Greetings Affiliates,

Below, please find this week’s Humanities Institute bulletin. Stay safe and have a great week!

**Humanities Weekly Digest**

**Humanities Institute Spotlights of the Week**

**April 5, 12:00p.m. - 1:00p.m.: Reclaiming My Family's Story: Cultural Trauma and Indigenous Ways of Knowing**

This presentation is an Indigenous autoethnographic study of a family’s story of survival through the Native American boarding school system. Although this project was in part an academic exercise, it was also an effort to reclaim pieces of a family’s experience that was purposefully silenced and erased from mainstream hegemonic nationalist narratives.

It is presented in partnership with Ohio State Newark Earthworks Center, American Indian Studies and the Department of History.

**Featured speaker:**
April 6, 11:00p.m. - 2:30p.m.: Bodies in Public Space: Bridging Distance in A + H Methods and Practices

Due to the pandemic, arts and humanities practices have adapted to spatial upsets in their disciplines, affording opportunities to experiment with public spaces, outdoor spaces and ways for human interaction to be physically distanced with and without hybrid variables. In June 2020, GAHDT sponsored the first Methods Conversation, “Bodies in Virtual Space,” sharing several practitioners’ ways of grappling with the digital spaces for their work. In our second Methods Conversation, “Bodies in Public Space,” we seek a new understanding of both public and intimate spaces and will share ways of “bridging distance” with new configurations of space. We ask how to meaningfully and safely navigate the public spaces of arts and humanities methods and practices, and what happens with the increased visibility and vulnerability of the practitioners.

RSVP [here](https://outlook.office.com/mail/huminst@osu.edu/inbox/id/AAQkAGQ0ZTRkYzFILWZkMGltNDI5NC1hNDRhLTFlMGFkNzVmZAAQAF8a8gVkg).
April 6, 3:30p.m. - 5:00p.m.: Society of Fellows Graduate Workshop: Migrant Crossings--Research as Praxis

Workshop leader: Annie Isabel Fukushima (Assistant Professor, Ethnic Studies Division—The University of Utah)

Moderator: Paloma Martinez-Cruz (Associate Professor, Department of Spanish and Portuguese—Ohio State)

Our final workshop incorporates research as praxis, where central to answering how one crosses into visibility — in particular, migrants cross into visibility as "victims" / "criminals" and trafficking subjects — requires the bridging of theory and practice. This workshop is informed by Fukushima’s own commitment to praxis, having worked at all levels of organizations — from volunteer to leadership roles, case worker, programs coordinator and as an expert witness for civil, criminal and immigration cases. This workshop will offer insights into local, national and transnational collaborations.

April 6, 4:30p.m. - 5:30p.m.: Old French Reading Group

Meet to read aloud in Medieval French and learn about the language and culture -- for scholarly inquiry or sheer amusement.

No prior experience needed!

- Tuesdays 4:30-5:30 pm during the Spring 2021 term
- Contact Prof. Sarah-Grace Heller (heller.64@osu.edu) for more information

Register via Zoom: https://osu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwvc--vqz8sHdf9m1BwPg0NPnKnbCR97k
April 7, 4:00p.m. - 5:30p.m.: Living Well, Dying Well: Religion, Health and Healing Series with Andrea Jain

This event is free and open to the public, but registration is required. Please click here to register, or click on the event title below.

Modern Yoga and Technologies of Wellness

"Pain, Stigma, and Yoga: The Politics of Self-Management Interventions in Healthcare Industries"

Featuring Andrea Jain (Indiana University)

In this talk, Andrea Jain asks what we should make of healthcare industry discourses that describe self-care and self-management commodities and programs as “alternatives” to mainstream medical treatments, as more “holistic” and “patient-centered” insofar as they consider the interplay of biological, psychological, social, and cultural factors, and as “empowering” the patients by giving them the opportunity to take responsibility and play an active role in the healing process. She suggests we consider that, rather than a mode through which consumers ignore, escape, or are numbed to the social and structural problems of neoliberal capitalism, many forms of self-care and self-management, like yoga, represent an area of medicine through which protest against the reigning status quo is simultaneously expressed and contained. The self-care “alternative” programs themselves confront some of the greatest problems with the privatization of medicine—most notably, the neglect of the patient as embedded in larger cultures and structures that can disadvantage them—without impunity for those very problems.

If you require an accommodation, such as live captioning, to participate in this event, please contact Sarah Dove at dove.76@osu.edu. Requests made at least one week in advance of the event will generally allow us to provide seamless access, but the university will make every effort to meet requests made after this date.

This event is supported by a grant from the Global Arts + Humanities Discovery Theme.
April 8, 3:30p.m. - 4:30p.m.: Medieval Latin Reading Group

The Medieval Latin reading group will meet on Thursdays, 3:30-4:30 p.m., during the Spring 2021 semester, beginning Thursday, January 21.

Participants in the Medieval Latin reading group are not required to prepare the readings ahead of time, and nobody should feel obligated to participate aloud, if you're more comfortable listening. We are happy to accommodate participants with all levels of Latin expertise, including those who have never tried Latin or who have forgotten everything they once knew.

If you would like to receive the Zoom meeting link and be added to the mailing list for future links and readings, please contact CMRS Associate Director Leslie Lockett at lockett.20@osu.edu.

April 8, 4:00p.m. - 6:00p.m.: Be the Street Workshop: Teach and Learn: Skill Swap

Based in our conversations with many community leaders last fall, the Be the Street OSU Global Arts & Humanities Discovery Theme project has crafted four unique session offerings in March and April. The sessions include Creative Connecting Over Zoom, Facilitating Inclusive Meetings, Creative Self Care for Community Leaders, and a Teach & Learn Skill Swap. These workshop sessions are for anyone in Ohio who leads meetings or holds groups of any kind. Please pass this information along to those in your networks or organizations who you think might be interested in this opportunity. We encourage folks who work with communities of all abilities, ages, backgrounds, races, ethnicities, and identities to join us.

Each session is scheduled for two hours over zoom and are completely covered by an OSU Global Arts & Humanities Discovery Theme grant with no cost you! The sessions can stand alone, or you can attend several and build upon your skills.
April 9, 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.: Global Mediterranean/Global Middle Ages: Eurocentric or Revisionist?

“To claim that there is a global Mediterranean which in the sixteenth century, reached as far as the Azores and the New World, the Red Sea and the Persian Gulf, the Baltic and the loop of the Niger, may appear an unwarranted exaggeration of its boundaries. . . [Yet] what boundaries can be marked when we are dealing not with plants and animals, relief and climate, but men, whom no barriers or frontiers can stop?”


As the field of Mediterranean Studies has gained academic purchase in recent decades, the Mediterranean itself has remained a portable concept, a shorthand encoding assumptions about everything from diet to romantic temperament. Scholarship interrogating these assumptions forms an increasingly abundant body of research on the particularities of the Mediterranean world throughout its history. In many studies, a Mediterranean analytical framework is treated as a starting point, or a set of tropes and clichés to be interrogated in granular detail. This conference seeks to explore the life of the Mediterranean itself as a productive discourse.

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**Weekly Events Listing**

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Society of Fellows Graduate Workshop | Migrant Crossings: Research as Praxis
Zoom
Sponsored by Global Arts and Humanities

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Old French Reading Group
Zoom
Sponsored by the Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies

April 7, 4:00p.m. - 6:30p.m.
Living Well, Dying Well: Religion, Health, and Healing Series with Mark Singleton and Andrea Jain
Zoom
Sponsored by the Center for the Study of Religion

April 8, 2:30p.m. - 4:00p.m.
Mireya Loza (Georgetown University), "Defiant Braceros: How Migrant Workers Fought for Racial, Sexual, and Political Freedom"
Zoom
Sponsored by Latino/a Studies

April 8, 2:30p.m. - 4:30p.m.
The Twenty-Sixth Annual Carl C. Schlam Memorial Lecture
Online
Sponsored by Department of Classics

April 8, 3:30p.m. - 4:30p.m.
Medieval Latin Reading Group
Zoom (contact CMRS Associate Director Leslie Lockett at lockett.20@osu.edu)
Sponsored by the Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies

April 8, 4:00p.m. - 6:00p.m.
Be The Street Workshop: Teach and Learn – Skill Swap
Zoom
Sponsored by the Center for Folklore Studies

April 8, 6:00p.m. - 8:00p.m.
EUGO Meeting: Soapbox Night
Online
Sponsored by the Department of English
April 9, 9:00a.m. - 11:00a.m.
Be The Street Workshop: Creative Self Care for Community Leaders
Zoom
Sponsored by the Center for Folklore Studies

April 9, 3:00p.m. - 5:00p.m.
The Global Mediterranean Virtual Workshop
Online
Sponsored by the Department of French and English

April 9, 3:30p.m. - 5:00p.m.
"Historical Roots of the Racial-Political Frameworks of Democracy in Brazil," Jessica Graham, UC San Diego
Online
Sponsored by the Department of History

April 12, 12:00p.m.
The Literary Rewriting as Paratext: The Censored Chinese translation of The World of Suzie Wong
Online
Sponsored by the Center for Languages, Literatures and Cultures

April 12 - 16, 8:00a.m. - 6:00p.m.
Bringing the Border to Columbus: A Virtual Symposium
Zoom
Sponsored by the Latina/o Studies Program, The Center for Folklore Studies, Urban Arts Space

April 12, 3:30p.m. - 5:00p.m.
Practice of the Profession Series 2020-21
Zoom
Sponsored by the Department of French and Italian

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