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10:00AM-  
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**Campus Center Ballrooms, 108.1-108.4**

Refreshments will be provided in 108.2 throughout the day

# Schedule

Welcome: 10:00-10:15 108.2

Dr. Ashwani Monga  
President, University of West Georgia

Session 1: 10:15-11:30

Panel: Reading Banned Books 108.1

Chair: Dr. Patrick Erben (English)

**Jade Zuccala**, "Cause and Effects of Censorship in *The Handmaid's Tale* and *The Hunger Games*."

**Erica Jordan**: "May the Lord Open: Prophecy, Forced Surrogacy and Reflections of Biblical Women in *The Handmaid's Tale*."

**John Pate**, "Making A Stand: *The Handmaid's Tale* and the Failure of Value Free Politics."

Panel: Nation and Culture 108.3

**Jackson Rimmer** "The Comparative Communities of *Much Ado About Nothing*." Dr. Maria Doyle (English)

**Jacob Rivera**, "Kamen Rider Gaim: Reflections on Coming of Age and Fate in Japan." Dr. Charles Lipp (History) and Dr. Laura Miller (English)

**Brent George**, Dr. Maria Doyle (English)

Roundtable: Love Stories: A Genealogy 108.4

Chair: Dr. Laura Miller (English)

Presenters: **Enoch Dotson**, **Maggie Fitts**, **Trevor Duncan**, **Andriya Allen**. Panelists will discuss the methodologies of studying love stories as compared to histories of sexuality.

Lunch: 11:45-1:00 108.2

Featuring a slideshow previewing the next issue of  
*LUReJournal*

Plenary: 1:00-2:15 108.2

Dr. Leah Benedict

Kennesaw State University

“Floating Sperm and Wooden Wombs:  
Breeding Schemes in Speculative  
Literature”



## Session 2: 2:30-3:45

Panel: Cultura latina y recursos en Carrollton, GA. Panel I 108.1

Dr. Ana Zapata-Calle (ILC) Moderadora: McKenna Kjelsfus  
Smitherman

**Ana Pacheco-Báez.** El impacto de la prensa y de las redes  
sociales en las comunidades hispanas de Carrollton, GA.

**Laura Bohórquez.** Los recursos y programas que las bibliotecas  
ofrecen a los latinos de Carrollton, GA.

**Connor Abernathy.** *Southwire* al servicio de las comunidades hispanas.

**Madison Pinkney.** La variedad gastronómica de los restaurantes  
hispanos de Carrollton, GA.

Panel: Interdisciplinary Research Methods 108.3

**Rylea Swafford,** "Exploring Realism and Limitations in Proto-  
Languages." Dr. Claire Ezekiel (ILC)

**Melissa King,** "Language Acquisition Through the Critical Period  
and Neural Plasticity." Dr. Claire Ezekiel (ILC)

**Seth Milam,** "Collaborative Archival Research in London."  
Dr. Mark Janzen (History)

Panel: From Truth to Fiction: Research in Creative Writing 108.4

Chair: Dr. Margaret E. Mitchell (English)

Presenters: **Angel Collins, Brent George, Abigail Timbol, Kasir  
Warren.**

### Session 3: 4:00-5:15

Panel: "Individual, Community, Communication" 108.1

Chair: Dr. John V. Garner (Philosophy)

**Megan Gorman**, "A Nietzschean Future"

**Cristal Haigler**, "On Gauging Communication as a Resource for Translation"

**Gavin Sharkey**, "An Attack on Individualism"

Panel: Cultura latina y recursos en Carrollton, GA. Panel II 108.3

Dr. Ana Zapata-Calle (ILC) Moderadora: Laura Bohórquez

**McKenna Kjelskus Smitherman**. La función de las iglesias en la comunidad hispana de Carrollton, GA.

**Sary Jiménez**. Mestizaje cultural y transformación de tradiciones.

**Luke Mitchell**. La escena musical latina en Carrollton y en Georgia.

**Joy Tifrea**. La variedad de programas educativos para hispanos en West Georgia Technical College y en la Universidad de West Georgia.

Panel: Contemporary topics in Latinx Studies 108.4

Chair: Dr. Betsy Dahms, International Languages and Cultures

**Devin Encarnacion**, "Western Psychedelic Appropriation of Mazatec Shaman Maria Sabina"

**Lynn Cook**, "Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) as a byproduct of the prison-industrial complex"

**Eshkar Kaidar-Heafetz**, "To Maim, the Imposition of Debility as Colonial Otherization in Latin America"

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