

# 2017 Program

## Society for the Academic Study of Social Imagery

All events take place in the University Center at the University of Northern Colorado.



### Friday, March 17, 2017

- 6:30 p.m.      **"PinUp! The Movie"** Join us for a FREE exclusive showing of this award-winning documentary! **Pikes Peak Ballroom** (west end of the Rocky Mountain Grand Ballrooms)
- 8:00-10:00 p.m.      **Reception, Columbine B.** Mingle with other SASSI participants and School of Communication faculty and students. Refreshments served. Early registration available.



**Saturday, March 18, 2017**

8:00 a.m.-on **Registration, Columbine B.** Coffee/Pastries served from 8-9am.  
Ice water, snacks, and soft drinks available throughout the day.



**SESSION I                      9:00-10:00 a.m.**

**I.A, Spruce A&B                      Visual, Verbal, and the Natural World**

**Chair:**                      David Caldwell, University of Northern Colorado

**Presenters:**

*Visual Storytelling and Brittany Maynard's "Beautiful Death"*  
David Staton, University of Northern Colorado

*Alces is Wonderland: Mythic Frontiers in Sturgeon v Frost*  
Lin Allen, University of Northern Colorado  
Dale Edwards, University of Northern Colorado

*Rebirthing Environmental Religion: Photography, the Landscape, and the Construction of Natural*  
Kathleen M. Ryan, University of Colorado Boulder

**I.B, Aspen A&B                      Rebirth and Social Identity**

**Chair:**                      James Murphy, Colorado Community College System

**Presenters:**

*Take the Shackles off My Feet: Coming Out as a "Born Again" Experience*  
Patrick M. Johnson, University of Colorado Boulder

*A Cross Cultural Comparison on the Concept of Rebirth: My Own Journey in Vippassana Center*  
Pin Chen, Front Range Community College

*The Culture of Mental Health Rhetoric, an Auto-Ethnographic Study*  
Caitlin Marsh, Diakonia Preschools

*Break 10:00-10:15 a.m.*



**SESSION II                    10:15-11:15 a.m.**

**II.A, Spruce A&B                    International Renderings**

**Chair:**                    Andrey Reznikov, Black Hills State University

**Presenters:**

*“The Third and Final Act” : The Trope of (Re)Birth of the Nation in a Post-World War I  
Lebanese Theater*

Ziad R. AbiChakra, University of Arizona

*The Politics of Cultural Performance and Documentary Film as Collaborative  
Citizenship*

Gino Canella, University of Colorado Boulder

Brian Quinn, University of Colorado Boulder

*Images of a Nation’s Struggle for Rebirth in Abubakar Gimba’s Footprints*

Halima Abdulsalam Sekula, Federal University Wukari

**II.B, Aspen A&B                    Fictional Characters, Fictional Worlds**

**Chair:**                    Pin Chen, Front Range Community College

**Presenters:**

*The Image of Rebirth in Mad Max: Fury Road*

Miranda Auer, Colorado State University

*The Rebirth of the Female Superhero: Kamala Khan’s Ms. Marvel*

Jacob L. Thomas, Idaho State University

*Recoding and Rebooting: Death and Rebirth Beyond Humanity in HBO’s Westworld*

Lillian Dickerson, Wichita State University

**II.C, Council Room**

**The New ‘Feral Family’: Its Typologies, Rewards, and Challenges to Western Civilization**

**Chair:** Sherilyn Marrow, University of Northern Colorado

**Panelists:** (All from the University of Northern Colorado)

Sherilyn Marrow, *(Introduction) The Feral Family: Evolution or Revolution?*

Rylee McHone, *The Feral Family and Eclectic Autonomy*

Chris Gallegos, *The Feral Family and Willful Disengagement*

Allyson Billings, *The Feral Family and Mutinous Disconnection*

Zachary St. Aubyn, *The Feral Family and Malevolent Oppression*

All: *(Summary); Limitations, Future Directions/Questions*

*Break 11:15-11:45 a.m.*

*You can buy lunch at Subway or Munchy Mart and bring it to the Plenary Session!*



**PLENARY SESSION      11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.**

**Columbine A: Behind the Scenes of "Pin Up! The Movie"**

In lieu of a keynote address, all SASSI attendees are invited to this special session. Meet cast and crew from the documentary and hear their behind the scenes story.

**Welcome/Introductions:** Thomas Endres, University of Northern Colorado

**Pin Up! Producer:** David Staton, University of Northern Colorado

**Pin Up! Director:** Kathleen M. Ryan, University of Colorado Boulder

*Break 12:45-1:00 p.m.*



**SESSION III      1:00-2:00 p.m.**

**III.A, Spruce A&B      Media and the Creation/Destruction of Democracy**

**Chair:**      Ralph Buechler, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

**Presenters:**

*The Ethic of Care and the Possibility of a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Rebirth of American Democracy*  
Heidi L. Muller, University of Northern Colorado

*1984 Reborn: Russian Media Create an Alternative Reality in the Minds of Russian People*  
Andrey Reznikov, Black Hills State University

*“Look! A Squirrel!”: How Trump Reshapes his Image Through Distraction*  
Elizabeth A. Skewes, University of Colorado Boulder

**III.B, Aspen A&B      Using Language to Reshape Public Perception**

**Chair:**      Patrick Johnson, University of Colorado Boulder

**Presenters:**

*Overcoming the Stigmatization of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)*  
Brandon Reall, University of Northern Colorado

*The Rebirth of Gendered Language: The Transgender Experience*  
Tammy Matthews, University of Colorado Boulder

*Rebranding Law Enforcement: Culture Change and Public Perception*  
Zachary St. Aubyn, University of Northern Colorado

**III.C, Council Room                      That 60's Panel: Musings and Works-in-Progress**

**Chair:**                      Thomas Endres, University of Northern Colorado

**Panelists:**                (All from the University of Northern Colorado)

Lin Allen, *Baseball's Rembrandt: Flood v Kuhn*

Cheryl Pawlowski and Melissa Donley, *The 60's Child and the Millennial*

Thomas Endres, *The Metal Lunch Box as Popular Culture Text*

*Break 2:00-2:15 p.m.*



**SESSION IV                      2:15-3:15 p.m.**

**IV.A, Spruce A&B                      Writing and Rewriting History**

**Chair:**                      Elizabeth A. Skewes, University of Colorado Boulder

**Presenters:**

*Rebirth Denied: Destruction and Loss in W. G. Sebald's Rings of Saturn and Austerlitz*  
Ralph Buechler, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

*Film and the Rebirth of the German Republic*  
David Caldwell, University of Northern Colorado

*From Sinner to Martyr: The Rebirth of Malcom X*  
Frederick D. Watson

**IV.B, Aspen A&B**

**Technology and Social Behaviors**

**Chair:** Miranda Auer, Colorado State University

**Presenters:**

*Nothing is Ever Free: A Rhetorical Critique of the Rebirth of Free to Play Video Games*  
Michael Register, Adjunct Faculty, Denver

*Modern Relationship Norms: How Social Media Has Changed How We Date and Breakup*  
Chris Gallegos, University of Northern Colorado

*Unleashing the Power of The Pokémon: Gamification as a Method for Increasing Participation in Social Behaviors*  
James Murphy, Colorado Community College System

**IV.C, Council Room**

**Death and Rebirth on The Vampire Diaries**

**Chair:** Natalie Stevens, University of Northern Colorado

**Panelists:**

Natalie Stevens, University of Northern Colorado  
Rylee McHone, University of Northern Colorado  
Kristen Adams, University of Northern Colorado



**Thank you! Plan on joining us for SASSI 2018 in Greeley, Colorado!**



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