

Conference on the

SOWELL FAMILY COLLECTION

*in Literature, Community
& the Natural World*

Thursday, Oct. 10 - Saturday, Oct. 12, 2019

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Formby Room · Texas Tech University

Thursday, October 10, 2019

- 1:00 – 1:10 p.m. **Welcome & Opening Remarks**, Bryan Giemza, Texas Tech University
- 1:10 – 1:50 p.m. **Remembering Dr. William Tydeman**, Remarks by Barry Lopez
Reception to follow.
- 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. **Session A: Geography of the Body in West Texas: A Creative Writing Roundtable**
Catherine Ragsdale, Jennifer Popa, Jess Smith, Hali Salome Cardenas, Maeve Kirk,
Katherine Jackson, and Claudia Diaz, Texas Tech University
- 5:30 p.m. **Plenary: I Was Country When Country Wasn't Cool**
Stephen Graham Jones, University of Colorado-Boulder.
Reception and book signing to follow.

Friday, October 11, 2019

- 9:30 a.m. **Morning Refreshments**
- 10:00 – 10:50 a.m. **Session B: In Search of Texas Beauty**
Honors First Year Experience students
- 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Session C**
Dream Birds: Prose Poems, Theron Francis, Sul Ross State University
Wolfe, Donald Mace Williams, Canyon, Texas
- 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. **Lunch**
- 1:00 – 2:10 p.m. **Session D: The Nature of Travel: Poems**
John Poch, Texas Tech University
Matthew Porto, Texas Tech University
Lindsay Tigue, Eastern New Mexico University

- 2:25 – 3:00 p.m. **Stephen Graham Jones Q & A**
- 3:10 – 4:00 p.m. **Session E**
Dog Days, Toni Jensen, University of Arkansas
Outliers, Elizabeth Dodd, Kansas State University
- 5:30 p.m. **Plenary: The Modern Writer's Social Responsibilities**
 Barry Lopez
Reception and book signing to follow.

Saturday, October 12, 2019

- 9:00 a.m. **Morning Refreshments**
- 9:30 – 10:40 a.m. **Session F: Investigating Wild: Internal Landscapes and Their Inhabitants**
 Clara Bush Vadala, Texas Tech University (Alum)
 Meghan Giles, Texas Tech University
 Sara Ryan, Texas Tech University
- 10:50 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Session G: From Lubbock to the World**
National Day of the Journalist, Dennis Covington, Texas Tech University (ret.)
In the Moments Before Gunfire, Jill Patterson, Texas Tech University
Recent Poems, William Wenthe, Texas Tech University
- 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. **Lunch**
- 1:00 – 1:50 p.m. **Session H**
Desert Haunting: A Gothic Reading of Arturo Aslas' The Rain God, Cordelia Barrera, Texas Tech University
Consecrated Abomination: Pilgrimage and Churchyard Homage in Dickens' Bleak House, Dan Stuart, University of North Texas
- 2:00 – 2:50 p.m. **Session I**
Heavier Concerns, Valerie Wayson, Texas Tech University
Parent Material, Lee Anne Gallaway-Mitchell, University of Arizona
- 3:00 – 3:50 p.m. **Session J**
The Legends of La Mamoma, Jennifer Buentello, Texas Tech University
The Darkest, Lisa Levine, University of Arizona
- 4:00 – 4:30 p.m. **Session K: Who Stole the Planet? : Colonization, Capital, and Enslavement**
 Priscilla Ybarra, University of North Texas
- 4:30 p.m. **Closing Remarks**
 Diane Warner, Librarian, Sowell Family Collection

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