

PAMLA Special Session CFP

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Literature, Popular Culture Studies, Religious Studies and Theology, Urban History / Studies, Philosophy

“Lost in La-la-land, or, W(a/o)ndering in the City”

This special session invites panelists to get lost in the wild spaces still within densely inhabited places, and to consider Los Angeles as particularly productive of the aesthetic categories of the uncanny, the weird, and the eerie, using literature, film, or other media. What accidents may disrupt the expected flows of human, synanthropic, vehicular, commercial, data, or drug traffic? What falls through L.A.’s grid system, cutting across this city of *angles*? Papers may make excursions through theories of chaos, emergence, or complexity, or may entertain philosophies of the event, cityscaped drug “trips,” the relationship between wandering and wondering, slips of the feet, nocturnal topographies, the failed shortcut of the horror film, the spiritual pilgrimage, the celestial cities of “imaginal” realms glimpsed in mystical visions: All may involve the emergence of *the new*, whether wonderful or terrible, from within the already considered -- defamiliarizing, reenchanting, or revitalizing known places.

PAMLA (Pacific Ancient and Modern Language Association) 2022 will be in Los Angeles, CA. Please submit proposal abstracts through the PAMLA url included in this announcement as soon as possible, but definitely before the extended deadline of July10. See you in L.A.!

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