



Department of English and Writing Studies

Literary Re/Membrances

Graduate English Society (GES) Conference

Conron Hall (University College, Room 3110)
Saturday 25 April 2026

Time	Session	Presenters
9:30-9:45 a.m.	Welcome, Land Acknowledgement, and Coffee	
9:45-11:05 a.m.	Panel 1: Re/membering Ruptured Time Chair: Alex Lukawski 1 hr presentations 20 min Q&A	Hanna Protasova “Towards a Multidirectional Memory: How Ukrainian Literature Reflected on the Holocaust in the 1940s–1960s” Muhammad Muneeb Ur Rehman “Legacies Entangled and Reshaped: The Case of Muhammad Ali, Media Technologies and the Digital Remaking of Sport Icons Through Algorithms and AI Dakota Jabbour “‘There is No Escape’: Memory (Re)play as Narrative in <i>Hades</i>” Yijing Li “Re/Membrance within Immigrants’ Family Portraits”
11:05-12:25 p.m.	Panel 2: Authorial Agency and Narrative Re/Membrance Chair: Marisa Bordonaro 1 hr presentations 20 min Q&A	Max Soucie “False Memory and Forced Reconciliation in <i>The Yogurt Shop Murders</i>” Sammy Hacker “Investigating the Anthological Contours of Joseph Leftwich’s <i>The Golden Peacock: An Anthology of Yiddish Poetry</i> (1939) and <i>The Golden Peacock: A Worldwide Treasury of Yiddish Poetry</i> (1961)” Nathan Hoar “You Rebuild Me with Such Questions: Trauma, Memory and Affect in <i>Maus</i>” Amy Skodak “Archiving Grief: Anne Carson’s <i>Nox</i> and the Artist’s Book as Alternative Archive
12:30-1:30 p.m.	Lunch	

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1:30-2:30 p.m.	Keynote Address	Professor Marianne Hirsch
2:30-3:45 p.m.	Panel 3: Re/Membering Colonial Narratives Chair: Fatima Abdallah 1 hr presentations 20 min Q&A	Mara González González “A Daughter’s Discourse: The Absent Mother in Isabel Zapata’s <i>Empty Pool</i> (2019) Michaela Maxey “‘No Revolution is Perfect’: Monsters, Memory, and Justice in Akwaeke Emezi’s <i>Pet</i>” Tatiana Jahromi “To Speak with the Land: Reclaiming Indigenous Voice in <i>Sôhkêyihta: The Poetry of Sky Dancer Louise Bernice Halfe</i>” Rania Saleh “Ecological Re/Membrance in Yara El-Ghadban’s Literary Work of Resilience”
3:45-4:00 p.m.	Coffee Break	
4:00-5:00 p.m.	Roundtable/Workshop with Prof. Hirsch Facilitator: Dr. Sakiru Adebayo	“Stateless Memory and the Future of Memory Studies”
5:00-5:15 p.m.	Closing Remarks	