

# LITERATURE *and* SOCIAL JUSTICE *Graduate Symposium*

Saturday, April 27, 2019

9:30 AM - 4 PM

Engleman Hall A120

Southern Connecticut

State University

New Haven, CT



Can literature do social justice? What public impact can literary scholarship, writing, and English education have in the 21st century? This day-long symposium brings together graduate students, faculty, and visiting speakers to explore new answers to these questions, including prospects for a more dynamic role of the public humanities in the New Haven and Connecticut region. 📖

## Featuring:

- English Graduate Paper Panels

*Morning – “Reading for Justice” (10 AM)*

*Afternoon – “Method and Pedagogy at the Margins” (1:45 PM)*

- Roundtable / Open Forum

*Rob Nixon’s “Slow Violence” (pre-circulated reading)  
and Literary Action (11:30 AM)*

- Lunch Workshop

*DeLauné Michel, Writing and Community Outreach (12:30 PM)*

- Plenary Lecture

*Dr. Jennifer Westerman*

*“The Literary Art of Sustainable Development” (3 PM)*



## Guest Speakers:

**Jennifer Westerman, Ph.D.**

*Appalachian State University*

*Global and U.S. environmental literature  
and cultural studies*



**DeLauné Michel**

*Author and founder of the New York literary salon  
Spoken Interludes*

*Left: Nearly a week after Hurricane Irene drenched New England with rainfall in late August 2011, the Connecticut River was spewing large amounts of muddy sediment into Long Island Sound and wrecking the region’s farmland just before harvest. Image courtesy of NASA.*

*Registration begins April 1. Free lunch, coffee, and other refreshments provided.*

*Open to all SCSU and non-SCSU graduate and undergraduate students, faculty, and staff.*

*Register online at [surveymonkey.com/r/372SH7P](https://surveymonkey.com/r/372SH7P) or contact the English Graduate Coordinator,*

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