
“Consider We are born
Not with purpose, but
with potential.”

— Octavia Butler

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SATURDAY, MARCH 23,
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PROGRAM

Welcome Breakfast
9:30am–10:00am Student Lounge

PANEL 1

10:00am–11:00am
Communities in Practice
Moderator: Dr. Alisha White

Mark Brown, "Rage and Sorrow: Metal Music and Mental Health."

Sara Murphy, "Look at this Photograph:" Ben Okri's *The Famished Road*, Public Memory, and Nation Building through Photographs."

Marie Watson, "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?: The Cannibalistic Rhetoric of *Alive*."

PANEL 2

11:15am–12:30pm
Reframing Perspectives on Film/TV and Literature

Moderator: Dr. Rebekah Buchanan

Collin Burns, "Ecology, Feudalism, and Contradictions: Closure, Metaphor, and Irony in Frank Herbert's *Dune*."

Chris Perez, "Come to Your Senses: Money, Time, and Love as Currency in *Tick, Tick... Boom!*"

Joshua Stinson, "Examining the Desire for a Lost Era and Second Hand Nostalgia in Netflix's *Stranger Things*."

Isabella Perez, "Oh Pearl, The World Was Never Your Oyster: Analyzing Horror and the Cult of Domesticity."

Lunch 12:30pm–1:30pm Student Lounge

PANEL 3

1:45pm–2:45pm
Feminist and Queer Theories in Our Culture
Moderator: Dr. Merrill Cole

Abigail Heinecke, "Embracing Feminisms Through Girl power: Rewriting the Little Red Riding Hood Fairy Tale Examining Literary and Cinematic Adaptations."

Kirsten Lippold, "Feminist and Queer Theory in Fanfiction - Applied in a Unit Plan."

Jailene Gonzalez, "Where are all the Women of Color: The Erasure of WOC in Stoner media"

Closing Remarks