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SEPTEMBER 12, TUESDAY
11:30am-1:30pm: Graduate Workshop 1, Levis 424
Beth Benedix (DePaul University)
“Explication de (life) texte: Adventures in Comp Lit, Education Transformation and Non-Profit Management”
Facilitated by Eric Calderwood (CWL)
Lunch will be provided.

2:00-4:00pm: Graduate Workshop 2, Levis 424
Haun Saussy (University of Chicago)
“What (Now) Is an Author?”
With Special Reference to the Saussure Anagrams.”
Facilitated by Rachel S. Harris (CWL/Jewish Studies)
& George Gasyna (CWL/Slavic)

5:00pm: Banquet Dinner for Conference Participants
Remarks: George Gasyna & Rachel S. Harris
(Conference Organizers)

SEPTEMBER 13, WEDNESDAY

8:30-10:00am: Panel 1, Levis 422
“Holocaust and Memory Studies”
Chair: Rini Bhattacharya Mehta (CWL/Religion)
Leisa Kaufman (Wayne State University)
“Cultural Loss and Survival in Colonial Mexico: The Case of Nechualoyotl’s relationship to the Gods”
Beth Benedix (DePaul University)
“On Representing and Not Representing the Holocaust”
Brett Kaplan (CWL/Jewish Studies)
“The Rotating Axis of Perpetration and victimization in Resnais and Duras’ Hiroshima Mon Amour (1959)”

10:00-10:30am: COFFEE

10:30am-12:00pm: Panel 2, Levis 422
“Comparative Literature in an American Context”
Chair: Bob Tierney (CWL/EALC)
Jay Twomey (University of Cincinnati)
“Apostle to the Nation: The American Paul in Comparative Contexts”
Oana Popescu Sandu (University of Southern Indiana)
“Aliens with Extraordinary Skills: From Assimilation to Negotiation in Immigrant US Theatre”
Rachel S. Harris (CWL/Jewish Studies)
“The Big Fatale: Israeli Writers in New York”

1:00-2:30 pm: Panel 3, Levis 422
“Gender and Sexuality in Comparative Readings”
Chair: Robert Rushing (CWL/FRIT)
Stephanie Hilger (CWL/CLIL)
“Unthinkable Bodies: Gender and Genre in Literature and Medicine”
Reshmi Mukherjee (Boise State University)
“Quilting to Speak: Comparative Studies in New America”
Yana Hashamova (Ohio State University)
“Representations of Female Subjectivity in Balkan Cinema: Discourse of Repression or Counter-Identification”

2:30-3:00pm: COFFEE

3:00-4:30pm: Panel 4, Levis 422
“Comp Lit in Context: From Historical Past to Imagined Future”
Chair: Lilya Kaganovsky (CWL/Slavic)
Wail Hassan (CWL/English)
“Postcolonialism, Area Studies, and Comparative Literature”
E. K Tan (Stony Brook)
“Sinophone Studies as Comparative Literature”
Gautam Basu Thakur (Boise State University)
“Comparative’s Intellectual Labor: The Extra Curricular Other in the Era of Tolerant Pluralism”

4:30pm: CLOSING REMARKS
Levis 300
Wail Hassan (CWL/English)

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