**SOUTHERN CT STATE UNIVERSITY**

**PRESENTS**

The 12th Annual International

Association for the Study of

Environment, Space, and Place

Conference

**Mythical Spaces/Legendary Places**

**Program Schedule**

April 29 - May 1, 2016

**Southern on the Green &**

**Southern CT State University**

**Friday April 29, 2016 Southern on the Green**

**8:00am -6:00pm Registration**

8:45-9:00 Opening remarks

9:00-10:30 Session 1: Mythologizing Everyday Spaces and Places

Chair Peter Nekola, The Newberry Library

9:00-9:30 Angie Keesee, Montana State University

Green Onions: How Food and Design Created a Kitchen Myth

9:30-10:00 Troy Paddock, Southern Connecticut State University

Local Myths: The Ghosts of Conz.

10:00-10:30 Georgia K. Natishan, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

Marketplaces: Wonder, Danger, Consumption

**10:30-10:45 Coffee Break**

10:45-12:15pm Session 2: Different Stories of Imagined Places

Chair, Alex Zukas, National University

10:45-11:15 Edmund Todd, University of New Haven

“Marketing Spatial Myths, Innovation Stories, and German Power Systems”

11:15-11:45 Gabriella M. Petrick, University of New Haven

America’s Garden of Eden: Salinas California,

11:45-12:15 Jeffrey S. Debies-Carl, University of New Haven

Neither Fact nor Fiction: Imagining Real Places and Realizing Imagined Places

**12:15-1:30 Lunch**

1:30-3:00 Session 3 The Legendary as source of activism

Chair, Jeff Webb, Huntington University

1:30-2:00 Caroline Redick, Marquette University

The Trinity and Homecoming: Toward an Ethic of Hospitality in a Landscape of Displacement

2:00-2:30 Francisco Vivoni, Worcester State University

Debt Crisis and Everyday Urbanism on the Island of Enchantment: The Making of a DIY Skatepark in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

2:30-3:00 Lorna Lueker Zukas, National University

Myths & Legends at the National Heroes Acre: Mediating the Presence and the Absence of Women in Zimbabwean Political Struggles

**3:00-3:10 Coffee Break**

3:10-4:40am Session 4: Filming the Mythical

Chair: Kip Redick, Christopher Newport University

3:10-3:40 Joe Balay, Christorpher Newport University

How to Grow a Tree: Wonder and Representation in Terrence Malick’s *The Tree of Life*

3:40-4:10 Erin Larkin, Southern Connecticut State University

A Jerusalem for Our Time: Matera in Pasolini’s *Gospel According to Saint Matthew*

4:10-4:40 Troy Rondinone, Southern Connecticut State University

The Mythic Insane Asylum: Notes on a Haunted Place.

**4:40-4:50 Coffee break**

4:50-6:20 Session 5: Mythologizing Space and Place in America

Chair, Troy Paddock, Southern Connecticut State University

4:50-5:20 Duncan Campbell, National University

The Battle of New Orleans: How a Legendary Battle Transformed a Global Conflagration into a Continental Struggle and Sowed the Seeds of a Civil War.

5:20- 5:50 Jeffrey B. Webb, Huntington University

Reading Space in the American Legendary: A Report from the Editors of the Encyclopedia of American Folklore

5:50-6:20 Charles Baraw, Southern Connecticut State University

“’Hawthorne’s Path’ and the ‘Neutral Territory’ of Romance: The Making of a Mythic American Space”

**7:00pm Group Dinner—TBD**

**Saturday April 30, 2016**

**Southern CT State University**

**Science Building Rm 222**

**8:00am -6:00pm Registration**

**8:15-9:00 Coffee**

9:00-10:30 Session 6 Myths and Legends about the End

Chair, Charlie Hailey, University of Florida

9:00-9:30 Richard Wilson, University of Maryland Baltimore County

Ship Graveyard

9:30-10:00 Dennis Skocz, Independent Scholar

Dante’s Hell Spaces of Anguish

10:00-10:30 Lucinda Yang, Duke University

Tolkien’s Ainulindale and the Cosmological Tradition

**10:30-10:45 Coffee Break**

10:45-12:15 Session 7 Architectural Space

Chair, Dennis Skocz, Independent Scholar

10:45-11:15 Malcolm Woollen, The Pennsylvania State University

Franklin Court: A Non-Building

11:15-11:45 Roger Paden, George Mason University

Landscape Architecture & Evolutionary Aesthetics

11:45-12:15 Charlie Hailey, University of Florida

Luck and Lightning: Myths of Kairos and Zeus on the Porch

**12:15-1:15 Lunch**

1:30-3:00 Session 8 European myths and mythical places

Chair Roger Paden, George Mason University

1:30-2:00 Joanna A MacGugan, University of Connecticut

Arthur, Avalon and the Myth of the Returning King

2:00-2:30 Luis O. Arata, Quinnipiac University

Transfiguration of Legends: The Albigensian Crusade and Montségur

2:30-3:00 Darcy Kern, Southern Connecticut State University

Thomas More, Utopia and Spain

**3:00-3:10 Break**

3:10-4:40 Session 9 Wilderness, Woods and Myth

Chair, Caroline Redick, Marquette University

3:10-3:40 Jason Matzke, Mary Washington University

The Possibilities of Re-shaping the Wilderness Myth

3:40-4:10 Jeff Benjamin, Columbia University

The Forest Clearing: Dendroarchaeology in the Maine Woods

4:10-4:40 Kip Redick, Christopher Newport University

Mythogenesis and the National Park

**4:40-4:50 Break**

5:00-5:30 Session 10 Legend and Myth to Bridge the Gap

Chair, Jason Matzke, Mary Washington University

5:00:-5:30John Scott, Memorial University

Alice’s Wonderland…Through the Looking Glass

**5:30-6:00 Business meeting**

**Sunday May 1, 2016**

**Science Building**

**Southern Connecticut State University**

**8:30-9:00 Coffee**

9:00-10:30 Session 11: The Geography of Myths, Legends, and Magic

Chair, Lorna Lueker Zukas, National University

9:00-9:30 Alex Zukas, National University

Allegorical and Mythical Figures in Early-Modern Maps

9:30-10:00 Peter Nekola, Hermon Dunlap Center for the History of Cartography.

Borrowing the Prestige of Science and Violating its Spirit: Hans Speier and the Social Science Critique of “Magic Geography.”

10:00 -10:30 Christine Petto, Southern Connecticut State University

Maps.

10:30-11:00 Joe Tatarewicz, University of Maryland, Baltimore County

The ~~Nine~~ Eight Planets, “Planet Nine” and Naming Solar System Places and Spaces

Departure

See you in 2017 at National University in San Diego