

2007 Mid-America American Studies  
Association ~ Annual Conference

*Teaching as if American Studies Matters*

April 13 – 14, 2007, Kansas City, Missouri  
Kauffman Conference Center

## **FRIDAY, APRIL 13**

**8:00 – 9:00** Continental Breakfast

### **Paseo Room**

**9:00 – 10:30** “Practicing American Studies: The Value of Crossing Borders”

*“Transnationalizing American Adolescence: What American Studies Can Learn About American Teenage Girls by Looking at Them from Abroad”*  
Anne Dotter, University of Kansas

*“Literary Scholars as Tourists: Looking Back at the Writer and the Writer’s Word”*  
Hilary Iris Lowe, University of Kansas

*“Globalizing the American Studies Classroom: The Value of Transnational Context”*  
Noel Marie Rasor, University of Kansas  
Moderator: Fred Nielsen, University of Nebraska, Omaha

### **Brush Creek Room**

**9:00 – 10:30** “Practicing American Studies: The Value of Crossing Disciplines”

*“It’s All About Me: American Studies and the U.S. History Survey”*  
Jane Simonsen, Augustana College

*“Teaching Music as if American Music Matters”*  
Melinda Russell, Carleton College

*“Contesting Visions of the Past: Historic Sites as the Medium and the Message”*

Linna Place, University of Missouri-Kansas City  
Edeen Martin, Independent Scholar and Consultant

Moderator: Mary Ann Wynkoop, University of Missouri-Kansas City

### **Troost Room**

**9:00 – 10:30** Roundtable: “If I Only Knew Then....” Pedagogical Advice for/from Graduate Instructors Teaching Across the Academy”

Stephen Young, University of Minnesota  
Liz Miller, University of Kansas  
Jason Barrett-Fox, University of Kansas  
Melissa Williams, University of Minnesota (Moderator)

**10:30 – 12:15** Plenary Session “*Redefining American Studies for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Voices from the Front Lines*”

James Farrell, St. Olaf College  
Sherrie Tucker, University of Kansas  
Barry Shank, Ohio State University  
Joshua E. Barkan, University of Minnesota

**12:30 – 2:00** Presidential Luncheon

“*Indian Misfortunes, Indigenous Matters: Indigeneity and the Futures of American Studies*”

D. Anthony Tyee Clark  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

**Paseo Room**

**2:15 – 3:45**

Roundtable: “*Variations on a Course Description, Or Teaching “Understanding America”*”

Michael Sweeney, University of Kansas (Moderator)  
Lindsey Feitz, University of Kansas  
Mark Okuhata, University of Kansas  
Megan Williams, University of Kansas

**Brush Creek Room**

**2:15 – 3:45**

“American Art and Architecture: Past and Present”

“*The Reiterated Sacrifice to Pecuniary Profit: Architecture and Temporality in The American Scene*”

Nick Yablon, University of Iowa

“*Art on the Block: A Ten Month Journey into Culture with Cameras*”

Daven Gee, Cathy Woolsey, Jordan Kerfeld, and other  
Collaborators , University of Missouri-Kansas City

Moderator: Caitlin Horsman, University of Missouri-Kansas City

**Paseo Room**

**4:00 – 5:30**    “Maximizing Interdisciplinarity in the Classroom:  
Visualizing History and Historicizing Visuals”

*“Teaching Historiography and Media Literacy: Student  
Filmmakers as Students of History-Making”*

Megan Feeney, University of Minnesota

*“Teaching History and Visual Literacy through World War II  
Posters: The Poster as Practical Pedagogy”*

David Gray, University of Minnesota

Moderator: Jeffrey Miller, Augustana College

**Brush Creek Room**

**4:00 – 5:30**    Roundtable: “Redesign and Instructional Teamwork in an  
American Studies Classroom”

Cheryl Lester, University of Kansas

Jennifer Church-Duran, University of Kansas

Tami Albin, University of Kansas

Deborah Dandridge, University of Kansas

**Troost Room**

**4:00 – 5:30**    “Disciplinary Intersections: American Studies and Composition”

*“Reflections on Teaching, Practices and Goals”*

Andrea Weis, University of Kansas

Ray Pence, University of Kansas

*“You Talked about **What** in class? English Comp Courses  
The American Studies Way”*

Melinda Zepeda, Northwest Vista College

Moderator: Susan Whitmore, University of Missouri-  
Kansas City

**6:00 – 7:30**

**Reception, Nelson-Atkins Museum, Rozelle Court**

## SATURDAY, APRIL 14

8:00 – 9:00 Continental Breakfast

### Paseo Room

9:00 – 10:30 Roundtable: “*American Studies and General Education*”

Richard Schur, Drury University (Moderator)  
Rebecca Denton, Drury University  
Erin Kenny, Drury University  
Cheryl Ragar, Drury University

### Brush Creek Room

9:00 – 10:30 Roundtable: “*Teaching the 1960s: Voices from the Midwest*”

Robbie Leiberman, Southern Illinois University  
Rusty Monhollon, Hood College  
Mary Ann Wynkoop, University of Missouri-Kansas City (Moderator)

### Paseo Room

10:30 – 12:15 Roundtable: “*Critical Race Pedagogy*”

Thomas Chen, Brown University  
Jasmine Kar Tang, University of Minnesota  
Cathryn Merla Watson, University of Minnesota

### Brush Creek Room

10:30 – 12:15 “Ways of Seeing: American Studies and Media”

“*Teaching Controversial Images and Issues: Religion and Film*”  
Michael O’Keefe, Saint Xavier University  
Kathleen Waller, Saint Xavier University

“*Black Irish/Black Boy: Orson Welles’ The Lady from Shanghai As Social History*”  
Jeffrey S. Miller, Augustana College

“*Televisual Encounters with Post-Communism: Romanian Orphans On US Television News*”  
Andaluna Borcila, Michigan State University

Moderator: Megan Feeney

**Troost Room**  
**10:30 – 12:15**

“American Studies as if Teaching Matters”

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Robert Vodicks, University of Kansas

*“Un-Hiding Agendas: Why Do We Teach and What Does It Matter?”*  
Angela Galik, University of Missouri

*“Dispatches from the First Year: Creating an American Studies Minor at a Small College”*  
Corinne Wohlford Taff, Fontbonne University

*“Pedagogies of Contested Spaces”*  
Kristen E. Hassen, Ohio State University

Moderator: Tony Clark, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

**12:15 – 2:00**

**Luncheon**

*“Teaching American History in a Global Era”*  
Tim Borstelmann, University of Nebraska, Lincoln