

**Stars and Strife:**  
**Writing America in Recent French and Francophone Literature**

International Conference  
24-25 October 2017

Winthrop-King Institute for Contemporary French and Francophone Studies  
Florida State University, Tallahassee

**Conference Directors:** William Cloonan, Martin Munro, Jeannine Murray-Romàn, Corbin Treacy

## Program

All sessions take place in the Student Service Building (SSB) on the FSU campus.  
Details are subject to change.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24



09:00AM - Complimentary Bus from Doubletree Hotel to FSU Campus



09:30AM - Complimentary Bus from Doubletree Hotel to FSU Campus

09:30 am-6:00 pm - Registration, SSB **rm 201**

09:30 am- 10:30 am - Refreshments

10:30 am-11:00 am - Welcome by organizers, SSB rm 203

11:00am-12:00pm - **Plenary Session**, SSB rm 203

Chair: Martin Munro (Florida State University)

**Presentation Title. Jean-Marc Moura (Université Paris Oust Nanterre la Défense)**

12:00 pm-1:30pm - Lunch

1:30 pm-3:00 pm - Panels 1A, 1B

Panel 1A, SSB rm 203

**New York in the Francophone Imagination**

Chair: Callan Roten (Florida State University)

- **Fély Catan (University of Miami)** : *New York, ville du Tout-Monde: repenser la francophonie dans Junglas de Maryse Renaud.*
- **Sara Kippur (Trinity College)**: *From New York fait divers to the Goncourt: Leïla Slimani's Chanson douce.*
- **Obed Nkunzimana (University of New Brunswick)**: *Le Génie d'un lieu. New York et Ses Légendes dans deux Textes Francophones.*
- **Steve Puig (Saint John's University)** : *New York Dans la Littérature Française Contemporaine: entre Mythe et Réalité*

Panel 1B, SSB rm 208

Franco-American Exchanges on Screens Large and Small

Chair: Name (Affiliation)

- **Bryan Koller (Florida State University):** *The Jailed Prophet: Transnationalism and Identity in the American and French Crime Film.*
- **David Pettersen (University of Pittsburgh):** *The Hollywood Gangster Enters the Debate about French National Identity: Mesrine, Un prophète, and Hors la loi.*
- **Denis Provencher (University of Arizona):** *Je suis terroriste, pédé et fils de Marilyn Monroe: Cinematic Stars, Stripes and Queer Filiation in Abdellah Taïa's Infidèles (2012).*
- **Joceyn Wright (University of Texas-Austin):** *La Petite Cité dans la Prairie: the Wild West in the Contemporary Banlieu Imaginary.*

3:00 pm-3:30 pm - Coffee Break

3:30 pm-5:00 pm - Panels 2A, 2B

Panel 2A, SSB rm 203

American-French Triangulations through the Antilles

Chair: Jeannine Murray-Romàn (Florida State University)

- **Alexandra Perisic (University of Miami):** *Sylvie Kandé's Poetic Remapping of the Atlantic.*
- **Robert Sapp (College of Charleston):** *American Disaster Stories: Catastrophic Memory in Évelyne Trouillot's Absences sans frontières.*
- **Justin Izzo (Brown University):** *Thinking (Creole) Hybridity in the Age of Trump: Obama, Relations, Nation.*

Panel 2B, SSB rm 208

Four Novelists, Four Americas

Chair: Jennifer Willging? (Ohio State University)

- Alain-Philippe Durand (University of Arizona): *La Partie Émergée de l'Iceberg*: Frédéric Beigbeder.
- Grażyna Starak (Université de Silésie) : *L'image de l'Amérique dans l'oeuvre dramatique de Bernard-Marie Koltès*.
- Jesse Welton (University of Melbourne/Université Paris-Ouest): *From New York to Brazzaville and back: Representations of America in Alain Mabanckou's Verre cassé*.
- Jennifer Willging (Ohio State University) *Alternate Facts and the Effect of the Real in Antoine Bello's Roman américain*.

5:00 pm-5:30 pm - Coffee Break

5:30 pm-6:30 pm - **Plenary Session**, SSB rm 203

Chair: Name (Affiliation)

**Beats Working: performance economies. Felicia McCarren**  
**(Tulane University)**

6:30 pm-8:00 pm - Light Reception - Location



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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25



8:30AM - Complimentary Bus from Doubletree Hotel to FSU Campus



9:00AM - Complimentary Bus from Doubletree Hotel to FSU Campus

9:00 am-5:00 pm - Registration, SSB rm 201

9:30 am-11:00 am - Panels 3A, 3B

Panel 3A, SSB rm 203

**Twin Perspectives on the Francophone World and the States**

Chair: Name (Affiliation)

- **Yves Davo (Université de Bordeaux):** *Dans l’Sil du Cyclone du 11 Septembre: La Figure du Terroriste chez Salim Bachi et Don DeLillo.*
- **Chantal Michel (Université Lyon 2):** *Thomas Reverdy, lecteur de R.Brautigan : enquêtes dans une Amérique dévastée.*
- **Valérie K. Orlando (University of Maryland):** *Failed (United) States, Reversed Realities, Dystopias and Utopias. The What Ifs of Possible Worlds in Abdelaziz Belkhoja’s Le retour de l’éléphant and Adourahman Waberi’s Aux Etats-Unis d’Afrique.*
- **David Yesaya (Université de Waterloo) :** *La France, terre d’écueil, l’Amérique, terre d’accueil: une Analyse Littéraire de la réussite sociale des Français de la diaspora africaine francophone dans L’invention de nos vies de Karine Tuil et Desirada de Maryse Condé.*

Panel 3B, SSB rm 208

**L’Amérique: Géographie et Politique**

Chair: Manfa Sanogo (Florida State University)

- **Khalid Chaouch (Sultan Moulay Slimane University):***Dominique Falkner’s America: A French Quest in the Labyrinth of Itineraries and Biographies.*
- **Benjamin Sparks (University of Memphis):** *L.A. Trip: An Exile between Languages and Continents.*
- **Lamia Mecheri (Université d’Annaba):** *Lecture américaine de Tuez-les tous de Salim Bachi.*

- **Silvia Baage (McDaniel College):** *American (In)justice: Hurricane Katrina in Laurent Gaudé's Ouragon.*

11:00 am-11:30 am - Coffee Break

11:30 am-12:30 pm - **Plenary Session**, SSB rm 203

Chair: William Cloonan (Florida State University)

**Presentation Title. Antoine Bello (Writer)**

12:30 pm-2:00 pm - Lunch Break

2:00 pm-3:30 pm - Panels 4A, 4B

Panel 4A, SSB rm 203

Shades of Noir

Chair: Name (Affiliation)

- **Katarzyna Gadowska (Université de Silésie):** *Jean-Pierre Andrevon: l'horreur à l'américaine.*
- **Rebecca Krasner (Brown University):** *Rethinking Exclusion: Racism, Radical Non-Belonging and Access to Power in Confiand's Madame St.-Clair.*
- **Bruno Thibault (University of Delaware):** *Entre Fascination et Simulation: l'Amérique dans cinq Thrillers Français Contemporains.*

Panel 4B, SSB rm 208

Looking to the U.S. for a French Postcolonial

Chair: Bryan Koller (Florida State University)

- **Meryem Belkaid (Bowdoin College):** *L'Amérique et la Tunisie: Regards Rétrospecifs et Rêves de Liberté.*
- **Linda Brindeau (Dickinson College):** *Repatriement Intérieur.*
- **Katelyn Knox (University of Central Arkansas):** *Sampling African-American Popular Music in Afropean Literature: Archive, Genealogy and Intermedial Form.*

3:30 pm-4:00 pm - Coffee Break

4:00 pm-5:30 pm - **Plenary Session**, SSB rm 203

Chair: Name (Affiliation)

**Presentation Title, Salim Bachi (Writer) and Abdourahman Waberi**  
**(George Washington University)**

6:00 pm - Closing Reception at Location



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