CALL FOR PAPERS

**EAPSU 2018 Spring Undergraduate Conference**

Conference Theme: “The Body Electric”

In the spirit of Walt Whitman, we invite you to sing the body electric by exploring the notion of bodies in history, literature, and culture. At once, the body is the site of sensation, sexuality, difference, emotion, perception, cognition, transgression and punishment.  Metaphorically, many bodies can coalesce around a national, racial, sexual, or gender identity. While still collectively called a "body,” they can also form around an ideology or a bureaucracy. Similarly, large galactic structures, geographic features, and microscopic invaders all wear the name "bodies." By singing the body electric, we can question relationships of body to mind and body to identity, as well as the limits and borders established by bodies or imposed upon them. In short, we invite critical papers, creative writing, and cultural analyses that examine the body in any of its forms and discuss the nature and disposition of its electricity.  
  
**Possible topic areas include**:  
Beautiful Bodies; Politics of the Personal; Public and Private Bodies; Gendered Bodies; Racial bodies; Homo Economicus; Sexualities; Politics and Identity; Celestial Bodies; Boundaries and Limits of the Body; Transgression; Discipline and Punishment of Bodies; Incarceration; Mind and Body Splits; Kinaesthesia; Mythic Bodies; Natural Bodies or Bodies and Nature; Access and Consent; Self Determination and Freedom; Mediated Bodies; Body Representations; Laboring or Enslaved Bodies; Regulated Bodies; Bureaucratic Bodies

We will also welcome papers or creative works that explore all the diverse disciplines of English Studies, including papers related to literature and literary studies, linguistics, writing studies, film and new media studies, pedagogy, and creative writing.

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| **Conference Details**  Friday, March 23, 2018  Lock Haven University  Conference Registration for the one-day conference is $25 for participants. The fee includes lunch and a light breakfast.  Some Thursday events may be planned for early arrivals to the conference. | **Proposal Details**  Please submit a proposal abstract for one of the following session types:   * Individual papers * Readings of creative works * Three-paper presentation panels   Each proposal should include a title, abstracts no longer than 100 words, and contact information. |

**Submit proposals by** **January 31** to Dr. Richard Van Dyke at [rvandyke@lockhaven.edu](mailto:rvandyke@lockhaven.edu) with “**EAPSU 2018 Proposal”** in the subject line. All questions about the conference or proposal should also be addressed to Dr. Van Dyke.

The English Association of Pennsylvania State Universities (EAPSU) is a regional professional organization whose members come from the faculty and students of the 14 state university English Departments in the Pennsylvania State Systems of Higher Education. EAPSU sponsors an annual Fall Conference for faculty and an annual Spring Conference for undergraduate English majors. In 2004, EAPSU established a peer-reviewed online journal, recently retitled as *Impost*.