



**Clafin University**  
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**Eighteenth Clafin University Conference on  
Contemporary English and Language Arts Pedagogy in Secondary and  
Postsecondary Institutions  
October 30-31, 2019**

**Jonas T. Kennedy Health and Wellness Center**

**THEME: READING AND WRITING ACROSS THE CURRICULUM AND E-LEARNING**

**Sessions Schedule**

**Wednesday, October 30, 2019**

**8:30-9:00**

**Jonas T. Kennedy Health and Wellness Center lobby  
Registration, Check-in, Chat, Continental Breakfast**

**9:15** (Jonas T. Kennedy Health and Wellness Center new gym)

Welcome-----Dr Verlie Tisdale, Interim Vice Provost for Academic Affairs

The Occasion-----Dr. Peggy Ratliff, Professor of English, Clafin University

**9:30-10:45** (Jonas T. Kennedy Health and Wellness Center, Room 201)

**Session 1: INTERROGATING NARRATIVES OF TRAVEL AND IMMIGRATION**

Chair: Shurli Makmillen, Clafin University.

*"Teaching Travel Literature to Graduate Classes in India"*

Vijay Prakash Singh, Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence 2019-2020, Clafin University.

*"The Highway 64 Project: Teaching Travel Writing and Culture through a Rhetorical Lens"*

Michael Strickland, Elon University

*"Relaxing 'the Rich': Life and Experiences of an Immigrant Woman in Chimamanda Adichie's Americanah"*

Lami Adama, Clafin University

**9:30-10:45** (Jonas T. Kennedy Health and Wellness Center, Room 114)

**Session 2: ACCESS, TECHNOLOGY, AND DIVERSE STUDENT POPULATIONS**

Chair: Ramaier Sriram, Claflin University

*"E-Learning Begins on the Announcement Page"*

Mary-Lynn Chambers, Elizabeth City State University

*"Presence and Possibilities: Challenges and Possibilities of Visual Engagement of Students Via e-Learning Environment"*

Jonathan Evans, Claflin University, and David Andrews, Gonzolo Garza Independence High School

*"Online Courses and ADA Compliance"*

Kumkum Singh, Claflin University

*"Writing Class Retention: Early Term Diagnostics"*

David A. Hatch, University of South Carolina-Salkehatchie

**11:00-12:30** (Jonas T. Kennedy Health and Wellness Center new gym)

**LUNCHEON**

**1:00-2:00** (Jonas T. Kennedy Health and Wellness Center, Room 201)

**KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

Introduction of the Keynote Speaker—Dr. Hershell Proctor-Walden, Claflin University

"I Can Read, but I Struggle with Comprehension"—College Students who Struggle with Reading and Implications for University Faculty.

Dr. Anthony Graham, Provost, Winston-Salem State University, Winston-Salem, NC

**2:30-3:45** (Jonas T. Kennedy Health and Wellness Center, Room 201)

**Session 3: THE MEDIA AND THE MEDIEVAL IN CLASSROOMS**

Chair: Kerry D. Brackett, Miles College

*"The Medieval Matter: How Can We Make the Middle Ages Culturally Relevant to Students?"*

Janice Hawes, South Carolina State University

*"Fake News: Fact or Fiction and How to Tell the Difference"*

Jennifer Duck and Dorren Robinson, Belmont University

*"Literacy: Social Practice or Technology Detached from Context?"*

Andreas Herzog, Claflin University

**2:30-3:45** (Jonas T. Kennedy Health and Wellness Center, Room 114)  
**Session 4: SHOWCASING STUDENT RESEARCH**

Chair: Delphia Smith, Claflin University

*"A Research Perspective: Promoting Academic Success of Preservice Teachers in Reading and Writing Skills"*

Nan Li, with Amaria Schervington and Amanda Charley, Claflin University

*"The Benefits of Utilizing Gaming Technology in Education"*

Jevauni Malcolm, Claflin University

*"Cultivating Reading and Writing through the Lens of Social Media and E-Blogging"*

Frederick Uy, Claflin University

**4:00 – 5:00** (Jonas T. Kennedy Health and Wellness Center, Room 201)  
**Session 5: AMERICAN AUTHORS IN FOCUS**

Chair: Annette Grimes, Orangeburg Wilkinson High School

*"Minor Characters in Selected Plays: The Glass Menagerie, Zoo Story, The Buried Child, The Basic Training of Pavlo Hummel and Chapter II."*

Peggy Ratliff, Claflin University

*"Restructuring Composition"*

Alma Vinyard and Tamala Simmons, Clark Atlanta University

*"Welcome to Harlem: Utilizing Short Stories from Harlem Renaissance Writers for First Year Writing Courses at HBCUs"*

Kerry D. Brackett, Miles College

**Thursday, October 31, 2019**

**8:30 -9:15**

**Jonas T. Kennedy Health and Wellness Center lobby**  
**Registration, Check-in, Chat, Continental Breakfast**

**9:15-10:45** (Jonas T. Kennedy Health and Wellness Center, Room 201)  
**Session 6: STUDENT MENTORSHIP**

*"A Look at Credibility and Toni Morrison's The Source of Self-Regard"*

Round Table Chair: Dr. Delindus Brown, South Carolina State University

Panelists:

Jacquelyn L Walker

Oshia K Smalls

Marcus Trey Robertson

Norma J Murdaugh

Amya S. Carr

Charles C. Patton

Diamond Rush

Megan E Swirczek

Carena Grace Kelly

Danielle L. Beaufort

Mitzi Martinez

Tae Choice  
Alexandria M. Griffin

Ja' Aireka Evans

Deionne L. Miller  
Zeleria Simpson

**9:15-10:45** (Jonas T. Kennedy Health and Wellness Center, Room 114)

**Session 7: AFFECT AND ACADEMIC HABITS**

Chair: Lugenia Rochelle, Voorhees College

*"Native and Non-Native Speakers of English in the Developmental Writing Classroom: One Big Happy Family (?)"*

Anita R. Guynn, University of North Carolina at Pembroke

*"Identifying and Decreasing Anticipatory Fear in the Classroom"*

Katie Johnson and Anika Shumway, Brigham Young University

*"Comparing ComPAIR: Piloting Software for Student Peer Review of Writing."*

Shurli Makmillen, Kumkum Singh, and Muhammad Hossain, Claflin University

*"Communicative Competence: The Role of Grammar in Teaching English as a Second Language"*

Mohammed Marzuq Abubakari, University of Applied Management, Ghana

**11:00-12:15** (Jonas T. Kennedy Health and Wellness Center, Room 201)

**PLENARY SESSION ON E-LEARNING**

Introduction of the Plenary Speaker ---Dr. Zia Hasan, Vice-President for Planning, Assessment, and Information Services, Claflin University

Dr. Farhat Iftekharuddin, "E-Learning: The Need for Prudent Design and Implementation to Avoid Failures".

**12:30-2:00** (Jonas T. Kennedy Health and Wellness Center new gym)

**LUNCHEON**

**2:15-3:45** (Jonas T. Kennedy Health and Wellness Center, Room 114)

**Session 8: HOME AND AWAY—IN LITERATURE AND IN LIFE**

Chair: Tamara Miles, Orangeburg Calhoun Technical College

*"The Black Grandmother in the Closet: Manifestations of Afro-Mexican Culture"*

Margaret L Morris, South Carolina University

*"No Home Away From Home: How Homelessness Effects College Students"*

Otiana Thompson, Claflin University

*"Experiential learning and study abroad: Claflin students in Costa Rica July 2019"*  
Jason Youngkeit, Claflin University

*"Locked Out – The Limited Educational Opportunities for Formerly or Currently Incarcerated Individuals & Recommendations for South Carolina"*  
LaNishia Boyd, Claflin University

**2:15-3:45** (Jonas T. Kennedy Health and Wellness Center, Room 201)  
**Session 9: WRITERS ON CLAFLIN'S CAMPUS**

Chair: Tiana Wilder, Claflin University

*"Brick and Mortar,"*  
Dennis Bormann, Claflin University

*"A Broken Home"*  
Ronyee Jones, Claflin University

*"The Mango Orchard"*  
Vijay Prakash Singh, Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence 2019-2020, Claflin University

**5:30-7:00:** (Jonas T. Kennedy Health and Wellness Center new gym)  
**2019 Edisto River Review Launch Party**

Conference attendees are welcome to attend the celebratory launch of the 2019 *Edisto River Review*. This event will include readings from selected winners and contributors.

The editors are currently seeking student writers/ artists for poetry, prose, and cover art for the 2020 edition of the *Edisto River Review*.

**Refreshments will be served.**