Call for Papers

The 2018 Annual pAGES & EFTSA Colloquium:

Outsiders and Aliens

In recent years, we have seen a rise in the politics of division which has led to increased instances of white power rallies, Islamophobia, and anti-Semitism, and the proliferation of racial, social, and political categorization. Instances of polarization have gained social traction, bringing to light the prominence of insider versus outsider mentalities and various cases of alienation. Societies throughout the world have navigated these issues in various ways and will continue to do so. How do we see anxieties about alienation manifested in artistic and cultural expressions and real-world experiences?

With this question in mind, the graduate and undergraduate student associations (pAGES, EFTSA) in the Department of English, Film, and Theatre invite submissions for our 2018 colloquium based on the theme Outsiders and Aliens, to be held February 1, 2018. We welcome short papers (5-7 min.), including critical and creative works and works-in-progress, exploring this concept from several perspectives, including but not limited to:

- representations of the Other; Orientalism and other forms of racism
- border crossings and boundaries; nationalism; regionalism; globalization;
- political systems of the past, present, and future creating/constructing alienation;
- genre expressions, ie. science fiction, gothic, posthumanism;
- representations in television, film, theatre, video games, social/online media;
- queer, trans, and feminist communities;
- disabled/crip communities:
- reconciliation and reparation;
- protests and vigils; activism;
- terrorism; fear; violence; structural violence.

Please send titles and short abstracts of 150 words or less to Grace Paizen and Sabrina Mark at pages.info@umanitoba.ca by Friday, December 22, 2017.