Staging American Dreams
Sixth Annual Conference Program

Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA
April 9-10, 2015

All sessions will be in the Troy Moore Library
25 Park Place, 23rd floor
Department of English, Georgia State University

Conference Organizers:
Audrey Goodman and Matthew Roudané, Department of English
Michelle Brattain, Department of History

Sponsored by the Georgia State University Foundation and the GSU Departments of History and English
Thursday, April 9

9:30–10 am
Welcome and coffee
Matthew Roudané, Audrey Goodman, & Michelle Brattain, Georgia State University, conference co-organizers

10–11 am
Plenary Address
Introduction: Michelle Brattain, GSU
Joseph Crespino, Jimmy Carter Professor of History, Emory University, “Dreams and Prophecies in Martin Luther King’s Atlanta”

11:15 am–12:45 pm
Session I. Dreams of Equality in the US/Global South
Chair/moderator: Joseph Crespino, Jimmy Carter Professor of History, Emory University
Rodrigo Nabuco de Araujo, Université Toulouse-Jean Jaurès, “The US as the Privileged Crossroads in the Transfers between Africa and the Americas in the Texts of Brazilian Sociologist Abdias do Nascimento”
James B. Haile, III, Dickinson College, “Staging American Demos”

Lunch Break

2:30-3:45 pm
Session II. Environmental Dreams: City and Wilderness
Chair/moderator: John Ford, Université Champollion, Albi
Pascal Bardet, Université Toulouse-Jean Jaurès, “White Heaps and Sugar Lumps: Crossing the Bridge to the City of Dreams in F. Scott Fitzgerald’s Fiction”
Christine Dualé, Université Toulouse I Capitole, “‘What happens to a dream deferred?’: Langston Hughes’s Poetic Vision of American Dreams”
Céline Rolland Nabuco, Université Toulouse-Jean Jaurès, “Wilderness and the American Dream of a New Man”

7 pm
Dinner at the home of Susan Ashley and Matthew Roudané
412 Sterling Street NE, Atlanta GA 30307

Friday, April 10

10-11 am
Session III. Rebellious Dreamers
Chair/moderator: Michelle Brattain, Georgia State University
Emeline Jouve, Université Toulouse-Jean Jaurès/Université Champollion, Albi, “Dreamers and Rebels: Idealism in Susan Glaspell’s Inheritors (1921)”
Mirja Lobnik, Georgia Institute of Technology, “Under the Spell of the Sensuous: Ecology and Resistance in the American Tropics”

Coffee break

11:45 am–1 pm
Session IV. Dream Waves and Dream Songs
Chair/moderator: Meredith Zaring, Georgia State University
Cathryn Halverson, University of Copenhagen, “Gertrude Stein and ‘Mildred’s Thoughts’”
Modesta Suárez, Université Toulouse-Jean Jaurès, “From the ‘American Dream’ to an American Awareness: Thomas Merton and Ernesto Cardenal at Gethsemany, KY”

1–1:30 pm
Concluding Remarks/New Conference Planning Session

Optional afternoon activity:
Excurison to National Center for Civil and Human Rights
100 Ivan Allen Jr. Blvd NW, Atlanta, GA 30313

7 pm
Dinner at Manuel’s Tavern
602 North Highland Ave., Atlanta GA 30307