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**Program for the
English Association of
Pennsylvania State Universities
Annual Conference 2023**

Conference Theme: Academic Freedom

**Academic Forum
Kutztown University of Pennsylvania
October 13-15, 2023**

**Featuring Keynote Address by Eric Stroshane,
Assistant Director of Member Services for the
American Library Association's
Office of Intellectual Freedom**



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Friday, Oct. 13

3:00: Registration

Academic Forum Upper Level

3:30-4:00: Welcome from KU English Department

AF 202

Michael Downing, President of EAPSU, 2023 Conference Coordinator

Jonathan Shaw, English Department Chair

4-5:15: Session: Writing Strategies

AF 203

John Ronan, Kutztown, Moderator

Frederick Douglass, Ida B. Wells, and Oratory

Melissa Nurczynski, Kutztown

The Maker Scenario: A Laddered System for Pedagogically Sound In-Class Writings

Michael Downing, Kutztown

Discovering the Art of Travel Writing: UK Trip 2023

5:15-6:00: Dinner on Your Own: Downtown Kutztown

See list of restaurants at the end of this program

6-7:30: Open Mic Poetry Reading, Firefly Bookstore, Downtown Kutztown

271 West Main

7:39-10 Social/Drinks: Tavern/Pub/Other

Must be 21 or older

Saturday, Oct. 14

8-9:15 Session: Sex, Race, and Gender in Cinema and Literature

AF 203

Robert Kilker, Kutztown, Moderator

Aleah Alderson, Kutztown

There White Men are Dangerous: Race, Gender, and Colonialism in Disney's Renaissance

Jack Schembri, Kutztown

Appropriation as the Villain in *Candyman* and *Get Out*

Allisynn D. Bengel, PennWest Edinboro

Sex, Books, and Adolescents: The Need for Sexual Content in Young Adult Literature



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9:30-10:45 Panel: Teach What You Learn: Equitable Approaches to English Language

Arts, Clarion

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Leah Chambers, PennWest Clarion, Moderator

Lexy McDermid, PennWest Clarion

Faith Smith, PennWest Clarion

Lauren Reddinger, PennWest Clarion

Concurrent Sessions

11-12:15 Session 1: Fiction Reading

AF 202

Cassandra O’Sullivan Sachar, Bloomsburg, Moderator

I’ll Sleep Tomorrow

Neil Connelly, Shippensburg

Threesome

Todd Dodson, Kutztown

TBA

11-12:15 Session 2: Pedagogy

AF 203

Patricia Pytleski, Kutztown, Moderator

Triage and the Teacher Shortage: Contributing Factors and Solutions

Jason Stuart, Slippery Rock

Worst Practices: The Legacy of Instructional Design as a Constraint for Pedagogies of Care

Brad Lint, Mansfield

“Talkin’ ‘bout My Generation”: GenAI, Composition, and Literature

12:30-1:45: Lunch in The Georgian Room, South Campus, via Old Main

Follow KU Faculty

Welcome from Dr. Laurie McMillan, Dean

Kutztown University College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

OEM Awards

2:00-3:00 Executive Board Meeting After Lunch in The Georgian Room

Meeting is open to all EAPSU members



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**2-3:15 Session: #LoveBooks: Theorizing the Romance from Austen to *Bridgerton*,
Millersville**

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Emily Baldys, Millersville, Moderator

Julia Fallows, Millersville

Jacob Long, Millersville

Liana Ockenhouse, Millersville

Elliot Simcoe, Millersville

**3:30-4:45 Session: Graduate Sense of Belonging: Necessary Theory Shifts to Foster
Belongingness, Millersville**

AF 203

Dr. A. Nicole Pfannenstiel, Millersville, Moderator

Becca Betty, Millersville

Mary Miller, Millersville

Heather Verani, Millersville

5-7: Dinner on your own

See list of restaurants at the end of this program.

7-8:15: Keynote Address: Eric Stroshane

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Mr. Stroshane is Assistant Director of Member Services for the American Library Association's Office of Intellectual Freedom. He has 20+ years of experience working in public, special, and academic libraries. His work with OIF provides support for library staff and administrators, which includes maintaining ALA's banned and challenged books database and other assistance. He is also news editor for the [Journal of Intellectual Freedom and Privacy](#).

Sunday, Oct. 15

8-9:15 Session: False Narratives and Extremist Beliefs

AF 203

Jonathan Shaw, Kutztown, Moderator

Indoctrination 101: Pushing Back Against Universities as Liberal Indoctrination Centers

Ryan Stryffeler, Slippery Rock

Academic *Ragnarök*: Wrestling with White Supremacy in Viking Studies

Lynn Pifer, Mansfield

Our Missing Texts: Celeste Ng's Depiction of the Consequences of Anti-Woke Hysteria



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9:30-10:45 Session: Speech and Spaces

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Cynthia A. Leenerts, East Stroudsburg, Moderator

A Voice from Home, out in the World: Hariprabha Takeda, Radio Tokyo, and the Indian National Army

Sammy Repsher, East Stroudsburg

Sienna: The Use of Color in Thi Bui's *The Best We Could Do*

Abby Boquist, West Chester

Museums as Springboards to Dialogue

Suzanne Hunt, Clarion

Why It Matters

Concurrent Sessions

11-12:15 Session 1: Wilde, Wilde, Wilson

AF 202

Todd O. Williams, Kutztown, Moderator

Marital Ideals in Wilde's Society Comedies

Sandra M. Leonard, Kutztown

Vera: Oscar Wilde's 'Cancelled' Play

Michael Downing, Kutztown

2023 Update on The World of August Wilson Studies

11-12:15 Session 2: Literature; African American Literature

AF 203

Bill Hunter, Edinboro, Moderator

Ann Petry's *The Street*: A Case Study of Mid-Century Systemic American Racism

Olivia Sutton, Edinboro

A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words: The Intersection of Art, Literature, and Education

Taya-Reese Johnson, Mansfield

My Father's Keeper: The Commonality of Familial Dysfunction in *Your Blues Ain't Like Mine*

Hannah Cornell, Shippensburg

Feminism within *Beloved* and the Importance of Reading it as a Challenged Novel

12:30 Conference End



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Outstanding English Majors:

Sara Zacherl, California

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Suzanne Hunt, Clarion

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Sammy Repsher, East Stroudsburg

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Heather Jackson, Indiana

Kaitlyn Resline, Kutztown

Hannah Cornell, Shippensburg

Alexis Mayo, Lock Haven

Julia Fallows, Millersville

Abigail Boquist, West Chester

Denney, Slippery Rock

No submission from Cheney

Restaurants in Kutztown:

Kutztown Tavern 272 West Main

Kutztown Pub 257 West Main

La Cocina Mexicana 107 West Main

Cielito Lindo Mexican Restaurant 278 West Main

Mamma's Delight 300 West Main

Tommyboy's Pizza 313 West Main

Mark's Sandwich Shop 123 West Main

Basin Street Hotel 42 East Main

Parking for Access to Main Street

Parking is available on Main Street proper, unlimited after 6 p.m.

There are also two parking lots behind The Tavern, one directly behind and the other a short jog down Herring Alley.

A Note on Lunch Location

The Georgian Room is beautiful but tricky to locate; we advise tagging along with Kutztown faculty, if possible. It is situated behind Old Main.



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