes for public concern, debate, and mobilization. Douglas Crimp has rightly criticized the NAMES Project for "provid[ing] a form of catharsis, an easing of conscience, for those who have cared and done so little about this great tragedy" (Crimp 198); similarly, I argue that the *United in Memory* Quilt Project's well-intentioned objective to provide "a balm of healing to soothe" the "wounded spirits" of "people [who] were terribly saddened" ("United" par. 2) by "9/ 11" underestimates and minimizes the degrees and myriad levels of traumatism brought on by the September 11, 2001 attacks on the United States. Like the AIDS crisis, "9/11" is far from over: while the epidemic continues to claim the lives of millions of people across the globe, the legacies of "9/11" continue to shape and inform contemporary politics and public pedagogy. In this context, the celebration of both quilt projects as providing "comfort" to mourners and survivors of loved ones may, in fact, achieve the opposite effect of spectacularizing the tragedies they mourn. For while the NAMES Project quickly became the subject of many coffee-table books, with individual panels serving as artifacts of the epidemic, the United in Memory Ouilt Project inadvertently conjures and preserves the terroristic nature of the attacks through the Project's overly confident celebrations of "American" "heroism" in the face of terror and its anxious re-enforcement of the "status quo" in the wake of "9/11."

Despite the valid critiques that have been leveled at the NAMES Project, however, I argue in this paper that the AIDS memorial quilts provide an opportunity for reconceptualizing public memorial discourse itself: indeed, the NAMES Project—in its objective not only to provide a creative means for public remembrance and healing, but also to increase public awareness of AIDS by illustrating the enormity of the AIDS epidemic—demonstrates that public memorials are not only about teaching certain civic virtues such as heroism and self-sacrifice. Consequently, I put forward the argument that, to its own peril, the *United in Memory* Quilt Project—by virtue of its obsessive patriotic focus on the "heroism" and "self-sacrifice" of the "Americans" who died on "9/11"—recoils from the political work and, more importantly, the political problems that characterize and preoccupy the AIDS quilts. What I regard as the "9/11" Quilt Project's refusal to engage with, and learn substantially from, the philosophical and pedagogical questions the NAMES Project raises about mourning and public remembrance is, I argue, symptomatic of contemporary commemorative culture's aversion to history, its foreclosure of the future, and its anxiety to confine the political aspects of public remembrance and memorialization to the discourses of "nationhood" and state citizenship.

McMaster University

Poetics and Politics of Displacement in Wallace Stegner's Wolf Willow

Alex McEllistrem Evenson

"If I am native to anything, I am native to this," Wallace Stegner claims in a section of memoir from his 1963 text Wolf Willow. Revolving around the author's attempts to explore and recover his family's frontier homestead just north of the Canadian border (where he spent six years of his childhood), Wolf Willow has been identified by most critics as a work of "environmental" literature devoted to praising the inherent virtues of life on the Great Plains. David E. Gamble defines Stegner's purpose explicitly: "it is on the prairies, Stegner suggests, where the divine attributes of perfection, infinity, and eternity are most readily seen." Such an interpretation serves to reify notions of "place" and locality which have traditionally been a hallmark of modernism.

Wolf Willow has also been described by critics as an "unclassifiable book" due to the fact that Stegner crosses genres to include sections of fiction, memoir, and history within a single text. Interestingly, most published criticism – especially that produced by "reverent" critics such as Gamble - tends to ignore whole sections of the text, focusing only on memoir or the included novella, "Genesis." It is my assertion that Stegner makes important representational choices as narrator, author, and historian, which serve to undermine and ultimately negate the "incurable optimism" of "place" that critics attribute to this text, actually setting Wolf Willow more accurately in the postmodern tradition. In my opinion, this act of continual destabilization is best tracked in the text through the theme of memory.

By examining the ways in which Stegner invokes and questions the act of remembering in terms of aesthetics and ethics within the context of each genre contained in Wolf Willow (memoir, history, fiction), it becomes obvious that the text is much more a work focused on displacement than its traditional opposite. "How little evidence I have that I myself have lived what I remember," he states, observing the disconnection between his memories of his childhood home and the "actual" place facing him decades later, when he returns. "I half suspect that I am remembering not what happened but something I have written." When these types of insights are considered in light of American politics at the time of publication (situated in between McCarthyism and wars in Korea and Vietnam), Wolf Willow becomes a much more vital text than it has traditionally been given credit for, not only politically/historically but also in disciplinary terms, complicating dominant discourses in frontier studies and postmodern psychoanalytic theory.

My project tracks the ways in which Stegner complicates the ethics and aesthetics of memory across different genres in order to demonstrate the degree to which objective notions of "place" and "self" are tricks of nostalgia at best and, when considered in a historical context, key components of a damaging cultural mythology at worst. It is clear, when reading the oft-quoted passage above in this light, that Stegner wishes to place much more emphasis on the former clause, "If I am native to anything," than the latter.

University of North Dakota

Charismatic Terms and Cultural Amnesia in America James J. Floyd

The purpose of this paper is to examine ways in which we use what Richard M. Weaver calls "charismatic terms" to tell our national stories, to pass on our cultural ideals, and to advocate our highest values without having to recall important ways in which we have repeatedly granted those rights to some people and denied them to others.

As Weaver discusses them, charismatic terms are terms of real rhetorical force and power, even though they cannot be adequately defined or consistently applied. They, like charismatic people, have great appeal in and for themselves. There is no way to trace their origin or meaning. Much of their effectiveness as rhetorical terms lies in the fact that they have no specific definition or easy application. Their vagueness and ambiguity are the very properties that make them work. Anyone can mean practically anything and nothing at all about these terms, without having to worry about the lack of any particular agreed upon meaning. They work because they are inherently appealing in and of themselves.

The two terms that I propose to analyze in relation to the national narrative of the United States are "freedom" and "democracy." These terms have powerful, nearly universal appeal. They really stand above question and are considered inherently good and desirable. They can be used for practically any purpose by anyone with a near certainty of acceptability. They are among the safest terms to evoke and the most dangerous to deny or disparage. Imagine, for example, a politician arguing that we have entirely too much freedom and that democracy is a bad idea that is way overrated. Such statements would undoubtedly be rejected as going against the grain; of countering our most cherished and sacred ideas.

And yet, an examination of the history of this country reveals numerous examples in which individuals and groups have been denied freedoms, and both individuals and groups are left out of democratic processes. None of this, however, appears to restrict our invocation of these terms in order to explain or justify our behaviors and policies while conveniently disregarding (forgetting) our failings and lack of consistency in granting and applying these same desirable terms. Indeed, we attempt to criticize other nations and cultures for their failures to be free and democratic without recalling our own failures and denials of these same ideals.

My major argument will be that this can, and does, occur because of the nature of these terms. Their lack of clarity, specificity, or clear references makes it easy to advocate them and insist upon their importance

without giving any thought to our own numerous failures to do so. Thus, we can refer to ourselves in these glowing terms without recalling our practice of human slavery, denial of the vote to women, not allowing gay people to marry whom they choose, and so forth.

University of Central Missouri

The Negative Impact of Memory and Identity: Ireland and the Clutches of Nationalism

Michelle Forness

Ireland's identity has been riddled with complications since it's colonization by the British. Ireland's relation to other nations, its own nationalist identity, its language identification and its religious affiliation are still in turmoil. Much of this struggle comes from the difficulty of defining a nation. Arjun Appadurai, as well as Benedict Anderson, argue while nations are territorial, they are also *imagined*; national identities are created through ethnic traditions and language. Nations are not as much about physical land as they are about what that land represents imaginarily. While Timothy Brennan agrees that nations are imagined, he also believes that the nations are formed by the novel - the greatest imaginary form of a nation. Finally, Homi Bhabha finds a nation's hybridity to be its strength, especially in postcolonial nations.

However, the struggle to conform to one identity hampers the identity-making of the young boy in Hugo Hamilton's memoir The Speckled People. Hamilton is raised in an Irish-German household in Dublin becomes trilingual (Gaelic, German and English). Contrary to Bhabha's belief, Hamilton cannot create a hybrid identity, mixing three clashing cultures (Irish, English and German). Hamilton's identity must become fluid instead of hybrid since national and personal memory will not allow a conjoining of these differing cultures. His father's neo-nationalist mentality of what Ireland "should be" hinders Hamilton's growth in what Ireland has realistically become. The presence of memory, which Hamilton shows stymies modernity and cultural progression, can become a part of the fluid culture but *cannot* be integrated into a hybrid identity.

North Dakota State University

The Slow Food Movement: Commemorating the (Re)Past David Gilbert

Philosophers and social critics as diverse as Martin Heidegger, Max Horkheimer, Jacques Ellul, Neal Postman, and George Ritzer have decried the debilitating effects on society effected by the inexorable intrusion of technology into every aspect of contemporary life. Technology, or technique, to use Ellul's more inclusive term, has pervaded all cultural forms, including one of the most fundamental: the production, preparation and consumption of food. Techniques of rationalization employed by multinational corporations are establishing fast food as the dominant force in food cultures, not only in the United States but around the world. Critics like Ritzer in his seminal The McDonaldization of Society, however, have argued that these techniques of the rationalization of food cultures, as well as other cultural forms, have spawned a plethora of dehumanizing consequences, including alienation and fragmentation, standardization and homogenization, and environmental degradation and resource depletion.

As an antidote to the ravages of this rationalization, the Slow Food Movement, established in Italy in 1986 by the journalist Carlo Petrini. now stands at the nexus of a global campaign to re-establish traditional food cultures. While this movement can currently boast only a tiny cadre of committed activists, most notably small-scale organic farmers, artisan food producers, avant garde restaurateurs and bon vivants, it has the potential to influence a much larger segment of American society. This segment, identified as "cultural creatives" by Paul Ray and Sherry Anderson in their book of the same name, comprises about a quarter of the American population and already shares the Slow Food Movement's core values of heterogeneity, community and sustainability. With this audience the task of the Slow Food rhetor is not so much to elicit adherence to the values of the movement as to enhance that adherence so as to move the cultural creatives to work toward resurrecting more heterogeneous, communal and sustainable food cultures.

As Perelman and Olbrechts-Tyteca have argued in The New Rhetoric, strengthening the disposition toward action by increasing adherence to already accepted values is the function of epideictic. One prominent epideictic strategy the Slow Food Movement has adopted to achieve its objective is to commemorate the (re)past through the vehicle of public memory. That is, in order to appropriate the future, the movement engages a constellation of rhetorical moves, which range from the discursive to

the visual to the iconic to the olfactory and gustatory, to eulogize traditional food cultures. It draws upon the fluidity and malleability of an uncontested space of public memory, in America and Western Europe, at least, to fashion an alluring and largely Epicurean portrait of a bygone era of food culture, one which strikes a judicious balance between pleasure and virtue.

Maine Maritime Academy

"A History Turns Around in His Mind": Re-Membering in Wendell Berry's Remembering

David A. Godfrey

Throughout his work, Wendell Berry always portrays self and society as inter-dependent, and explores those relationships, activities, and thought that he sees as leading to the development and well-being of both. As he has said, "These things that appear to be distinct are nevertheless caught in a network of mutual dependence and influence that is the substantiation of their unity. Body, soul (or mind or spirit), community and world are all susceptible to each other's influence, and they are the conductors of each other's influence. . . . The parts are healthy insofar as they are joined harmoniously to the whole."

As the novel Remembering opens, its protagonist, Andy Catlett, is no longer joined harmoniously to the whole, nor is he himself whole. Unable to come to terms with having lost his right hand in a corn picker, he has quarreled with his wife, made a fool of himself at one academic conference, and copped out of another. The novel, with its deep debts to Homer, Milton, and, especially, Dante, is the story of Andy's journey to hell and back. The novel's present is one day, June 21, 1976. It begins with Andy, lost in a lost world, awakening at 3:00 a.m. in a San Francisco motel from an infernal dream of the destruction of his home: "An old terror, learned long ago from his time, returned to Andy now and shook him — not the terror of the end of the world, but of the end, simply, of all he knew and loved, which would then exist only in his knowing, the little creature of his memory. [...] But he knew that he was [...] already one of the guilty, for as he looked on the destroyed place, which had once been his home, he realized that even as he mourned it he could not remember it as it was; he could find in his spirit no vision of anything it ever was that it ever might be a gain. For he himself had been diminished." The novel closes that evening with Andy's ecstatic, redemptive vision back on his

farm in Kentucky: "And in the fields and the town, walking, standing or sitting under the trees, resting and talking together in the peace of a sabbath profound and bright, are people of such beauty that he weeps to see them. He sees that these are the membership of one another, and of the place and of the song or light in which they live and move. He sees that they are the dead, and they are alive. He sees that he lives in eternity as he lives in time, and nothing is lost. Among the people of that town, he sees men and women he remembers, and men and women remembered in memories he remembers, and they do not look as he ever saw or imagined them."

This paper focuses on what allows Andy to move from despair to ecstasy, his various rememberings that occur between his infernal nightmare and his redemptive vision, making it possible for him to become spiritually and psychologically whole, and, at least equally important, to reclaim his position in the Port William membership.

Jamestown College

Chiseled in Stone: The Presence of Dr. Martin Luther King. Jr., As Represented in the Washington, D.C., King Memorial Fredessa Hamilton

With the planned construction of a monument to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on the National Mall in Washington, DC, it is an opportune moment in time to examine if the rhetorical effect of presence, as defined by Perelman and Olbrechts-Tyteca (1969) can be applied to a memorial. This rhetorical analysis of the future planned King Memorial will help us learn if King can be made present and relevant in 21st century American life. Rhetorical scholars have addressed King's speeches and texts in rhetorical analyses. However, there are no studies that address how King's presence can be invoked in a memorial. Such an analysis of presence in the memorial will determine if King and his message will stand out in the sacred landscape of the memorials to American presidents and defenders of freedom.

North Carolina State University

Time and Memory in Garcia Marquez's Living to Tell the Tale

Rafael Hernandez

"Life is not what one lived, but what one remembers and how one remembers it in order to recount it." These are the prefatory lines of Living to Tell the Tale, Gabriel Garcia Marquez's memoir, first published in Spanish in 2002 and in English in 2003. Based on these words and other clues that appear throughout the narrative, I explore in my paper the concepts of time and memory that permeate this autobiography.

With regard to time, I show how Garcia Marquez disregards the aristotelian and scholastic notions of time which define past, present, and future as separate and objective entities. Instead, he embraces a comprehensive notion of time similar to that articulated by the existential philosophers, from Kierkegaard to Merleau-Ponty, for whom the individual lives immersed in time, is the unifying element of it, and creates a new and personal time.

With regard to memory, it is within this dynamic, blended, and vital time that Garcia Marquez conjures up the memories that constitute his autobiography. In the process of remembering, he becomes aware, from his own personal perspective, of only certain aspects of reality that, with the help of his imagination and artistic talent, become the emotionally loaded and engaging present that, in the shape of a story, we approach. In this way, Gabriel Garcia Marquez's remembered and recounted life become a presence to the reader.

Converse College

Artifact as Eulogy in the Oklahoma City National Memorial Gallery of Honor

Brooke Hessler

In his analysis of Greek funeral orations as frames of memory, Amos Kiewe asserts that the eulogy of a public figure is intended to establish an enduring presence in an audience member's memory and in the community's myth and narrative. After working with the Oklahoma City National Memorial's archives and exhibits for five years, my research is leading me to observe how displays of personal artifacts are functioning as compact eulogies of the 1995 bombing victims.

Visitors to the Memorial encounter the *names* of the victims in a field of 168 chairs, inscribed and illuminated—symbols of individuals killed in a symbolic attack. But the purpose of the Memorial is to remember the deceased not as symbols, but as individuals: distinctive people with faces and stories worth knowing. Through the process of remembering, one joins the community of those "forever changed" by the incident, regardless of one's previous relationship to the place. Here "remembering" means making a personal connection with the people and histories narrated at the site. This work is mostly done within the Memorial's museum.

My presentation will concentrate on the museum's "Gallery of Honor," a room of 168 plexi-glass cases, each containing a single photograph and one or more artifacts donated by family members as tributes to the deceased. These artifacts must fit within a space of approximately 1 square foot. The contents range from the traditional token (a family prayer; a medal of honor) to the unexpected (a can of hairspray; a driver's license).

I will summarize my concordance of the artifacts from all 168 cases and explain how they both subvert and illustrate the contemporary functions of eulogy as epideictic and as catharsis—texts that are intended to transform the audience through communal praise and personal identification with someone who is suddenly no longer a symbol or a stranger (and yet, of course, also remains both). Visitors depart the museum with memories framed by that relationship.

Oklahoma City University

Brevity as Virtue and Aid to Memory Russel Hirst

Brevity is not the only virtue of good style, but it is the first. On either side of this virtue lurks vice: obscurity at one extreme, prolixity at the other. Brevitas, as defined by ancient rhetoricians, resides in the golden mean of effective communication. Deciding what to leave out of texts is the fine art of omission.

You've heard some varient of the maxin, "A brief message in the memory is better than a long one in the ear." Brevity aids memory; this was one reason why classical theorists extolled brevitas as a virtue of the narratio in forensic rhetoric. Lawyers learning their trade were advised to compose brief narratives by which to orient judges to the cases being prosecuted. Judges were often laymen when it came both to law and to the material points of a case, and the volume of cases they had to hear often tired them. A lawyer skilled at presenting a brief narratio, and who could of course continue to rely on the power of brevity throughout a trial, had a distinct advantage over a prolix opponent when speaking to any judge, but especially in front of tired, impatient, or less expert ones. Judges had to remember things and get them ordered in their minds before judging; brevity helped.

But brevity meant more than just using fewer words. Inexpertly done, word reduction leads not to more effective rhetoric, but to the defect/vice of obscurity. It doesn't help one's case if what an audience remembers is your clumsiness or obscureness.

My presentation explores the concept of brevity as both an aid to memory and a virtue of communication.

University of Tennessee Knoxville

The Preacher, the Panther, and the Wolf: Memory and Theology in Medieval Bestiaries

Bobbi Dykema Katsanis

Bestiaries developed out of the early Christian/late antiquity text the Physiologus. In the words of art historian Beryl Rowland, "the animals are presented with such vivacity and vigor that they are oddly compelling, pulsating with life even when grotesque." Compare this assertion with the directions for training the memory in the Ad Herennium, perhaps the definitive memory text of the Middle Ages: "what is unusual and marvelous strikes us and is retained in the memory more than what is ordinary." Medieval animal-imagery scholars have traced the influence of the bestiary on a wide variety of artistic, literary, and oratory forms. Thus, the medieval preacher might draw on bestiary images in crafting a sermon and imprinting it into his or her own mind, making use of their colorful memorableness in illustrating theological doctrine. Strikingly enough, the text of the Fasciculus Morum, a fourteenth-century preacher's handbook, includes passages that are in some cases nearly identical to bestiary texts.

As we trace the interconnections between the medieval bestiary and the medieval sermon, it becomes increasingly clear that the two were inextricably interwoven in the medieval world. In light of this understanding, the medieval preacher thus appears as a transmitter of a series of images, translated from the visual to the auditory in the preparation of the

sermon, and from the auditory back to the visual as the listeners reconstructed their own striking and memorable allegorical menageries in their minds.

Graduate Theological Union

Arts & Crafts as a Means of Recovering Communal Memory: Ruskin and Morris and the Socialization of the British Artisan

Andrew King

The founders of the Arts and Crafts Movement believed that the mass production process had cut workers off from their craft roots. Thus, Morris and Ruskin established a program to teach workers their lost skills. They hoped that the practice of beautiful hand craft work would connect workers with the history of their communities.

After nearly a decade of this re-skilling of workers, Morris was nearly in despair. Workers seemed more interested in lever marketing rather than artistry, and they averred that their class identity remained stronger than their communal identity. Acting under the inspiration of Ruskin. Morris devised a program to make workers identify with their communities. At the heart of the program was a relentless rhetoric called by Morris "Art Cosmology." Workers were constantly prompted to explore the connection of their particular art objects with the home, the neighborhood, the city and the nation.

Was this program a failure or was it simply message to the wrong agents at the wrong times? This paper will discuss the emergence of this 19th century rhetoric in the 21st century as driving force in the Arts and Crafts Movement.

Louisiana State University

Resisting the Fixity of Memory: The Tension Between History and Fiction in Carol Shields's Happenstance

Ying Kong

According to Linda Hutcheon, "history's problem is verification, while fiction's [is] veracity." However, Shields's Happenstance (1980), a fictional biography of Jack Bowman, proves that "verification" in history is as impossible as "veracity" in fiction.

Jack, a historian, having worked on the history of North American Indians for more than twenty years, has begun to lose his faith in history: "History is eschatological" (1). His lack of faith in history does not exist independently; it has come together with all his doubts about the truth of representation of history. Jack is disillusioned by historical representations of events he has witnessed. First, Jack suffers from the ambiguity of language, and its ability to misrepresent the historical object. He has been working for more than three years on the concept of trade and property among North American Indians. Harriet Post, a former colleague and lover, seems to be writing about the same subject in her text—Indian Trading Practices Prior to Colonization. The truth is, however, that their subjects are completely different: his is on the trade practices of North American Indians, and hers is on the trade practices of the Indian subcontinent. Second, Jack is jarred by the discrepancy between the photographic images and written words in representing historical events Jack's faith in history is already shaky: "You can't trust second-hand accounts" (207). However, Jack discovers that even first-hand resources are unreliable. Both his father and Jack experience the same historical event, but his father remembers the venue incorrectly. Associating his father's unreliable memory with history, Jack begins to wonder about "the place of illusion in history" (112). History comes even closer to fiction when Jack considers "the reliability of the recorder, the one who performed the actual task of writing" (120). He begins to see that the recorder is not the norm, but an aberration, so that what is written is more likely an exception to the rule, and what is left unrecorded is really the bulk of human experience. Next, Jack takes the case of the English barmaid, a hypothetical instance of a person writing a memoir of "her life and times" (124) to prove that history is "a double-souled art" (121), in which there is a mixture of fact and fiction.

By showing how Jack sees history as constructed, whether oral or written, Shields thus shows the problem of representing the past, the history of a personal life. This paper uses Jack's experiences as a historian to convince the reader that the boundaries between "history" and

"fiction" are not fixed or final. Like history, biography is constructed by fictional narratives. And again like history, biography resists fixity of memory.

University of Manitoba

Forgetting (Queer) Chaucer?: Re-Membering the Hom(m)oerotic Subject of The Book of the Duchess Christopher Lozensky

Chaucerians know the story well: On September 12, 1368, Blanche, Duchess of Lancaster, died of the Black Plague, and The Book of the Duchess (written c.1369-72 CE)—the first major work by Geoffrey Chaucer—is a memorial piece designed not only to commemorate Blanche, but also to console her husband, John of Gaunt. As Earl of Richmond and Duke of Lancaster, Gaunt was one of the most powerful men in England; however, it is as a friend to and patron of Chaucer that Gaunt is chiefly remembered. No one knows for certain just how Gaunt would have received Chaucer's text—a favorite, though unsubstantiated, interpretation is that Chaucer performed the elegiac, dream-vision poem at one of the annual celebrations that Gaunt arranged to be held in honor of his first wife's memory. Allusions within the poem suggest that its three main characters are inspired by real-life personages: the nameless male Narrator, the Black Knight, and lady White, are the respective representatives of Chaucer, Gaunt, and Blanche. In any case, almost all Chaucerians agree that Chaucer's audience included Gaunt, thereby privileging the bond between the two men over either man's relationship to the deceased duchess. Though scholars quibble about the details, this view of the text and its context has persisted for centuries.

More recently, feminist and psychoanalytical readings of The Book of the Duchess have suggested that the text actually says less about memorializing Blanche than it does about narrativizing the development of male textual and (hetero)sexual identity. These readers argue that the death and abjection of women, upon which antifeminist fantasies of stable masculine identity formation are predicated, actually unravel the illusion of seamless maleness that they are intended to secure. Just how tenuous such identities—real and imagined—actually are is made apparent precisely because the position of Woman is unavoidably occupied by both women and men, and can therefore never truly perish. E v e n more recently, queer readings of Chaucer have focused primarily on the

homoerotic relationship between Troilus and Pandarus in Troilus and Criseyde and on the ambiguously gendered Pardoner in the Canterbury Tales. Thus, Susan Schibanoff's recent book Chaucer's Queer Poetics: Rereading the Dream Trio (2006) provides a welcome addition to the field of feminist and queer Chaucer studies. "The contrast that Chaucer develops between the two men," the Narrator and the Black Knight, "ultimately," Schibanoff argues, "reconfigures [Eve Kosofsky] Sedgwick's erotic triangle as the union of the heterosexual couple, Black and White, over and against the queer narrator" (95). As fascinating as Schibanoff's rereading of The Book of the Duchess is, however, it is not one with which I can fully agree.

Her argument that the Narrator's inexplicable lovelessness constructs him "as the queer love-poet" in contradistinction to the "normative love poet," the Black Knight (77), accords with my own previous feminist and queer work on The Book of the Duchess-including a presentation I gave at LCMND in 2005. In this essay, I explain why, two years later, I still more strongly concur with the earlier feminist and psychoanalytic readings that argue that the potentially homoerotic male-male bond is attempted (though not entirely achieved) at the expense of women and (ef)feminized men—why I am still troubled, that is, by what I have described as not the dream, but rather the nightmare-vision of Chaucerian queerness.

By titling her book Chaucer's Queer Poetics, Schibanoff acknowledges her intellectual debt to Carolyn Dinshaw's "groundbreaking" feminist study (13), Chaucer's Sexual Poetics, published in 1989. Perhaps because Dinshaw's book focuses on Chaucer's later works rather than on the earlier dream trio, Schibanoff hardly mentions it. Nevertheless, in passing, Dinshaw does make an observation that Schibanoff ignores, but which I explore further here. Dinshaw observes that, in The Book of the Duchess, "reading is a substitute for a love affair and itself has an erotic valence (and that erotics, in turn, expresses relationships of authority and power between author and reader)" (15). To elaborate on this significant point, I draw on Luce Irigaray's notion of "hommo-sexuality" to analyze specific instances within the poem where the literary activities of reading, writing, and listening are shown to not only be intrinsically linked to sensory perception and bodily sensation—especially seeing, speaking, and hearing-but are also hom(m)oerotically charged. Though Schibanoff argues that "the operative bond" between the Narrator and Black Knight "is neither homosocially heterosexual nor homosexual, but queer; they are a 'couple' in the respect that one's queerness [the Narrator's] normalizes the other's [the Black Knight's] courtliness" (96), I maintain that their relationship is thoroughly "hommo-sexual"—that is, unqueer

in its predictable constellation of male homoeroticism, homophobia, misogyny, and heterosexism.

As I see it, Chaucer's hom(m)osexual poetics in The Book of the Duchess circumscribe the queer subject-positions available not only to characters within the poem, but also to modern readers. Chaucerian queerness turns out to be (ironically and queerly) unqueer in its antifeminism, homophobia, and heterosexism. Though Chaucer Studies continues to dominate the field of medieval literary studies in detrimental ways, forgetting Chaucer altogether is not a viable alternative. Instead, by remembering the hom(m)oerotic subject of The Book of the Duchess, we can begin to re-vision and resist hegemonic constructions of "Father Chaucer." Doing so allows us to approach difficult questions about power and authority, about the interconnectedness of art and desire, and about the politics of literature and the politics of identity from a different perspective—one which brings feminist and queer theories and politics in unusual accordance with one another. Such a project encourages us to think harder about why and how we remember the so-called Father of English poetry, but also why and how we construct ourselves as queers, feminists, and queer-feminists.

Minot State University

Summing Up in the Detective Novels of San Antonio Alan MacDonell

Although principally about the use of the résumé or of summing up in the detective novels of San Antonio, this discussion will offer more familiar examples of this literary device. It is used as a plot mechanism, a narrative strategy and it serves as a striking example of reception theory. Although the French author San Antonio, whom I am going to talk about most, makes liberal use of the technique, few authors of detective novels can do without it. Indeed, most novels, in one way or another, are built on a consideration of the past and its effect on the present and the future of the narration. But this comes to a head in the crime novel, built, as it is, on a crime committed in the past with the likelihood of the same crime being repeated in the future, and therefore the necessity of understanding the past in order to influence the future. However, the device is so prevalent and so necessary in crime writing that it has come to be used for other purposes by masters of the art.

I will just refer to one example of the use of this technique in one of the novels of a frequenter of the New York Times bestseller list, Jeffrey Deaver. In Cold Moon, the principal detective, Lincoln Rhyme, keeps a list of clues which the author obligingly and meticulously includes at the end of each chapter. In this way the reader is reminded, somewhat forcibly, of all the considerable information that has been accumulated by the detectives and their forensic allies in their search for the criminal. Suspiciously, certain preliminary deductions are also included. Of course, this device masks the fact that new clues, which will dramatically change our interpretation of previous clues, exist only in the mind of the author, and will only be revealed to the reader 'in the fullness of time', or, in other words, when the author judges it is time to end his book. Two ends are achieved in this manner: the first is to enrich the reader's experience of the narrative, since it is clear that we tend to be linear readers, and thus to forget all except that which our somewhat limited awareness of past elements of the plot deems unnecessary; the second is to ensure that the ending will be a surprise, since the author uses this device to control the deductions of the reader, and to make him or her play Watson to his Sherlock.

These elements are often present in the plot summaries offered by San Antonio, but the use he makes of the device of summing up is far more personal than with other authors, since it also establishes a rapport with the reader that is extraordinarily familiar and, ultimately, somewhat abusive, in the best sense of the term. San Antonio recognizes explicitly the difficulty the reader has in keeping up with his fast-paced plotting, but uses this difficulty to make the reader aware of the reality of reading, of writing, of creation of character and especially to draw the reader into the fascinating relation between author and reader by making him see the author's point of view.

To begin over again, San Antonio is the pen name of Frédéric Dard, who has also authored many books under his real name.

University of Manitoba

Historical Insights into the Suspended Conversations of Edwardian Postcards

Karen Malcolm and Barbara Becker

Over the last year Malcolm and I have given several papers concerning Becker's postcard collection of over three hundred postcards addressed to her maternal grandmother, Miss Christina Campbell of Edinburgh, who was a cook in an upper middle class household between 1904 and 1908. In past papers Becker and Malcolm used the work of systemicists and communication linguists, among others, to analyze the verbal texts of the postcards as a means of understanding a community of women who, one hundred years ago, all shared the communicative purpose of contributing to a friend's postcard collection, while fulfilling a variety of other communicative purposes at the same time, made evident in the variety of informal registers associated with this type of communicative event (cf. Halliday 1994, Gregory and Malcolm 1995, Malcolm 2005). In a recent paper we also analyzed the reverse sides of the postcards, the visual ones, using Kress and Van Leeuwen's visual grammar in order to compare how the message of the visual text reinforces, extends and/or challenges the message of the verbal text (in forthcoming URL). In this paper we contextualize our investigation of this corpus by considering various aspects of the temporal and geographical provenance.

One of the many authors whose work we perused in the course of our research, Langford, wrote an interesting book called Suspended Conversations in which she studies family photographic albums in a museum context where "the very act of preservation . . . suspends its sustaining conversation, stripping the album of its social function and meaning" (p.5). Many of her ideas resonated with ours. The idea of different suspended conversations 'intersecting' in a particular time and place seemed particularly apt in describing the intertwining communicative strands of our research. And her response to the question "What makes the albums so special?" brings us to our paper today. She answered "Well, memories, of course." And again her response sheds light on Becker's postcard collection. From the beginning, the collection offered us a window into a bygone era. And now, after a year of reading relevant histories, the window has opened wider and we see things more clearly.

Two words stand out as being foremost to our understanding of this period: transportation and communication. The Victorian and Edwardian

periods were periods of radical changes in technology. The inventions of the train, telegraph, typewriter, telephone, camera, postcard, and even Greenwich Mean Time affected everyone from the powerful businessman in London to the working class domestics in Edinburgh who created our corpus. Although there will always be a gap between the past and the present according to Stewart that only the act of memory can bridge, the historical contextualization of our corpus of Edwardian postcards in a way "closes the gap, remoulds it, and opens it again" (Langford 61).

University of Winnipeg

The Muscular Memory of Activity Systems Andrew Flood Mara

Activity system theory has had a meteoric rise in composition studies, beginning with Alan Purves' and William Purves' 1986 Article "Viewpoints: Cultures, Text Models, and the Activity of Writing." Their article, which introduced L. S. Vygogtsky's cultural-historical theory into English Studies, began a disciplinary re-evaluation of how to view supraindividual and supra-classroom discursive structures. Charles Bazerman and David Russell further championed the spread of the activity systems approach into writing research and pedagogy. Since then, variants and permutations of this approach have spread through different branches of English and composition studies, including rhetoric and technical writing. Activity system theory shifts the locus of attention away from the individual and instead places it upon the artifacts and practices that emerge from particular groups. Like discourse communities, activity systems favor the group as the frame for analysis; however, the popularity of activity systems as an analytic method has pushed discourse community theory further to the margins of the scholarly conversation.

Activity system theory foregrounds what Vygotsky called "proximal zones," or places where individuals come together to share tools and make mutual adjustments (Leont'ev and Wertsch). The contexts that enable mutual change changes the definition of learning from acceptance of pre-existing conventions to an active participation into a system that forces particular changes and adjustments in order to create meaning. The artifactual and activity focus ultimately provides the researcher and teacher with a material focus, upon which research, pedagogy, and production can grow. This presentation will explore a short history of the emergence of activity system theory as a research methodology, pedagogical guide, and heuristic strategy as well as try to trace out some of the historical shifts that may account for the recent predominance of this approach.

North Dakota State University

Remembering Identity: Irishness and Globalism in Nuala O'Faolain's memoirs

Miriam Mara

In his article "Memory and the City: Urban Renewal and Literary Memoirs in Contemporary Dublin" Andrew Kincaid argues that "the memoir is the literary bridge to the Celtic Tiger," that is, Ireland "construct[ed] as postnational, post-postcolonial, even postmodern" (39). This presentation examines Nuala O'Faolain's reconstruction of postnational Irish identity in her memoirs in a global framework using Globalism theory from Arjun Appadurai. If memoirs build from selective memories of the past to create coherent identity in the present, then O'Faolain's attention to global details creates the (Irish) persona of the memoirs. Constructing the narrative of a life that emerges from a hardscrabble Irish childhood into cosmopolitan adulthood seems familiar. Yet, O'Faolain's memoirs do not simply move from an impoverished Irish childhood (a la Frank McCourt) to a modern adulthood.

Instead, O'Faolain's memoirs depict a lived perspective of migratory, global Irishness, in which the nation-state matters less than the cultural "ethnoscapes... the landscape of persons who constitute the shifting world in which we live" (Appadurai 33). Her recurring themes of migration and travel construct identity through memory of Global Ireland, embracing a migratory / diasporic Irishness. In O'Faolain's two memoirs. movement appears as a predominant motif. In addition, making her work local (calling herself a "Dublin woman" in two titles) in the face of a clearly global lived environment—spending half of the year in Manhattan, traveling the world, and keeping an apartment in Belfast for a yearunderscores Appadurai's claim that the local is global.

North Dakota State University

The Words That Jog Our Memories— And Those That Don't

Bruce Maylath

In the last decade, neuroscientists have increasingly established that "the lexicon is part of a temporal-parietal/medial-temporal 'declarative memory' system" (Ullman, Corkin, Coppola, Hickok, Growdon, Koroshetz, and Pinker, 266). In parallel, reading psychologists and composition researchers have increasingly established over several decades that native speakers of Germanic languages have difficulty processing words imported from outside Germanic languages, most notably with the many words borrowed from Romance languages (Balester; Baron; Bauer; Bergman, Hudson, and Eling; Corson; Henderson; Nigalis; Segui and Zubizaretta; Stobin; Taft). Difficulties in processing appear to lead to difficulties in remembering. Such research is noteworthy for both writers of English and teachers of English.

According to Aitchison, languages show "a predilection for choosing formations which are 'transparent' or easily analysable and an avoidance of ones which are 'opaque' or hard to analyse" (159). All languages, that is, but English, which, as numerous language experts have pointed out (Jespersen, Marchand, Corson), operates contrarily to most languages in regard to lexicon. Why languages prefer transparent formations may have something to do with child language acquisition. Vygotsky observes that the agglutination found in the egocentric speech of a child parallels the formation of compounds used to express complex ideas in adult language. Focusing on compounding languages, Vygotsky writes, "When several words are merged into one word [as in German] the new word not only expresses a rather complex idea, but designates all the separate elements contained in that idea. Because the stress is always on the main root or idea, such languages are easy to understand" (246).

Mills notes that studies in the acquisition of German have shown that 82% of the words that German children made up are compounds, while only 15% are derivatives. For French, in contrast, Clark concludes that "Composition or compounding . . . is much rarer than in Germanic languages" (qtd. in Stobin, 697), French relying instead on derivation. It would seem that English-speaking children, whose language at five years is almost entirely free of specialized Greco-Latinate vocabulary, probably follow their German counterparts in gaining ample practice at compounding but not derivation. This lack of practice at derivation may later serve their memories ill.

Henderson finds evidence that Greco-Latinate (GL) formations produce "an extreme case" of semantic opacity. The problem becomes acute

when one realizes, as Taft found, that affixed words are stored in memory by their stems, even if the stem itself is never used independently. Taft's model of prefix stripping prompted a Dutch team of reading psychologists to study the effects of GL opacity on readers of Dutch. As Dutch is the closest relative to English among major Germanic languages, their findings hint at the GL lexicon's effect on readers of English, too. Bergman, Hudson, and Eling found that the Latinate words, both current and moribund, took Dutch readers longer to decompose. More importantly, they found that Latinate complex words took significantly more time to process than Germanic complex words, even when their frequency and length were the same.

Such findings serve to confirm what English speakers have probably known intuitively all along: GL terms are hard to read, understand, and subsequently remember. It follows that writers and teachers of English, equipped with this knowledge, might ask themselves, which words might I choose to help my readers remember? This presentation aims to prompt a discussion and examination among audience members of their lexical choices.

North Dakota State University

"Gray zones" in Holocaust Resistance and Rescue: The Crena de Iongh Family and Zwartboek

Paula McHarg

Individuals who experience large-scale social conflicts face questions that can rarely be answered in terms of binary oppositions such as "good" and "evil." Holocaust scholars have commented extensively on the existence in time and space of "gray zones," where the line separating oppressor from oppressed is blurred. This study utilizes the concept of "gray zones" as a lens through which to analyze the story of the wealthy and prominent Crena de Iongh family, who actively participated in the resistance by harboring Jews and Allied soldiers in their home in Nazioccupied Amsterdam. Surprisingly, after the war, the family patriarch Daniel Crena de Iongh was accused of collaborating with the Nazis. The claims were completely unsubstantiated and were soon forgotten. Nevertheless, this example demonstrates the ambiguity of memory and the notion of "gray zones" in which ally and enemy are indistinguishable.

This project includes first-hand interviews with members of the Crena de Iongh family – the author's own extended family. The interviews, along with a rhetorical analysis of the film Zwartboek (2006), will be interpreted in terms of "gray zones" and memory ambiguity. The nature of such a concept belies any simple answers to questions regarding why people behave as they do during times of great social conflict. Regardless, asking basic questions about shifting morality and memory in universally traumatic environments provides analytical tools for understanding the nature of human discourse in some small way.

Villanova University

Whitestream Modernity Meets First Nations: Re-membering 19th Century Canadian Literature

L. J. McLauchlan

I have just finished teaching a recently revived course in 19th Century Canadian literature (Ak/En 3753.60A) at York University in Toronto. Toronto is a multicultural city: half my students were non-European in ancestry. Taken as a group these students have much less sympathy for the traditional neo-colonial reading of Canada's past. They want to read more than dead white men with a few "spunky" ladies mixed in. Many of them have families who have stories of recent emigration from other countries. When they study Canadian literature in the 19th century they empathize with displaced First Nations' peoples as well as new immigrants. Teaching these students and reading their end-of-year journals has taught me to question received wisdom and to probe more deeply as I look to recover "new" course material. When I did candidacy exams, I read postcolonial theory, but, nevertheless, nineteenth century Canadian canon did not readily include First Nations poems, songs, letters, or legends. My paper will addresses a now-ongoing recovery from cultural amnesia concerning the voices and values of First Nations peoples in Canada's nineteenth century.

My own education in this area has been woefully inadequate. I am a prairie born and raised Canadian with a PhD in English literature (1997). Cultural Critic Claude Denis points out in We Are Not You: First Nations and Canadian Modernity that "Whitestream modernity's way of life and of thinking are vastly different from aboriginal ways." My paper will be a progress report on teaching an awareness of this difference when interpreting the history and literature of 19th Century Canadian literature.

While in Western Canada in May 2007, I will talk with Parks Canada (Prairie Region, Winnipeg) and review historic photographs of First Nations and Métis leaders. The generation we are teaching is hungry for images used in combination with literature. I have secured an archival camera to photograph historic photographs as well as photographing historic sites. I will visit two known sites of First Nations burial mounds in my own home territory: Pilot Mound and the mound at Snowflake. Sacred to tribes on both sides of the border, Pilot Mound is currently a fenced territory where cattle gaze. The farmer who "owns" Pilot Mound has preserved the stone ruin of a bank vault where original white settlers did their banking after building the first white settlement right into the hill where First Nations groups had assembled to perform sacred rites. The town was relocated in the 1880s to be more accessible to the railway. The history of white settlement and ownership reflects the attempt to stamp out the sacredness of place. I suggest that sites such as this one can be profitably studied together with cultural critique. They present visual markers of "whitestream" settlement, and past vision of entitlement, along with an open invitation to re member, to challenge, to change. My next step, as a teacher, is to learn more about First Nation's orality and legend as well as their recorded speeches and preserved letters. As a second step in the direction of accepting what Denis calls coming to terms with " a vastly different" way of thinking about what is of value today-counting First Nations peoples as my central experts, my paper will include an annotated bibliography on readings of First Nations scholars and writers such as Thompson Highway, Penny Petrone, Jeanette Armstrong, Daniel Moses, and Métis feminist and scholar, Frye Jean Graveline.

York University

Memorializing the Trivial: Carnivalesque Historiography, Popular Identity, and Modern Greek **Humorist Nikos Tsiforos**

Sylvia Mittler

Contesting the past signifies intervention in the terrain of truth. To do so is to pose questions about the present and what the past means in the present. How one understands the past has ethical, strategic and political ramifications. And who is entitled to speak for the past? How best to convey a truth constituted in narrative, "always representation, always construction"? Modern Greek author Nikos Tsiforos' revisionist

historiography confronts these issues in a unique way, negotiating the battle between identity and alterity outside the ideologies and esthetics engendered within national and cultural territory by the "foundational complicities" of the Enlightenment and Philhellenism. By means of a pungent vernacular that preserves the memory of pre-industrial, "Orientalizing" communal relations and favours satire, pastiche and distance-reducing techniques of oral storytelling, he dismantles Eurocentric signifiers embedded in the presentation of an official Greece long on noble antecedents, unbroken continuity and conservative patriotism. Humour and alternative cultural memory thus become twin vehicles for history and language lessons intended to validate the cultural power of the exploding new and newly urban Greek middle classes of the 1960s—his readers and groom them for a post-Cold War world increasingly marked by popular culture and global commodification. Tsiforos, re-siting the socially peripheral as symbolically central, dignifies in particular the pragmatic perspective and body of social relations associated with the manghes. early twentieth-century urban proles marginalized as disreputable by the Europeanizing upper classes and "forgotten" by official culture. Their tart world informs an exploration of collective memory that ranges from idiosyncratic histories of England, France and the United States to the European incursions of the Crusades, Frankish medieval Greece and ultimately, ancient Greek mythology itself. Nymphs, kings, gods, Crusaders are revealed as preening, covetous, maudlin, dim-witted, subject to decidedly unhumanistic needs and desires within a proto-commodity culture inhabited by plucky désabusés and more often by koroïda, suckers, University of Toronto Scarborough

From "Story of Dakota Origins, Imprisonment, and Exile": A Poetry Reading

John Peacock

Mis on napeya ohna yumdapi ska de akan ti Dakota wicoie iyohi, wakan. To me, living in exile on this white page Each and every Dakota word is sacred.

Thus begins a manuscript of poems I am writing, on facing pages, in two languages—the once outlawed, now endangered Dakota Sioux language that my Native American grandparents spoke, and the English language that my half-blood aunt and uncles were forced to learn as students in Indian boarding school. English is not just the transparent language of translation of these poems, but a language of conquest, as the poems make readers dramatically aware.

"Story of Dakota Origins, Imprisonment, and Exile" includes the Dakota origin story, based on oral tradition; an imaginary reconstruction of first contact with white traders; my Dakota family history; and an account of the removal, following the Minnesota Dakota War of 1862, of all Dakota from their Minnesota homeland to reservations in North and South Dakota (including the Spirit Lake Dakota reservation, where I am enrolled.) This last section of my manuscript is based on letters dictated in 1862 in Dakota to missionary Stephen Riggs by my ancestor Wakanhditopa (Four Lightning), writing on behalf of Dakota war prisoners at Davenport, Iowa.

Writing these bilingual Dakota/English poems is a memorializing act in response to the historical amnesia of the 1862 Dakota War in the US national narrative.

Dakota was an entirely oral language until 1832, when missionaries created a written orthography to help them Christianize and re-educate my grandparents' generation. My mother's older siblings were then educated entirely in English and indeed punished for speaking Dakota in mission schools in an effort to wipe out Dakota ceremonies and other cultural practices. Out of love and fear, my grandparents never taught my mother Dakota, which is why I only began to learn it in my forties by reading the missionaries' Dakota translations of Christian literature.

Some of these poems have already been read at the Minnesota Historical Society and published in Studies in American Indian Literatures and American Indian Quarterly.

> Wicoie dena woyaco anpetu sunktanka Wicamanun hdoebdabde kta. These words, horses of the Apocalypse I will steal them back.

> > North Dakota State University

Traumatic Memory as Inheritance: Remembering the Holocaust in Everything is Illuminated and The Dark Room Miriam Raethel

Any memory of the Holocaust is inextricably linked to the physical wounds and psychological trauma endured by survivors, which render access to this memory enormously difficult, because, as Felman and Laub point out, "[t]estimony seems to be composed of bits and pieces of a memory ... acts that cannot be constructed as knowledge nor assimilated into full cognition." Already early testimonies demonstrate that memory is always reconstructed, mediated, and subjective, and show that the Holocaust is, in itself, a site of traumatic memory that can never be fully understood, accessed, or possessed.

The question of the representation of traumatic memory is further complicated for post-Holocaust writers, who did not endure the atrocities, but carry a trauma that can be defined as a trauma of memory, that is, of carrying the ethical responsibility of ongoing remembrance of an event not directly experienced, and of keeping alive the memory of the dead. In "The Holocaust in the Postmodernist Era," Efraim Sicher contends that "the memory of the Holocaust inevitably has become public property for the postwar generations," yet it is represented in vastly different ways by subsequent generations of victims and perpetrators, Jews and Germans.

By comparing Jonathan Safran Foer's Everything is Illuminated and Rachel Seiffert's The Dark Room, two novels that deal with the attempt of subsequent generations, Jews and Germans respectively, to simultaneously gain access to the traumatic memory of the past and preserve it within cultural memory, this paper will investigate how descendants of victims and perpetrators alternate between acknowledging and repressing traumatic memory, and will examine the efficiency of new generic possibilities, such as postmodernism, which are used by post-Holocaust novelists as a response to the moral obligation of remembering.

Wilfrid Laurier University

Students Remembering Students: Student Speeches Memorializing Individuals from Virginia Tech Merry Rendahl

Just weeks after the tragic shootings at Virginia Tech in April of 2007, students in an introductory speech class responded to a ceremonial speech assignment with memorials for the students who died there. Though separate from the space where the shootings took place, these Midwestern students felt that the shootings "hit close to home" and demanded a response. This presentation examined the language and the themes of two student speeches.

University of Minnesota

Experience, Memory, Truth: Helping Students Use Narrative Inquiry to Understand The Sunflower Jaqueline McLeod Rogers

In The Sunflower, Simon Wiesenthal describes his suffering as Holocaust victim and asks readers whether they believe he should have honoured the deathbed request of a Nazi soldier for forgiveness. Following Wiesenthal's story, experts in fields such as theology, philosophy, psychology and peace studies offer well-spoken and -reasoned, often impassioned, responses. No two are alike. When students are invited to add their voice to this forum, most discover that no one position provides an adequate response to this moment in human history. In the process of framing a response, each student becomes aware that he or she is separated from the event by such things as time, race, religion, and material suffering and is shaping a position based on personal experience and interpretation; when it comes time to share responses in class, most do so on the basis that what they say is situated, provisional, fragmentary, and negotiable. Rather than leaving the past in the past, responding to Wiesenthal's narrative reveals how history is being made, as it is reviewed by the individual from their particular cultural position. Moreover, students are usually moved to take up several interpretive positions in response to Wiesenthal's narrative, understanding not only that historical imagination is dynamic but also that historical text is continually under construction.

Robert Coles, who knows about the power of narrative to expand our understanding of human nature and social life, begins his study of The

Call of Stories by explaining that his title is meant to capture the way stories tell us different things at different stages and phases of our life. He points out that new insights arise from "rereading" a story, for "a few years of life and a different intellectual agenda" affects a reader's response (xvii). Without having to allow for the passing of time, students as readers and writers can experience how a powerful and provocative story like The Sunflower can be heard differently depending on one's situation—including age, race, gender and beliefs.

In my presentation, I will outline what students do with The Sunflower text, and highlight the range of their responses. I will also consider some of the positive pedagogical outcomes that arise from their engagement with this text. For example, many students—those who think about historical events as factual and fixed or those prone to intellectual inflexibility— are surprised by the capacity of good minds to think differently. Witnessing the variability amongst sensible and sensitive responses can help them to re-conceptualize knowing about human events as a flexible and dynamic process (as know-ing), rather than thinking about historical texts as permanent records of action, performed and then grasped once and for all. When students take turns reading their responses, several striking patterns emerge: the content of each response is different but, in common, each appeals to reason and emotion, so that it is unlikely that one response could be distinguished from others for being more accurate and persuasive. Hearing one's own response alongside thoughtful others makes it clear that any one narrative is not wrong but small, and that the range of narratives together create an inclusionary picture of what is possible. While each narrative engages the intellectual and ethical issues raised by the generative question, the end result of placing one's narrative in the context of many makes material the point that meaning(s) is(are) multiple, dynamic, and perspectival, and that they do not necessarily compete, but coexist.

University of Winnipeg

Mémoire et Ethnologie: du gauchissement des Règles Anthropologiques dans L'écriture de Michel Leiris

Mamadou Samb

L'œuvre leirisiene nous convie au déploiement d'une galerie de tableaux et de pans d'une écriture mémorielle qui, comme un puzzle,

s'insinue dans l'intégralité de la trame narrative de l'écrivain. Or cette dimension mémorielle qui prend à bien des égards une tournure peu ou prou autobiographique n'est pas bien traduite dans la réception critique de l'écrtiture leirisienne, ou du moins si elle l'est reste marginale et reléguée au second plan au profit d'autres préoccupations critiques.

Le présent travail se propose de mettre à nu l'importance et la fonction de la mémoire dans l'écriture leirisienne. Il s'agira essentiellement de revisiter certains textes leirisiens comme L'Afrique fantôme (1934) et L'Age d'homme (1939) pour y déceler le jeu de subversion de la mémoire, laquelle mémoire dans sa rétrospection et dans son exposition d'événements métanarratifs achève de donner à l'anthropologie une tournure tournure indubitablement personnelle.

University of Minnesota

Making Prosthetic Memory: Difficult Images, Disturbing Artifacts

Joy Sather-Wagstaff

What of the memory of events which live in the culture because of the images they have left, etched on our retinas, too painful to recall, too disturbing not to remember? "Do you remember the day Kennedy was shot?" really means "Do you remember the day you watched Kennedy being shot all day on television?" (Elsaesser 1995:146)

In this paper I present an ethnographically-based discussion of the acquisition of prosthetic memories of violence through embodied, heteropathic processes. Alison Landsberg, Marianne Hirsch, and Thomas Elsaesser, working on Holocaust memory as constructed through the consumption of museum artifacts, cinema, photographs and journalistic media, argue for the value of such body-centered approaches to memory-making by those who are not first-hand witnesses to tragic events. Landsberg and Hirsch regard these experiential modes of memory-making as having primarily positive effects such as the maintenance of collective memory and producing social change through empathic understanding. In contrast, Elsaesser posits that experiential memory-making has negative consequences, contributing to the over-production of cultural obsessions with trauma and empty rituals of spectatorship and storytelling. Yet despite these scholars' understandings of memory as embodied and constructed through dialogic encounters between persons, images and material objects, they do not provide significant evidence for such given that they privilege images and objects as both representational texts and the central subjects of research. The result of this lacuna is an inadequate understanding of actual lived, embodied processes of memory-making by individuals in the broader public as well as the highly diverse social effects of such in everyday life.

I offer a thicker description of these processes and effects as they emerged during my ethnographic research on individuals' encounters with the principal visual and material culture forms of and from violent events and their aftermaths: photographs and artifacts. The encounters presented center on physical and visual engagements with the often graphic artifacts of tragedy, such as debris from 9/11 and the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing as displayed in museums and memorial landscapes, and photographic images and media coverage from the 2007 Virginia Tech massacre and 9/11 and its aftermath. This array of difficult images and disturbing artifacts not only acted as historical evidence of tragedy on display but also stimulated individuals' narrative recollections of the events as experienced from a distance, engendered heteropathic connections to victims and survivors, and in some cases, significantly transformed individual subjectivities. The results of this research with a broader public demonstrate how embodied, prosthetic memory-making engenders both positive and negative individual and social effects in the lived everyday, including and far exceeding those proposed by Landsberg, Hirsch and Elsaesser.

North Dakota State University

Remembering the Crusades: Enclosed Warfare in the Late Medieval Hermit's Cell

Michelle M. Sauer

I have recently been working on a 15th century manuscript, London, British Library, MS Sloane 1584, which contains an unusual rule for hermits. This Rule features several unique perspectives, including a number that portray the hermit in secular terms and/or connect the hermit to secular considerations, such as the Crusades. In my paper, I will examine this extraordinary feature, suggesting that the creator of this Rule realizes a liminal place for hermits beyond the standard crossroads and bridges, one that enhances the salvific potential of vocational withdrawal. Moreover, this secularization points to two features: dating the manuscript and possible Carmelite origins.

Minot State University

Jean-Paul Sartre's Conception of Art as a Political and Psychological Liberator

Vincent Schonberger

Sartre's psychological and philosophical writings are a constant meditation on art, on human freedom and awareness. His distinction of "pure" are and "committed" art in his earlier writings led Sartre to reject a number of writers, Beaudelaire, Flaubert, Jean-Genet, etc. It compelled him to attack "pure" art where imaginary is given priority over the real. According to Sartre, imagination makes it possible to deny the real and to value fantasy above reality. It allows the "pour-soi" to escape from the "en-soi." "L'imaginaire pur et la praxis sont difficilement compatibles" he states in Sit. II, 324.

During the war, Sartre underwent a decisive conversion. Heidegger and "Saint-Exupéry, whom he read in 1940, had convinced him that "meanings came into the world only by the activity of man, praxis superseded contemplation." (Force of Circumstance, p. 5, 7). His adoption of Heidegger's more dialectical, more comprehensive and more phenomenological conception of art allowed him to incorporate the more imaginary nature of the art-object into his aesthetics and thus reconcile pure art with political commitment. In the 1960s, Sartre modified his earlier antagonistic conception of prose = poetry - "Signification = sens" and accepted poetry as a complementary part of communication. Poetry represented the subjective element of communication, a "dévoilement" and was committed to the extent that it changed our relations to the universe and to ourselves: "Dévoiler c'est changer" he writes in Sit. II, p. 73. Poetry communicated, in a non-conceptual form, self-knowledge, to the extent that it was "révélatrice de l'homme à lui-même à travers le sens" (Sit. X, 64). In contrast, the prose writer was "embarqué" or "engagé." He was to be implicated in the historical and political battles of his day and fight for freedom and justice: "Ainsi en prenant parti dans la singularité de notre époque nous rejoignons finalement l'éternel et c'est notre tâche d'écrivain que de faire entrevoir les valeurs d'éternité qui sont impliquées dans les débats sociaux ou politiques" (Sit II, 15).

For Sartre, all writers are committed. They are part of history and are responsible for the effects of their actions and writings. All writers even if a-historical, are committed through their world-view, their Weltanschauung for it involves a choice of perspectives. Even if they abstain from direct political engagement, they are responsible not only for their lack of political guidance, but also for the images and implications that their writings will create in their readers' imaginary universe. Sartre is of the opinion that committed literature would flourish in an authentically revolutionary society: "Dans un parti authentiquement révolutionnaire (l'oeuvre d'art) trouverait le climat propice à son éclosion, parce que la liberation de l'homme et l'avènement de la société sans classes sont comme elle des buts absolus, des exigences inconditionnées qu'elle peut réfléter dans son exigence" (Sit. II, 286).

The committed writer's main function is to transform our non-reflexive conception of the universe into a reflexive, thetic, conscious awareness, to reveal the world and thereby change our relationship to the universe Through an act of aesthetic engagement, it is the reader who endows the book with his feelings. Thus, Sartre defines reading as an act of generosity: "a generous feeling which has its origin and its end in freedom... Reading is an exercise in generosity (p. 45). The author, by writing, places himself at a distance from his passions, his emotions. He places himself "in an attitude of generosity" towards the reader: "thus my freedom, by revealing itself, reveals freedom of the other." Communication becomes a dialectical relationship between the reader and the author through the act of creation and recreation, through the exercise of their respective freedoms and their act of generosity.

Lakehead University

Remembering Discourse Communities: Declared Dead Too Soon?

Amy Rupiper Taggart

The concept of the discourse community has had a long and storied history in the field of composition. Founded on the linguistic concept of speech communities, in writing studies Patricia Bizzell seems to have coined the term discourse communities as a way to broaden the concept's applicability to more than simply oral situations. In "Cognition, Convention, and Certainty," Bizzell suggested "conventions" bind a group "in a discourse community, at work together on some project of interaction with the material world" (76). Writing scholars and teachers quickly picked up on the term, drawing on it to understand the dynamics among writers, readers, and contexts and to explain and explore conventions. Initially an apparently useful term, discourse community has tarnished with use. Critique, followed by revival, followed by more critique has led not to discourse community's wholesale disintegration but to its fading almost beyond recognition. It is no longer coin of the realm.

While the concepts of discourse, community, and discourse community have all been criticized (Harris, Kent, and Killingsworth, among others), I suggest discourse community remains a useful concept. I do not purport that it is superior to activity systems, a newer addition to composition studies, but will argue that the two theories might be seen as important complements in our field in a post-human environment. Discourse community privileges humanism and is tempered by activity systems' mechanical tenor. Further, I read discourse community's original definition in Bizzell's article as closer to the present meaning of activity system than might presently be suspected based on the overly agonistic discourse of the field. Building on Amy Devitt, Anis Bawarshi, and Mary Jo Reiff's 2003 article linking genre with discourse community, I suggest a return or a re-return (with a nod to Gregory Clark) to discourse community for particular applications. On one level it is in individual memory, repeat experience of conventions, where discourse community becomes a functional concept. On another, it is a genre that we can track communities' activity

North Dakota State University

Memory, Myth, and the Postmodern: Pierre Nepveu's Des Mondes peu habités Marie Vautier

In Des Mondes peu habités, celebrated Québécois author, theorist and cultural commentator Pierre Nepveu describes a postmodern world where the grand narratives of history and cultural memory no longer have the power to provide anchors for identitary concerns. In my study of his novel, I wish to examine three major themes: a postmodernist rejection of historical memory and cultural heritage, a return to ancient mythic forms, and a problematic male appreciation of the feminine.

All the aspects upon which traditional and modern French-Canadian/Québécois society based its foundational myths are done away with in *Des Mondes peu habités*. This enigmatic novel, first published in 1992 (and translated into English by Judith Woodsworth as *Still Lives* in 1997) has not aroused much serious critical commentary, despite the fact that its author, Pierre Nepveu, is a very well-known academic and creative writer. Three times winner of the Governor General's award, twice laureate of the Gabrielle Roy Prize for literary criticism, winner of Quebec's prestigious Prix David, invited scholar at many universities, including UBC, Harvard, and UVIC, Pierre Nepveu is at the centre of the literary world in Quebec, and has done much to make Québécois literature and culture known outside of Quebec. This highly enigmatic novel, however, remains largely unanalyzed.

My examination of *Des Mondes peu habités/Still Lives* discusses its more negative appreciation of postmoderism, Euro-American-style, and shows how the text turns to archaic mythic patterns to replace cultural memory and historiography in postmodern Québec. The novel is set in a vibrant transcultural area of contemporary Montreal, *la Côte-des-Neiges*. Cultural memory, so important to personal and collective identity, is challenged by the postmodernist situation of the central character, a father whose early loss of his daughter causes him to remain frozen in time. While a diverse, vibrant and transcultural Montreal evolves around his solitary life in a small, unchanged apartment, the novel itself offers a philosophical meditation on living with personal memories of the past in a world without cultural grounding—a world which is constantly chang-

ing. Interactions with other inhabitants of the apartment building, including a graduate student who is writing a thesis on important historical documents penned by the Jesuit missionaries to New France, les Relations des Jésuites, allow for the novel's reflections on cultural-historical memories of the past and their quasi-uselessness for the present. My discussion of cultural memory is based in part on works by literary theorists such as Régine Robin (Le roman mémoriel) and Dominique Laporte (L'Autre en mémoire); my discussion of archaic mythic forms is similarly based on works by George Gusdorf (Mythe et Métamorphose) and Sir James Fraser (The Golden Bough). Nepveu's novel proposes a return to a mythic structure, and uses archaic forms of knowing while subverting them to propose a new way of being in a postmodern world, a way of being which has as a primary concern the validation of the feminine. Des mondes peu habités/Still Lives provides its readers with an alternative way of dealing with the current crisis concerning cultural memory.

University of Victoria

Solomon Butcher and the Great White Turkey: Re/Visioning Landscape in Midwestern America

Jeff Ward

The contemporary perception of photographs as mnemonic devices obscures their role as key components in larger communicative strategies. O. W. Holmes' characterization of the daguerreotype as a "mirror with a memory" might suggest that early photographs were treasured and protected as valuable historical objects, and the practitioners that created them celebrated as historians. Across most of the nineteenth century, this was not the case. In fact, the historical consciousness of early photographers is questionable at best. Very few photographers kept records of the time and date of their photographs, and only infrequently captioned images fixing a specific location or time. Then, as now, the vast majority of circulating photographs are poorly documented, anonymous, and of questionable utility outside the network of discourses

they circulated within.

The belief that photographs furnish an important resource for public memory is primarily an invention of the early twentieth century. In 1953, visual theorist William M. Ivins, Jr. proposed that the photographic arts "have been responsible for one of the greatest changes visual habit and knowledge that has ever taken place" (2). His thesis was that photography liberated visual communication from the "ruled" constraints of printmaking, producing a smooth surface devoid of syntax. Nonetheless, it was the embedding of photographs within communicative forms capable of bearing text as well as images within a generic syntax that gave them value as history. The adoption of photographs as a "true" reflection of times or places past was slower than commonly believed, and only tenuously connected to the photograph's stature as an index connected to a particular moment in time. As Martha Sandweiss has argued, the creation of the "legend" of the American West was achieved through a selective deployment of photographs initially as raw material for other printmaking processes, and in the later decades as direct reproductions in the form of halftone illustrated books and stereo cards. The non-specificity of these photographs challenges the contemporary habit of viewing mechanical images as self-contained mementos.

My paper will examine the strategies of two photographers of the late nineteenth century, Solomon D. Butcher and Henry Hamilton Bennett. Butcher used photographs to fund and illustrate his *Pioneer History of Custer County Nebraska*, creating heavily retouched and modified docu-

ment of a less than monumental landscape. Bennett, in profound contrast, treated the landscape of the Wisconsin Dells as a fixed and timeless place, created and published multiple series of stereographs that are almost ahistorical as documents. Bennett's images were also subject to continual revision by his descendents in the century that followed, recast and repurposed to suit the changing needs of business. The worth of these images as "history" or "memorial" is contingent on understanding syntax of their production: the spaces they celebrate and the times they memorialize.

University of Minnesota

The Lost Colony: Remembrance, Memory, **Space and Fantasy** Rick Watson

The presentation will take the shape of selections of poetry and song from a book-length document/poem cycle entitled The Lost Colony. The original work is made up mock letters, commentary, myth, memoir, commonplace book, liturgy, hymn, song, lyric poetry. The idea is that of a fantastic exterior world that reflects what has happened to the US in general and the northern plains in particular. The focus is on a backwards linguistic memorial archeology of place and person. In a sense the pieces dig backwards forwards/ left to right, in order to unearth a future from a distorted version of the past. The barely submerged theme is simple—we construct time in the individual and communal mind, in the dialogue that develops within and without. This presentation falls directly under the Diasporaic, postcolonial, transnational memory and the attempt to rewrite and re-map that culture in the mind of the written, spoken, sung word.

Minot State University

Social Memory and the Shaping of American Masculine Identity: An Analysis of War Veteran Memoirs

Christina Weber

In this paper I explore the relationship between individual and collective memory through a comparative analysis of published memoirs and oral histories of veterans from three contemporary theaters of war: the Vietnam War, the Gulf War, and the Iraq War. My central question is how do these memoirs both reify and disrupt collective memories of war and, by extension, national identity? Moving away from looking at public and private memory as separate fields of remembrance, I work with Olick's concept of social memory, which focuses on the intersection of individual and collective frames of remembering. As Olick asserts in his article, "Collective Memory: The Two Cultures," "There is no individual memory without social experience nor is there any collective memory without individuals participating in communal life" (1999: 346). By using these memoirs as sites of analysis—sites that are highly personal in their inception, yet decidedly public in their mass publication-I explore this interchange of memory in greater depth. Specifically, I focus on how individuals participate in the creation of the collective memory of historical events and how social experience and collective frames of memory shape the articulation of individuals' memories of those events.

At the same time, I engage in a cross-war comparison of these memoirs in order to draw out connections and differences between these men's processes of remembering and representing their war experiences and their processes of claiming American (masculine) identity. Grounding my analysis with both theoretical scholarship in the area of trauma and memory and theoretical work in gender studies, I argue that these narrative sites of remembering are decidedly gendered spaces where national identity is deterritorialized and reterritorialized.

North Dakota State University

Remembering the Body: The Body as Sacred and Profane

Elizabethada A. Wright, Mary Fitzgerald. R. Michael Jackson

Jack Selzer's and Sharon Crowley's edited book, Rhetorical Bodies. offers two essays with contrasting perspectives on the human body. While Susan Wells illustrates how women physicians gain pleasure from engaging in the dissection of human bodies, Christine De Vinne-in the essay immediately following Wells'-documents the disgrace that followed survivors of the Donner Party because they had engaged in cannibalism in order to endure the winter in the mountains. In both examples, the dismantling of the human body was done for legitimate need, yet consumption is taboo while dissection is socially acceptable. These two contrasting essays illustrate a paradox of the deceased human body: sometimes it is sanctified while other times it is reified.

This paper considers the deceased body as a memory place. It asks in what circumstances are bodies treated as lieux de memoire, and in what circumstances are they treated as mere profane objects. This paper examines what conditions exist for an anonymous human body to be a site of memory by contrasting exhibits of human bodies on display, especially "Body Worlds," with sites in which anonymous human remains have been found, such as a recently discovered burying ground in New Hampshire.

Rivier College; University of New Hampshire

A Thread of Hope: A Historical Narrative of the Holocaust

Amanda Yannella

John Dewey once stated that the ultimate aim of research is the study of human experience. The purpose of this presentation is to show how Narrative Inquiry can be used to capture and investigate experiences as human beings live them in time, in space, in person, and in relationship. To do this, I will explain my methods for researching and writing a historical narrative of my grandmother's experiences during the Holocaust. I will read excerpts from my paper and present artifacts used in the research. I believe, as others who value narrative inquiry, that every present moment has a storied past and a storied future possibility. Social phenomena become a converging point for individual, collective, and cultural stories. Individuals construct their identities through their own and

others' stories; therefore, narrative inquiry can be an important research method for those interested in capturing the human experience.

This paper is an account of the horrific events that took place in some of history's darkest days: The Holocaust. Using narrative investigation, I recounted the lived experiences of my grandmother, Raisel Salis-Weissman, and her journey from the killing fields of Eastern Europe to freedom and life in America. Although she passed away four years ago, the memories, people and the artifacts she left behind bear witness to the things she endured. Because history does not occur in a vacuum, I was able to connect her story to the larger narrative of the events that took place during the Holocaust. This history has left its mark on our family. . . those who came before and those who are still to come. As the world once again watches in horror as the genocides of Bosnia, Rwanda, and Darfur are brought to light, stories like this one beg to be told, lest we forget where we've been and where we're going. This is my grandmother's story.

Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Border Calls for Reckoning: German, Czech and Jewish Voices on the (Phone)line in L. Aškenazy's Charged to Your Account Maila Zitelli

Aškenazy's radio play Charged to Your Account offers an antidote to the selective amnesia propagated by the official Czech Communist Party regarding the impact of the wartime years on the Germans, Czechs and Jews in the shadow of the Nazi occupation of Czechoslovakia. In 1964, the play won the prestigious international Prix Italia (see Helbig and Rentzsch 517), likely for its imaginative efforts to at least begin the conversation about the wartime costs of ethnic conflict, and its exploitation, to the inhabitants of Bohemia and Moravia. Through the double entendre embedded in the title of a radio play that unfolds as an extended conversation with the living and the dead, Aškenazy aptly captures the ambivalence, resentment, and risk attendant upon the processes of reckoning and reconciliation. As the title suggests, it is a conversation carried out at the expense of the ethnic identity and self-image of the postwar Czech community, as it holds to account those who collaborated in Nazi war crimes, those who consorted with the Gestapo, and those whose humanity was otherwise variously compromised. Aškenazy constructs

the conversations in such a way as to expose the paradoxes that characterize the multivalent voices intrinsic to the self, and constitutive of community. (Throughout her study, Regula Schmid discusses the frequent use of paradox in Askenazy's other prose works.) His prose examines the vagaries of the power and liability of language and imagination as they inflect the primacy of caring, even as they reveal the all-pervasiveness of schadenfreude and outright cruel self-interest. Most intriguing for readers interested in authors who endeavor to foil censorship, the drama relies upon intertextuality and the French situationists' tactic of detournement to simultaneously effect a critique of the suppression of history and democratic discourse in the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic during the Cold War.

Minot State University

APPENDIX

History of the LCMND

The Linguistic Circle of Manitoba and North Dakota began in 1959 as an initiative of professors at the University of Manitoba and the University of North Dakota. It was intended to provide a cross-border forum for scholarly exchange, and for nearly half a century has been highly successful in realizing its aim by organizing yearly conferences in Winnipeg, Grand Forks, Fargo, and Minot.

In 1980, the University of Winnipeg joined the founding universities as an institutional member. North Dakota State University and Minot State University joined in 1985 and 1988, respectively.

For the first two years, 1959 and 1960, conferences were held twice each year. In 1961, and again in 1962, the number of meetings was reduced, with single conferences being held in the spring. Since 1962, conferences have been held in the fall, alternating between the University of Manitoba, the University of North Dakota, the University of Winnipeg, North Dakota State University, and Minot State University.

A complete set of the *Proceedings* is held at the University of Manitoba Archives. The cover design for the first three issues features a circular logo using "word" (in the center) in various languages: *Verbum* to the North, *Logos* to the East in Greek letters, *Slovo* to the South in Russian capitals, and *Wort* to the West in Gothic typeset). In Volume II, Number 2 (November 1960), "word," "Wort," "verbum" "logos" and "slovo" are arranged in an oblong rectangle placed in the left margin. This cover was used for thirteen issues until Volume 14, 1974. Volumes 15, 1975, and the double-issue Volume 16/17, 1976/77, show prominently the English "word" in various printing types important in the history of printing. A logo designed by Theodore "Tim" Messenger was adopted for Volume 18-19, 1978/79, the twentieth anniversary issue. The design shows a map of North Dakota and Manitoba with an overlaid circle formed by the group's name. With a few exceptions, Dr. Messenger's logo has been in use ever since.

Volume 25, 1985, the "Silver Anniversary Issue," has an index to the Circle's *Proceedings* reflecting all papers presented at the conference meetings up to 1985.

The bulk of the *Proceedings* collection, including some rare early volumes, was donated by Professor E. Annandale in July 1997. Former

Presidents Donna Norell, Sandy Gordon, and others contributed to the originally sketchy early records. In May 1999, the Classics Department of the University of Manitoba sent an unbroken run from Volume I, no. 1, 1959, to Volume 15, 1975 for completing the archival collection. Sandy Gordon's gift was sent unbound (10x14 inches, legal paper) in May 2000, and copies Volume I (1959) to Volume 19 (1979) could be added. The LCMND *Proceedings* also exist in bound volumes which are shelved with other serials in the Dewey collections on the third floor of the Elizabeth Dafoe Library.

Organization

Since 1988, yearly meetings have been convened in Winnipeg, Grand Forks, Fargo, and Minot on a rotating basis, with either the University of Manitoba or the University of Winnipeg hosting the conference every other year. Executive members are recruited from the three North Dakota universities at the level of vice-president. The following year, vice presidents becomes presidents and host the annual conference in their home towns. As past president, they complete their three-year long tenure on the LCMND Executive.

Because the Circle's bank account is in Winnipeg, Secretary/Treasurers are always elected from one of the Manitoba universities. All officers elected from the two Winnipeg institutions serve for five years, due to a two-year term as the Circle's Secretary/Treasurer. Manitoba members of the executive therefore do not accede to the presidency before having served for three years, and they complete their tenure after five years.

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