

DEATH AND DYING IN AMERICAN CULTURE

Fourth Annual American Studies Leipzig MA-Level Graduate Student Conference

21-22 March 2014



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Conference Program

Friday, March 21

11:30 - 01:00 Conference Registration

01:00 - 01:30 Introduction

Keynote

01:30 - 03:00 **Dr. Tina Weber** (TU Berlin): "The Civilised Corpse: Shame and Repugnance in the Face of Death"

03:00 - 03:30 Coffee break

Panel I: Death and its Psychological Dimensions

03:30 - 04:00 **Carolyn Schmitt**: "The Death of a Soldier: Physical, Emotional, and Psychological Death in Jim Sheridan's Afghan War film *Brothers*"

04:00 - 04:30 **Christina Aline Neuhaus**: "Imaging the Unimaginable: Trauma, Death, and Narration in Art Spiegelman's *In the Shadow of No Towers*"

04:30 - 04:45 Short break

Panel II: Historical Perspective on Death

04:45 - 05:15 **Heather Sanford**: "Rosaries, Disease, and Storehouse Keys: Jesuit Healing as a Conversation Strategy in Seventeenth Century Acadia"

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Saturday, March 22

09:30 - 10:00 Gathering

Panel III: Aesthetics of Death

10:00 - 10:30 **Tanja Beljanski:** "This Is My Design": Death as Art in Bryan Fuller's NBC series *Hannibal*"

10:30 - 11:00 **Viktória Seprenyi:** "Aesthetics and *Taboo-ness* of Death, Dying, and the Dead in *Vice's* 'Last Words'"

11:00 - 11:30 Coffee break

Workshop

11:30 - 12:30 **Dr. Katja Schmieder** (Leipzig University): "Morbidity and Death"

12:30 - 01:30 Lunch break

Panel IV: Triggered by Death

01:30 - 02:00 **Leonardo Bevilacqua:** "Suicide as a Poetic Statement: The Public Reaction to David Foster Wallace's Death"

02:00 - 02:30 **Jane Goltzsch:** "'Too Young to Die!'"

02:30 - 03:00 **Bradford Lovett:** "Death as a Catalyst"

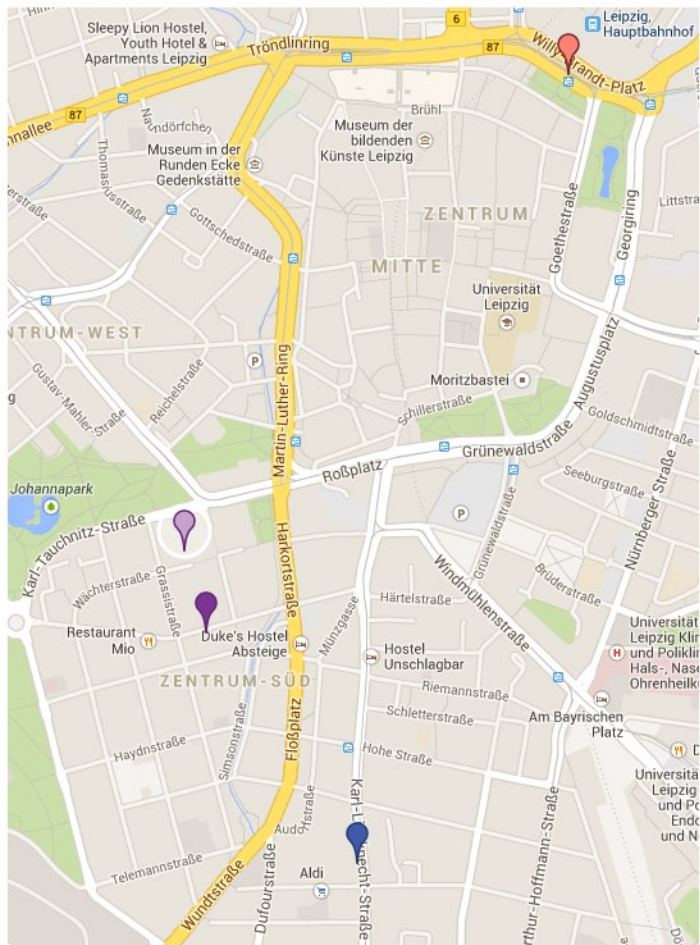
03:00 - 03:30 Coffee break

Panel V: (Un)familiar Encounters with Death

03:30 - 04:00 **Ádám Bence:** "The (un)Buried Child: Death and Decay in Sam Shepard's *Buried Child*"

04:00 - 04:30 **Hazal Çomak:** "Personification of Death in Kalayna Price's *Grave Witch*"

04:30 - 05:00 Conclusion



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