



Reading Matters

Interdisciplinary Summer Conference

Wednesday, June 11

⚡ **1:30-2:30 – Session 1**

“Why Reading Matters at Troy University”

Panelists will include members of Troy University's Quality Enhancement Plan team to discuss the five year project which has focused on "Creating a Culture of Engaged Readers"

Hal Fulmer, Ivan Merritt, Maryjo Cochran, Priya Menon, Elaine Bassett

⚡ **2:45 to 5:00 – Session 2**

Chair: William Christopher Brown, University of Minnesota-Crookston

Engaging the Disengaged

Pat Warren, Troy University

Reading in Science

Benjamin Burrington, Troy University

Life Lessons and Reading

Bill Llewellyn, Troy University-Montgomery

Why W. Shakespeare shot M. Bulgakov? Or the importance of Literature in

Developing Second Language Literacy

Natalia Henderson, Troy University

Cross-cultural Conversation as Reading

Clinton Davis, Troy University

Thursday, June 12

⚡ **8:30 to 10:00 – Session 3**

Chair: Priya Menon, Troy University

Reading Warning Texts in a Globalizing World

Jennifer Rickel, University of Montevallo

Reading as an Act of Civic Engagement: The Importance of Teaching

Multicultural Literature in US Colleges

Bishnu Ghimire, Alabama State University

“To Make the Universal Language is Not a One Gentleman Job” ”:

Readership and Cultural Authority in G.V. Desani’s *All About H. Hatterr*

Jason Marley, Georgia Southwestern State University

Reading World Literature in the Dual-Credit Classroom

Hannah Swamidoss, Independent Scholar

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1:00 to 2:30 – Session 4

Chair: Hal Fulmer, Troy University

Rereading Film

[Johanna Schmertz, University of Houston-Downtown](#)

Reading, Music, and Social Work: Analysis and Implications for Practice with Diverse Populations

[Herbert I. Burson, Troy University](#); and [James L. Christensen, Auburn University-Montgomery](#)

Young Adult Literature in College

[Ryan Taylor, Troy University](#)

Relevance of Notation in Music

[Robby Gibson, Troy University](#)

Friday, June 13

10:15 to 11:45 – Session 5

Chair: Elaine Bassett, Troy University

What Linguistics Can Tell Us about Writing: An Interdisciplinary Approach

[Tatyana Slobodchikoff, Troy University](#)

Teaching Students to Identify and Utilize Keywords by Researching and Writing Personal Statements

[William Christopher Brown, University of Minnesota-Crookston](#)

Reading Textbooks (Yawn) can be Fun: Barriers can be a Teacher’s Best Friends

[Margaret Stephens, Alabama State University](#)

Using Semiotics to Better Read and Create Visuals

[Nicole Amare, University of South Alabama](#)

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