

# 29th annual Stony Brook English Graduate Conference

Friday, 24 February

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## Approaching Variation Between Readers and Reception

We are pleased to invite proposals for Stony Brook University's English Graduate Conference.

We read, like we walk, habitually. Both activities are organized through daily practice, embedded with texts and their environments, and so seem to be backgrounded as we focus on the objects aimed at rather than their trajectories. Reflection through literary criticism also often sees through reading and its environments to its results.

With this focus in mind, we invite proposals for papers and panels that query the act of reading, broadly. This includes historical and speculative studies of individual texts' reception, in addition to theoretical, interdisciplinary, and cultural research. Why does reading still matter today? What does reading mean in the contemporary context of multiplying media? How do we define reading between narrative and poetry?

Abstracts of 250 words should be submitted to [stonybrookenglishgradcon@gmail.com](mailto:stonybrookenglishgradcon@gmail.com) by 9 January 2017.