

12th Annual Comparative Literature Intra-student Faculty Forum

Revenge

March 29-30, 2008

Biomedical Science Research Building (BSRB), University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Saturday, March 29

11:30-12:30 Lunch

12:30-2:30 **Panel 1 "Law & Justice"**

Justin A. Joyce, University of Illinois at Chicago

"Deserve's Got [Everything] To Do With It': *Unforgiven*, Revenge, and the Revival of the Western"

Chris Meade and Ramon Stern, University of Michigan

"Whose Truth to Reconcile?: Justice and Testimony in Dorfman's *La muerte y la doncella*"

Todd Carmody, University of Pennsylvania

"The Banality of Good: Charles Reznikoff's *Holocaust* and the Eichmann Trial"

Christian Kroll, University of Michigan

"Digressions on the Notion/Idea/Concept of Justice in Derrida"

Moderator: Alexandra Hoffman, Comparative Literature, University of Michigan

2:30-2:45 Break

2:45-4:15 **Panel 2 "Bodies as Sites of Revenge"**

Lisa M. Barksdale-Shaw, Central Michigan University

"Wearing Vulcan's Badge: Rape as Revenge in William Shakespeare's *Titus Andronicus*"

Efrat Bloom, University of Michigan

"Obscenity: On Symbolic Revenges"

Ann Ang, University of Pennsylvania

"Race, Repetition and Elision in William Faulkner's *Light in August*"

Moderator: Nicholas Theisen, Comparative Literature, University of Michigan

4:15-5:45 **Panel 3 "Bodies as Tools of Revenge"**

Shannon Winston, University of Michigan

"Body Language: Inscribing Revenge on the Self in Sabrina Kherbiche's *La suture* and Assia Djébar's *Algerian White*"

Benjamin Acosta, California State University San Bernardino

"Motivating Palestinians to Commit Martyrdom: Vengeance and Fame"

Emma Crandall, Georgia Institute of Technology

"Be the Bomb You Throw': Lesbian Ethics and Harmonious Revenge"

Moderator: Michael Kicey, Comparative Literature, University of Michigan

- 5:45-7 **Reception in the BSRB Atrium**
- 7pm **Keynote Address, BSRB Auditorium**
William Ian Miller, Thomas G. Long Professor of Law at the University
of Michigan Law School
- 8pm **Response**
Daniel Hack, Associate Professor of English at the University of Michigan

Sunday, March 30

- 9am-9:30 Breakfast
- 9:30-11 **Panel 4 "Spaces"**
Oana Mateescu, University of Michigan
"The Uses of Retrospective Betrayal; or How to Turn Revolution
into Revelry"
Monika Bhagat, University of Michigan
"The Duty to Remember & The Refusal to Forget"
Mei-Chen Pan, University of Michigan
"Forgetting or Remembering - The Issue of Name-Changing
of Chiang Kai-shek Memorial Hall"
Moderator: Patrick Tonks, Comparative Literature, University of Michigan
- 11-11:15 Break
- 11:15-12:45 **Panel 5 "Tragedy"**
Brian Sheerin, University of Illinois at Chicago
"When Givers Prove Unkind!: Revenge and the Perverse Gift in
Early Modern Tragedy"
Sofia García, University of Michigan
"The Soil of Revenge in Dimitri Buchowetzki's *Othello*"
Kathryn Swanton, University of Chicago
"Medea: Herself and Other Targets of Her Revenge"
Moderator: Chris Love, Comparative Literature, University of Michigan