

## Keynote Speaker Biography



**JORDAN ALEXANDER STEIN** is the author of journal articles in *American Literary History*, *American Literature*, and *ESQ*. With Justine S. Murison he co-edited a special issue of *Early American Literature* on “Methods for the Study of Religion” in 2010, and with Lara Langer Cohen he co-edited *Early African American Print Culture* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2012). His research has been supported by fellowships from the Library Company of Philadelphia and the New-York Historical Society, and in 2012, he co-directed the American Antiquarian Society’s summer seminar in the history of the book, on “African American Cultures of Print.” He is completing “The People Are Clarissa,” a monograph on Protestant literacy and transatlantic print, and developing a new project, “Sex in the Archives.”

### *With Gratitude...*

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# TALKING TRASH: The Counterpolitics of Abjection

Monday, April 18, 2016  
9:30am – 7:00pm



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## CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

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*In President's Conference Room 2, Rosenthal Library, 5<sup>th</sup> floor*

9:30 – 10:00 **Welcome and Coffee**

10:00 – 10:15 **Opening Remarks**

- Professors Caroline Kyungah Hong and Bill Orchard (Directors of Graduate Studies in English)
- Frances Romano and Andriana Xenophontos (on behalf of the 2016 Graduate Conference Committee)
- Professor Steve Kruger (Chair of the English Dept.)

10:15 – 11:30 Panel 1: **Impure Thoughts (and Bodies)**

- Chair: Professor Siân Silyn Roberts
- Jessica A. Klett, "'Have you got so far ben as that?': Adolescent Mental Illness in Margaret Oliphant's 'The Library Window'"
- Beth Sherman, "'In Your London, None are there who would not Know me for a Stranger': Language, Fear and Non-Assimilation in *Dracula*"
- Andriana Xenophontos, "The Perpetual Funeral: Social Death and 'Social Rejuvenation' in Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*"

11:45 – 1:00 Panel 2: **The Odd One In**

- Chair: Professor Kevin Ferguson
- John Giunta, "Pull On Your Tights and Give Them Hell: The Latter-Day Works of Frank Miller"
- Magen Martinez, "Spinster-phobia: The Evolution of the Victorian Woman to the Almost Contemporary Woman"
- Paola Maria Rodriguez, "Entering at Dawn the Splendid Cities: Arthur Rimbaud's Revolutionary Prose Poem and the Inheritance of Its Legacy by Charles Simic"

1:00 – 2:00 **Lunch**

2:00 – 3:15 Panel 3: **Outside, Near, and Beyond: Trashing Identities**

- Chair: Professor Seo-Young Chu
- Brianna Jaye Doucet, "Abjection in the Home: The Redefined Locus of Power in *Beloved* and *Mama Day*"
- Frances Romano, "The Matter of the Text: Queerness, Identity, and Proximity in Alison Bechdel's *Fun Home*"
- Marina Vlahaki, "Breaking Boundaries: [Non]-Declarative Identities in Gilbert Hernandez's *Julio's Day*"

3:50 – 5:00 Panel 4: **Breaking Genres**

- Chair: Professor Gloria Fisk
- Mary Catherine Ford, "'Good Country People' Through the Lens of Jacques Lacan"
- Eric Hahn, "No Offense: American Values, Good Taste, and the 1980s Z Horror Film"
- Saidah Henderson, "My Brother's Keeper?: Intertextual Lineage and Critique in the Novels of Richard Wright and James Baldwin"
- Amanda Torres, "Nineteenth-Century Femininity in *Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl* and *Dracula*"

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*In the Godwin-Ternbach Museum, Klapper Hall, 4<sup>th</sup> floor*

5:30 – 6:30 **Keynote Address:** Professor Jordan Stein, "The Feelings That Persist After History Ends"

**Best Conference Paper Award Presentation**

*In Klapper Hall, 6<sup>th</sup> floor*

6:30 – 7:00 **Reception**