

literatures of the west coast: graduate conference 2009

University of Victoria, British Columbia, Canada
October 8-10, 2009

Writers from Canada, the United States, and the First Nations have historically attempted to define and comprehend the North and South American West Coast. Until recently, criticism has been limited to nationalistic, historic, and hemispheric theories among other more traditional approaches. The emergence of New Regionalism has afforded a focus on spanning borders and considering these literatures in new ways. This year's graduate conference theme encourages discussion of place as it relates to literatures of the West Coast. We are interested in receiving proposals on the following related topics:

- * Hemispheric studies/literatures
- * Place-based writing in any genre or field
- * Environmental literature, comparative literature, borderlands writing
- * Ecocriticism, ecophilosophy, ecopoetry, ecopedagogy, and ecocomposition
- * New Regionalism, Bioregionalism, and Post Regionalism
- * Asian American, Indigenous North American, and culturally diasporic literatures
- * What it means to discuss "Literatures of the West Coast"

Speakers will include literary critic Laurie Ricou, poet Patrick Lane, and poet/professor Jay Ruzesky among others.

The University of Victoria is located just outside Victoria, the capital city of British Columbia. Victoria's airport, about 30 minutes from campus, serves most major carriers. Victoria is accessible by ferry from Tsawwassen, BC (just south of Vancouver), or from Seattle, Port Angeles, and Anacortes, Washington.

Proposals and short bios should be no more than one page, single-spaced. Full papers should be no more than 10 pages double-spaced.

For additional information about the conference, including presentation formats, submissions, submission guidelines, plenary speakers, or any other considerations please contact:
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How to Submit

Please submit proposals via e-mail at lwconference2009@gmail.com.

Graduate student registration fee is \$35.00 (CDN)

All proposals must be submitted by August 21, 2009.

