

# Literary Explorations: Where Do Words Take You?



**Keynote speaker**

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**The LSU Department of French Studies  
12<sup>th</sup> Annual Graduate Student Conference  
February 23-24, 2018 9am-7pm  
The French House & Capitol Chamber**

## **Bienvenue!**

Welcome to the twelfth annual graduate student conference hosted by Louisiana State University's Department of French Studies! We are delighted that you have come to join us for a weekend of academic exchanges and social connections here in Baton Rouge. It is our hope that each of you is able to spend time enjoying and exploring our beautiful campus and surrounding areas while you are here.

We are especially honored to welcome our keynote speaker: Dr. Lawrence Kritzman of Dartmouth College. We hope you will join us in watching his presentation this weekend.

There are several events planned for the duration of our conference, including an opening potluck, a graduate student mini-social, and a closing banquet. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you need help with directions or transportation for any of these events.

We look forward to getting to know you this weekend, and we hope that you enjoy our conference as well as your time here at Louisiana State University.

*Un grand merci* for honoring us with your presence!

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# Lawrence Kritzman

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**Lawrence D. Kritzman** is Professor of French and Comparative Literature at Dartmouth College. He is the Pat and John Rosenwald Research Professor in the Arts and Sciences as well as the Acting Chair in the Comparative Literature Program. His areas of expertise include, but are not limited to, critical theory, Jewish Studies, 16th century French literature and culture, French intellectual and cultural history, 20th century European philosophy, literature and culture of the European Renaissance.



Lawrence Kritzman has been awarded multiple prestigious awards, including l'Ordre des Palmes Académiques, l'Ordre National du Mérite, and in 2012, he was named to the Legion d'Honneur. Kritzman has received various fellowships and awards both in the United States and in France. In 2006, he received the Modern Language Association's Aldo and Jeanne Scalgione prize for *The Columbia History of Twentieth Century French Thought* (Columbia University Press, 2006).

In the past, he has taught at Rutgers, Stanford, Harvard, and Michigan. He was also named in 2010 Directeur d'Etude at the Ecole des Hautes Etudes-Paris and was invited to teach at the University of Paris in 2016.

Kritzman is founder and director of the Institute of French Cultural Studies, whose major goal is to allow advanced graduate students and assistant professors in French to partake in contemporary cultural debates on both sides of the Atlantic, and to prepare them to supplement the programmatic needs of French departments in developing courses in interdisciplinary studies taught in French.

**February 23, 2018**  
**French House – Room 135**

9:30 a.m.     **Registration**  
**Café discussion** (participants only)

11:30 a.m.     **Welcome Address**  
Dr. Adelaide Russo  
Department of French Studies Chair

12:00 p.m.     **Panel I – Historical Voyagers**  
Moderated by Rachelle Mosing

“Marguerite de Roberval : du fait divers au mythe”  
Amine Bouhayat - The University of Chicago

“Chateaubriand and the United States”  
Edouard d’Espalungue d’Arros - Louisiana State University

"The European World Through the Eyes and Words of a French Louisiana Intellectual:  
*Alcée Fortier’s Voyage en Europe en 1895*”  
Jacqueline Sarro - Tulane University

1:30 p.m.     **Lunch**

3:00 p.m.     **Panel II – Movement and Identity**  
Moderated by Mallory Fuller

“Ecriture de l’errance / errance de l’écriture, source des identités nouvelles”  
Ikanga Ngozi Tchomba, Ph.D. - Baton Rouge Community College

“Journey to Oppression and Expression: Destination to Marginalization  
in Césaire’s *Notebook of a Return to the Native Land*”  
Jaime Elizabeth Johnston - Louisiana State University

“Des traces [re]croisées, camouflagées : du manque à la mémoire imaginaire”  
Patricia Hartland - University of Notre Dame

6:30 p.m.     **Potluck Dinner**  
Dr. Greg Stone’s House

**February 24, 2018**  
**Student Union – Capital Chamber 329**

9:00 a.m.     **Breakfast**

9:30 a.m.     **Panel III – Psychological Explorations**  
Moderated by Karine Belizar

“Hairsapes: locality and hair narrative in Fabienne Kanor’s *D’eaux douces*  
and Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie’s *Americanah*”  
Darina Pugachova - Louisiana State University

"Entre départ et arrivée, le voyage comme imaginaire de l'absence"  
Anne Rogé - University of Notre Dame

“Eliminating Borders through Reading”  
Jade Basford - Louisiana State University

11:00 p.m.     **CODOFIL celebration:** Cajun French  
Presented by Cathy Luquette  
Senior instructor of French and Cajun French, LSU

1:00 p.m.     **Lunch**

2:30 p.m. **Panel IV – Alternative Literatures**  
Moderated by Tomás Martin

“The Holocaust and Sexuality in Jonathan Littell's *Les Bienveillantes*: A Biopolitical Blueprint”  
John Patin - Louisiana State University

“Voyage dans le temps - Le velours des mots pour reconstituer et faire bruisser le passé”  
Mylène Pardoën – CNRS Maison des Sciences de l'Homme de Lyon Saint Étienne

“Les ailleurs de Tintin: Une poétique du voyage dans les albums d'Hergé”  
Marion Crackower – independent researcher

4:30 p.m. **Keynote Address**  
Dr. Lawrence Kritzman  
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6:30 p.m. **Banquet**  
Closing remarks by Dr. Adelaide Russo

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Finally, thank you to all of our conference panelists and moderators,  
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for making this a successful conference:  
mille mercis, bon voyage, et à la prochaine fois !

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