University of Maryland Undergraduate Conference

ENCOUNTERING NEW WORLDS IN EARLY MODERN EUROPE

Friday, December 6, 2013, 9 am - 7 pm, 1100 Tawes Hall

This conference brings together students from three General Education courses: The Rites of Discovery: science, law, and literature, 1492-1992 (ENGL 289B), Encountering New Worlds: European Travel Literature and Cross-Cultural Representation (SLLC285), and The Atlantic World in the Age of Exploration, Conquest, and Settlement (HIST220). A selection of students from each course will present their work to the public, followed by a Keynote Lecture.

9:00 am: Coffee and Pastries

9:30 am: Opening Remarks (Andrea Frisch, French)

PANEL I (9:45-10:45 am): Christopher Columbus and the European Encounter with the New World
Chair: Alejandro Cañeque (History)

Paper 1: Danny Dunlavey (ENGL289B), "Christopher Columbus: Prophecy, Discovery, and the Colonizer Christian"

Paper 2: Patrice-Morgan Ongoly (ENGL289B), "Gold, the God of Men: Religion, Commerce, and Empire in the Writings of Christopher Columbus"

Paper 3: Jacob Bremermann (ENGL289B), "Columbus’s Pious Vision for his Voyage"

Response: Susie Compton (English)

PANEL II (10:50 am-11:50 am):
Bartolomé de Las Casas and His Legacy
Chair: Andrea Frisch (French)

Paper 1: Christina Tseng (SLLC285), "Las Casas's World: The Difference on Paper and in Reality"

Paper 2: Malik Johnson (SLLC285), "Christians and Savages: An Analysis of A Short Account of the Destruction of the Indies"

Paper 3: Joon Lee (ENGL289B), "The Rhetoric of Bartolomé de Las Casas’s Short Account of the Destruction of the Indies in a Historical Context"

Response: Eyda Merediz (Spanish)

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm: LUNCH (provided for all conference presenters) in 3126 Tawes

PANEL III (1:35 pm - 2:35 pm): The New World and the Rise of (Proto-) Ethnography
Chair: Ralph Bauer (English)

Paper 1: Eleanor Simpson (ENGL289B), "Sex Sells in the New World: Vespucci's Marketing Strategy for the Americas"

Paper 2: Judy Joklik (SLLC285), "Jean de Léry: The First Ethnographer"

Paper 3: Zachary Cooperstein (HIST220), "European Perceptions of Cannibalism in the Atlantic World"

Response: Cecile Ruel (French)
PANEL IV (2:40 pm - 3:40 pm): New Worlds of Captivity
Chair: Andrea Frisch (French)


Paper 2: Christine Conlon (HIST220), "Doña Marina and Native Women in the Age of Conquest"

Paper 3: Rin Shin (SLLC285), "But why is the Rum Gone? Caliban's Enslavement"

Response: Sarah Bonnie (English)

3:40 pm - 4 pm: Coffee and Pastry break (for all attendees)

PANEL V (4:00 pm-5:00 pm): The Rights of Conquest
Chair: Alejandro Cañeque (History)

Paper 1: Kyle Kenney (HIST220), title t.b.a. (on the Requirimiento)

Paper 2: Austin Feng (ENGL289B), “Blurred Boundaries: Civility and Barbarism in Hernando Cortés’s Second Letter to Charles V”


Response: Adolfo Polo (History)

5:15 - 6:15 pm: Keynote Lecture (Ulrich Recital Hall)

Anthony Pagden (UCLA), “Sailing West to Reach the East: Christopher Columbus’s Geographical Imagination and the Invention of America”

6:15 - 7 pm: Reception (for all attendees) (Tawes Foyer, 1st Floor)

ANTHONY PAGDEN was born in England and raised in Chile and Spain. His main area of research is the prolonged contact of Europe with the non-European world. He has published a dozen books, which have been translated into several European and Asian languages, including The Fall of Natural Man: the American Indian and the origins of comparative anthropology; Lords of all the World. Ideologies of Empire in Britain, France and Spain; Peoples and Empires. Europeans and the Rest of the World, from Antiquity to the Present; and Worlds at War: The 2,500-year Struggle between East and West.