Session III: 3:15-4:30 pm

A. Philosophical Traditions and Structures of Argument TA 107 Panel Chair: Jamie Miker

"A Transformative Encounter: Autobiographical Accounts of the Nature of Teaching" --Elizabeth Benton, Montgomery College

"(Un)Natural (Speech) Acts: Shifting the Rhetorical Perspective from West to East" --Mike Eckert, Montgomery College (retired)

"Pythagoras Was a Vegetarian" Virginia Streamer, Montgomery College

B. Dislocations HU 103 Panel Chair: Matt Petti

"Invisible Hands and Forces of Nature: Disaster Capitalism and State Capture in Caribbean Creative Discourse" --Randy Gray Kristensen, George Washington University

"Back to Nature, or Adam Unbound: Tracing Alejo Carpentier's *Lost Steps*" --Swift Stiles Dickison, Montgomery College

"From Nothing to Nowhere: The Artifice of the Absurd in Don Delillo's *Point Omega* and *The Angel Esmeralda*" --Shweta Sen, Montgomery College

"Dangerous Crossings: Machines and Nature in Buster Keaton's Our Hospitality" --Kevin Kehrwald, Frostburg State University

C. Panel: The Rhetoric of (Re)thinking Culture and the People of African Descent All presenters from Bowie State University Panel Chair: Monique Leslie Akassi HU 105

"Signifying and the Negative Effects on African American's Social Network Usage" --Chimere Pelzer

"Signifying in the Media Compromises the Identities, Relationships, and Stereotypes of African American Women" --Sheneka Quinitchette

"Love N' Hip Hop: Debunking the Resistance of Stereotypical Representations of Black Love in Hip Hop Culture"--Shané Weaver

"A Rhetorical Analysis of Montesquieu's *The Spirit of Laws* and Rousseau's *Social Contract Theory*: Implications for Conversion of the Secular and Religious--Chaquina Jones

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Session I: 9:30-11:00 am

A. Nature and Artifice in Genre FictionTA 107Panel Chair: Cynthia Davis

"The Paradox of Change: Poe, Conan Doyle and the Early Hard-Boiled Novel" --Lewis Moore, University of the District of Columbia (retired)

"Sound Resistance: Blues in Children's Literature" --Wynn Yarbrough, University of the District of Columbia

"Reality Denied Comes Back to Haunt: Nature, Artifice, and Symptom in the Works of Philip K. Dick" --Alexander Howe, University of the District of Columbia

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"Amish Romance Fiction as American Pastoral" --Brian Reinking, Indiana University of Pennsylvania

B. Literature: Poetry Panel Chair: Joan Romano Shifflett

"Taste Test: *Paradise Lost* and the Desire to Know" --Christina Denny, St. John's University

"If I Shouldn't Be Alive: Emily Dickinson's Counterfactual Gothic and Religious Mental Spaces" --Ashley Kniss, Catholic University of America

"From Artifice to Authenticity: Warren, Jarrell, and Lowell at Mid-Twentieth Century" --Joan Romano Shifflett, Catholic University of America

"Breath-in Experience, Breathe-out Poetry': The Poet and the Inspiration Wisdom of Nature" --Genevieve Carminati, Montgomery College

C. Natural and Theoretical HU 105 Panel Chair: David Lott

"Structures and Constructs, Patterns and Rules: Exploring Alternatives to Inflexibility" --Charlie Ewers, Frostburg State University

"Concentration and Proliferation in Sherwood Anderson's *Winesburg, Ohio*" --Audrey Farley, University of Maryland, College Park (afarley@umd.edu)

"Now, Gods, Stand up for Bastards!': A Critique of Literary Darwinism" --David Kaloustian, Bowie State University

PLENARY SESSION 11:00 -12:15 am TA 156

Introductory Remarks: Charlie Ewers, President, CEA-MAG Welcoming Remarks: Dean Carolyn Terry

KEYNOTE ADDRESS: *"Do Trees Fall in Love?"* --Linda Joy Burke. Performance Poet, Writer, Photographer, Teaching Artist and Contributing Editor to *Little Patuxent Review*

Awarding of Chris Bell Memorial Graduate Student Prize: Alexander N. Howe Business Meeting to follow

LUNCH: 12:15-1:30 pm TA 156

Session II: 1:45-3:00 pm

A. Binaries TA 107 Panel Chair: Mary Anne Lutz

"Colonizing the Darkness: A Cognitive Figure and Ground Approach to the Light/Dark and Precolonized/Colonized Binaries in *Heart of Darkness*" --Charles Knight, University of Nottingham

"Love in Idleness: Edith Wharton and Beatrix Farrand" --Mary Stevenson, Prince George's Community College

"Country and City in Jewett's 'A White Heron'" --S. Selina Jamil, Prince George's Community College (selinajamil@gmail.com)

"Melville and the Lamia" --Nasreen Abbas, American University* (na8446a@student.american.edu)

B. Techno or No? HU 103 Panel Chair: La Tanya Rodgers

"Using Film Pedagogy to Promote Character Strengths and Cognition" --Dorothy Phaire, University of the District of Columbia

"Is Tweeting Making Students Twitty or Witty?" --Jolene Carr, Towson University

"MOOCs: An Idea Whose Time Has Come?" --Jacob Broderick, Montgomery College

The Nature and Artifice of Writing Proficiency Assessment: Freshman Writing Courses and the English Proficiency Exam --Terry Smith, University of Maryland Eastern Shore

C. Pedagogy and Practice HU 105 Panel Chair: Beth Baldwin

"To Tell a Lie and/or Break the Ice" --Will Jackson, Towson University

"Processing a Path through the 'Jungle' of Words and Ideas" --Chen Chen, Towson University

"Learning from Mistakes: A Discussion of an Undergraduate Research Study of Error Analysis" --Helene Krauthamer, Christopher Rothermel, LaTara Haynes, James S. Booker, and Natalie Bridgewater, University of the District of Columbia

"Oprah Did What?: A Fun Icebreaker" --Jacqueline Brock, Towson University