

St. John’s University Graduate English Conference Call for Papers

**Monstrous Spaces in Literature and Pedagogy**

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Stephen Sicari

Saturday, March 9, 2013

St. John’s University

D’Angelo Center

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Jamaica, New York 11439

We welcome papers concentrating on ‘spaces’ that could be considered ‘monstrous’ or are in some way capable of creating ‘monstrosity.’ Spaces may be real or imagined, literal or metaphorical, psychological or material. Literal places may include sites of trauma, genocide, or biological experimentation; dystopias; colonized regions; mythical lands; etc. Psychological spaces may include memory, neurosis, philosophy, etc. Monstrosity may be perceived as depravity; social or sexual taboos; hegemonic power in the form of racism, classism, sexism; etc. Papers may challenge, call to light, or reinforce perceptions of monstrosity.

Fields of study may include, but are not limited to:

* Literature
* Composition and rhetoric
* Pedagogy
* Film theory and technique
* Theory
* Creative writing
* Cultural Studies
* New media and digital culture

Multimedia will be available for Power Point presentations, music, or video. Abstracts (250 words or less) are due by January 11, 2013 to STJ.EnglishConference.2013@gmail.com. Please include your contact information and affiliation in your email and attach your abstract as a PDF or MS Word attachment. If submitting a panel, please include contact information for all panelists in the email, and attach an abstract for each individual paper as well as an abstract and title for the panel itself. You will receive notice via email by February 1, 2013.

Please see Dr. Mentz or Melissa Rampelli with any questions.