

Defamiliarization

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08.08.2025

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM: Keynote Speaker

Dr. Eric Schmaltz – Assistant Professor in the Department of English at Dalhousie University, editor, poet, and intermedia artist

11:05 AM – 12:35 PM: Panel 1: Temporal Ecologies

Jovana Paramentic McMaster University	“Intergenerational Memory, Cycles of Trauma and Resistance in <i>No Language is Neutral</i> ”
Zahra Barzegar York University	“Environmental Estrangement and Indigenous Memory in Wah and Wong’s <i>beholden</i> ”
Isabella Lirette Dalhousie University	“Green Time: Quasi-Linear Functions in Michael Christie’s <i>Greenwood</i> ”

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM: Panel 2: Acts of Estrangement

Fahimeh Mehrnia University of Calgary	“‘This Is How You Like It’: Subverting Settler Expectations in Cliff Cardinal’s <i>William Shakespeare’s As You Like It, A Radical Retelling</i> ”
Martha Currie Queen’s University	“Defamiliarization in Reboot Cinema through Nostalgia Capitalism”
Helen Pinsent Dalhousie University	“Que Sera, Sera: Defamiliarizing the American Dream in John Griffin’s <i>From</i> ”

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10:00 AM – 11:30 PM: Panel 3: Undoing the System

Dylan Skurka York University	“Deciphering Ego Dissolution: A Husserlian Approach”
Kailey Cutillo Western University	“Defamiliarizing Patriarchy: Literary Aesthetics of Indigenous Matriarchy as Defamiliarization of Patriarchal Worldviews”
Lubna Salama McMaster University	“Just Desserts: On Culinary Poisoning as One of the Fine Arts”

12:30 PM – 2:30 PM: Panel 4: Lingual Landscapes

Kashfia Arif Western University	“Arendt in Wonderland”
Monique Attrux York University	“Settler Colonialism and Gentrification: Disappearing Chinatown”
Kateryna Rudenko Dalhousie University	“Stirring the Murky Water: A Ukrainian Autoethnography of Eerie Landscapes”
Wang Zi York University	“First Language Spoken (FLS)”

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM: Keynote Speaker

Dr. Hannah McGregor – Director and Associate Professor of Publishing at Simon Fraser University, podcaster, and author
