

[Pacific Rim English Studies Conference 2019](#)

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April 20, 2019 to April 21, 2019

Location:

Alaska, United States

Subject Fields:

Canadian History / Studies, Colonial and Post-Colonial History / Studies, Humanities, Indigenous Studies

Reframing Colonialism: Considering Languages, Cultures, and Identities

The effects of colonialism continuously shape the way we all live our everyday lives, making it one of the most challenging subjects in academia. Reframing colonialism opens conversations about indigeneity, decolonization, and critiquing colonial frameworks in our disciplines. The University of Alaska, Anchorage English Studies Department welcomes all scholars to help reframe colonialism at the Pacific Rim English Studies Conference on April 20th and 21st 2019. We welcome paper, panel, poster, and art submission for presentation at the conference. Some potential topics include:

- How are Indigenous communities revitalizing and engaging with decolonization?
- How has colonialism impacted various Indigenous languages around the world?
- In what ways can we see Indigenous cultures responding to the effects of colonialism?
- In what ways can we see connections between religion and colonialism?
- How has colonialism been challenged in literature, writing, rhetoric, linguistics, journalism, language studies, cultural studies, Indigenous studies, history, the arts, theatre and dance?
- How has colonialism affected animal populations around the globe?
- How has colonialism affected the relationship between Indigenous cultures and animals?
- When, where, how has colonialism affected locations?
- How have cultures and/or individuals navigated intersectionality between the dominant western society and an Indigenous one?

The Pacific Rim English Studies Conference welcomes two keynote speakers this year, Dr. Alanna Frost, from the University of Alabama Huntsville and Dr. Beth Leonard from the University of Alaska Anchorage. Both scholars consider languages, cultures, and identities in Canadian and Alaskan contexts. In "Literacy Stewardship: Dakelh Women Composing Culture," Dr. Frost focuses on literacy among Dakelh women in British Columbia, coining the term "literacy steward" to understand their literacy practices. Literacy stewards push back against the dominant literacy practices and support traditional linguistic and cultural practices. As the director and professor of the Alaska Native studies department at UAA, Dr. Leonard's work focuses on literacy practices, education, and the impacts of colonialism in Alaska Native cultures. We look forward to new spaces for future critical conversations about reframing colonialism at the 23rd annual Pacific Rim English Studies Conference.

What types of materials can be submitted?

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This year we are opening the theoretical doors and are inviting all humanities and arts disciplines to be a part of the Annual Pacific Rim English Studies Conference. As an English Studies conference we are aware that often our field of study crosses paths with other related fields and feel that it is important to address such crossroads, especially on such a topic as colonialism.

We are currently accepting proposals for:

- Paper Presentations
- Panel Presentations
- Round Table Discussions
- Poster Presentations
- Art Gallery
- Creative Readings

How do I submit a proposal? To submit a proposal please complete the Pac Rim 2019 google form no later than **January 25th 2019**: <https://goo.gl/forms/LZXsoSbakOA14oUI2>

Upon Acceptance: Upon acceptance you will receive an email confirming your participation in the conference. Later, you will receive another email with further details regarding the time and location of your presentation.

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