

CALL FOR PAPERS

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FROM THE EDGE:

TEXTS AND CONTEXTS

The University of St. Thomas English Graduate Program will host an interdisciplinary conference on **Friday, April 24, 2015**. While presentations on any topic will be considered, the graduate program particularly welcomes proposals for papers exploring aspects of the conference theme:

- Edges in literary or visual texts: cliffhangers, formal/thematic boundaries, material aspects of the page or picture plane.
- Transatlantic or transnational exchanges between writers, artists, viewers, or readers.
- Use of place, space, geography, and travel in literary, visual, and cultural texts.
- Interdisciplinary exchanges or collaborations between writers, artists, viewers, or readers.
- Negotiations across or between media or genres.
- Tweet fiction, flash fiction, and digital narratives.
- Postcards, snippets, telegraphs, and epistolary literatures.
- Reading “sideways” (as scholar Linda Hughes puts it): studying relationships between visual or textual elements across the page, canvas, journal, magazine, newspaper, or screen.
- Examinations of the broader contexts (e.g., landscapes, politics, gender concerns, class issues) evoked by literary, visual, or cultural texts.

We welcome all critical approaches, methods, and/or theoretical lenses. Proposals for whole panels (three presenters) or roundtables (four or five presenters) are welcome.

We also are seeking proposals for poster presentations that assert arguments about literary, visual, or cultural texts. Contact the conference organizer for samples and for details on submission format.

Finally, we are inviting proposals for a roundtable titled “I read the most amazing book recently!” Participants will share literary texts, critical studies, or theoretical works that took them to the edge and beyond—texts that truly transformed their thinking.

Email one-page proposals for individual papers, poster presentations, panels, or roundtables to the graduate conference coordinator: Andrea Gullixson (andrea.j.gullixson@gmail.com) by **February 15, 2015**.



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