April 11 -14, 2018 El Paso, Texas



2018 AHCT Symposium on Golden Age Theater



A Message from AHCT's President, Susan Paun de García

Welcome!

This year's conference will bring together more than 80 scholars and practitioners of Hispanic classical theater for what promises to be another stimulating encounter, our 34th year as an association. This year, we celebrate and honor the work of two members of distinction: AHCT founder Donald T. Dietz and life member Charles Ganelin. We celebrate their life's work in two special sessions dedicated to them. As well, in the general meeting, we will present the collections of essays that have been compiled and edited in their honor. Look for information about these volumes at the registration table.

If you are new to our conference, please make it a point to attend the welcome lunch on Friday. And don't miss the Friday evening reception provided by the Paisanos. Buses will take us to Ardovino's Desert Crossing, where we'll have a chance to socialize in a lovely setting.

We are delighted to welcome our Dietz plenary speakers, Paula Rodríguez and Sandra Arpa (Teatro Inverso), who will share with us their *Bodily Politics*, practical exercises to combine Baroque verse, contemporary dramaturgy, and performance. Teachers and aspiring/frustrated actors, take note.

Los Paisanos de El Chamizal, the marvelous, hardworking volunteers who support the Siglo de Oro Drama Festival, this year are launching the Nuevo Siglo Festival to bring contemporary Latinx theater to El Paso. They have devoted much time and energy to spread the word and to expand the festival to include a wide variety of cultural offerings to the greater El Paso community. The "nuevo" festival had its official kick-off last week, on April 7, and featured many exhibits and activities, some of which are still open. If you are looking for something to do Saturday afternoon, consider visiting one of the following:

El Paso Museum of Art. Exhibit: Papel Chicano Dos from collection of Cheech Marin.

El Paso Museum of History. Exhibit: What We Brought.

El Paso Archaeology Museum. The Missions of El Paso del Norte, whose history dates from The Pueblo Revolt of 1680.

Centennial Museum and Chihuahuan Desert Gardens, 500 W. University Avenue, UTEP campus.

This edition of he Chamizal "Siglo" festival will offer new approaches to canonical works. Audiences on Wednesday April 11 will enjoy Jazz Vilá Project's *La vida es sueño*. On Friday, April, 13, Teatro Inverso's *Rosaura* will offer a different take on the story, from the point of view of the title character. On Thursday April 12, Telón de Arena presents their adaptation of Lope's *Fuenteovejuna*. And to close out the festival, on Saturday April 14, Efe Tres returns to offer *Entremeses cervantinos bululuados*, adaptations of "El viejo celoso," "El retablo de las maravillas," and "La Cueva de Salamanca," each performed by a single actor.

This year marks my last as president of the AHCT. Since 2012, it has been my privilege to work with the members of the board each year in El Paso, to meet new members and to greet the faithful. Let me take this opportunity to thank the board and to recognize their hard work and dedication to the mission of the AHCT. Thank you, new and faithful members here in El Paso this year. And thanks go to Bruce Burningham, who will take over the presidency in January. We will be in good hands. There are many AHCT volunteers who help to make our conference a success. Please recognize their efforts when you encounter them throughout your time in El Paso. And, of course, "favor de divertirse."





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Wednesday, April 11, 2018

9:00-12:00 AHCT Officers' Meeting

Room: Del Norte I

1:30-5:00 AHCT Board Meeting

Room: Del Norte I

6:15 sharp Bus departs Hilton Garden Inn for Chamizal National Memorial Theatre

7:00 Siglo de Oro Spanish Drama Festival, Chamizal National Memorial

La vida es sueño by Calderón de la Barca; performed by **Jazz Vila, Cuba** Roundtable discussion* following the play, moderated by Judith Caballero

Thursday, April 12, 2018

Registration table open 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Session I (A): 9:00-10:30 – Room: Del Norte I

Practicum: Taking the Trick by Teamwork: A Methodology of Translation and an

English-Language Debut for La Capeadora

Moderator: Ben Gunter, Theater with a Mission

Participants: Ian Borden, Johnny Carson School of Theater and Film, University of

Nebraska, Lincoln; Ben Gunter, Theater with a Mission; David Pasto, Oklahoma City University; Susan Paun de García, Denison University;

Kerry Wilks, Wichita State University

Session I (B): 9:00-10:30 - Room: Del Norte II

Moderator: David Reher, University of Chicago
9:00-9:30 "En un infierno los dos: Katherine of Aragon and Anne Boleyn in Shakespeare and Fletcher's *Henry VIII* and Calderón's *La cisma de Inglaterra*." Courtney Herber, University of Nebraska, Lincoln
9:30-10:00 "Or Should He Say 'Don Juan, ¿español?' "Cayce Elder, University of Kansas
10:00-10:30 "Fuenteovejuna de Lope de Vega y El dilema del prisionero." Fernán Gómez-Monedero, University of Georgia

Session I (C): 9:00-10:30 - Room: Del Norte III

Moderator: Rob Turner, University of South Dakota
9:00-9:30 "La creación del mundo on the Golden Age Stage." Jonathan Thacker, University of Oxford
9:30-10:00 "The World on Stage: Alonso Ramón's Global Imagination." Amy Sheeran, Johns Hopkins University
10:00-10:30 "The Physics of Theater in El Teatro de los Teatros." John Slater, University of California, Davis

Session II (A): 10:45-12:15 – Room: Del Norte I

Roundtable: Social Justice in Spanish Comedia Moderator: Erin Cowling, MacEwan University

Participants:

"The Voice of the Voiceless. Towards Equality and Social Justice in Sor Juana's Loas and Autos." Francisco J. López Martín, Denison University

"El Trato de Argel and the Immigrant Crisis." Mina García-Soormally, Elon University

"Morisco Justice in Calderón's *Amar después de la muerte.*" Sharon Voros, United States Naval Academy

"Utopian Divorce: *El descasamentero* by Salas Barbadillo." Tania de Miguel Magro, West Virginia University

Session II (B): 10:45-12:15 – Room: Del Norte II

Moderator: Chris Gascón, SUNY Cortland

10:45-11:15 "And We All Fall Down: The 30 Years War on the Spanish

Stage." Robert Turner, University of South Dakota

11:15-11:45 "Performing Abdication, or How to Transform Charles V

from a Lionized Emperor to Humble Mortal, in Two Comedias."

Christopher Oechler, Gettysburg College

11:45-12:15 "Succession Solutions? The Nephew-King Paradigm in Bances

Candamo's El esclavo en grillos de oro and La piedra filosofal."

Caitlin Brady Carter, Fort Hays State University

Session II (C): 10:45-12:15 - Room: Del Norte III

Moderator: Philip Allen, University of Florida

10:45-11:15 "Theatrical Innovation: Performing Opera in Cervantes's *Don*

Quixote." Chad Gasta, Iowa State University

11:15-11:45 "Contextualizing Extant Music in Selected Plays by Lope de Vega."

Yuri Porras, Texas State University

11:45-12:15 "The Dichotomy of Truth: Singing Characters on Stage in

Early Modern Spain and England."

Laura Ramiro Moreno, Purdue University

12:30-1:30 Lunch Break

1:30-3:00 2018 Donald T. Dietz Plenary Speaker – Room: Del Norte I & II

Paula Rodríguez and Sandra Arpa (Teatro Inverso)

"Del verso clásico a la performance : Una nueva forma de habitar los clásicos. Introducción a nuestra metodología *Bodily Poetics* y ejercicios prácticos para combinar el verso barroco, dramaturgia contemporánea y performance."

Presenter: Susan Paun de García, Denison University

Paula Rodríguez and **Sandra Arpa** began their career together in 2011. They formed a collaboration in order to explore new scenic languages for the adaptation of Spanish Classics, taking special interest in the Spanish Golden Age. Both actresses have participated in courses with masters from The SITI Company, Theatre du Soleil, and have trained at Royal Central School of Speech & Drama or RESAD. They specialise in physical theatre (Anthropological theatre, Suzuki, Viewpoints) as well as text work. They have also worked together in several Theatre productions including *En esta vida todo es verdad y todo es mentira* at the CNTC National Classical Spanish Company.

Session III (A): 3:45-5:15 – Room: Del Norte II

Moderator:	Laura Ramiro Moreno, Purdue University
3:45-4:15	"Mujer y violencia en el teatro del Siglo de Oro." Reina Ruiz, University of Arkansas
4:15-4:45	"Vivificando a la villana: Caracterización y performance de doña Inés en la adaptación contemporánea de <i>La villana de Getafe</i> , de Lope de Vega." Phillip Allen, University of Florida
4:45-5:15	"Polémica, erotismo y horizonte de expectativas en la puesta en escena de <i>El burlador de Sevilla</i> , de Darío Facal." Mar Gámez García, University of Cincinnati

Session III (B): 3:45-5:15 - Room: Del Norte III

Moderator:	Harley Erdman, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
3:45-4:15	"Older Actresses on the Early Modern stage: Roles and Challenges." Barbara Mujica, Georgetown University
4:15-4:45	"(Un)Masking a Giant: Synchronous Duality in the late St. Christopher Comedias." Anthony Grubbs, Michigan State University
4:45-5:15	"Alma as Everynun: Performing Union in Sor Francisca de Santa Teresa's <i>Coloquios</i> for the Professions of Sor Rosa, Sor Manuela Petronila, and Sor Mariana." Valerie Hegstrom, Brigham Young University

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7:00 Siglo de Oro Spanish Drama Festival, Chamizal National Memorial Fuenteovejuna by Lope de Vega; performed by Telón de Arena, México Roundtable discussion* following the play, moderated by Reina Ruiz

2018 AHCT Symposium Program

Friday, April 13, 2018

Registration table open 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Session IV (A): 9:00-10:30 - Room: Del Norte I

Roundtable: Dressed for Success:Comedia Costume Construction

Moderator: Emily Tobey, Miami University

Participants: Valerie Hegstrom, Brigham Young University; Lauren Roark, Beloit

College; and Emily Tobey, Miami University

Session IV (B): 9:00-10:30 - Room: Del Norte II

Moderator: Charles Patterson, Western Washington University

9:00-9:30 "Lope en Televisión: un mito al alcance de todos"
Esther Fernández, Rice University

9:30-10:00 "Convention at the Service of the Unconventional: Magis
Theater Company's 2017 Production, Calderon's Two Dreams."
Christopher Gascón, SUNY Cortland

10:00-10:30 "Espacios teatrales en *El Coloquio de Timbria*, de Lope de Rueda."

Carlos Urani Montiel, Universidad Autónoma de Ciudad Juárez

Session IV (C): 9:00-10:30 - Room: Del Norte III

Moderator: Mina García-Soormally, Elon University
9:00-9:30 "Staging Strikes and the Morisco Problem in Valencia." Melissa Figueroa, Ohio University
9:30-10:00 "Crypto-Judaism and Crypto-Christianity in Ruiz de Alarcón's Anticristo." Ben Post, Murray State University
10:00-10:30 "Society's Shade: Ghosts and Ghost Belief in the Golden Age Theater." Sean Gullickson, University of Kansas

Session V (A): 10:45-12:15 – Room: Del Norte I

Moderator: Glenda Y. Nieto Cuebas, Ohio Wesleyan University
 10:45-11:15 "La doble función del ambiente festivo en *Mujer*, *llora y vencerás*, de Calderón de la Barca." María del Pilar Chouza-Calo, Central Michigan University
 11:15-11:45 "Mutual Misunderstanding and the Elusive Fourth Wall in Elena Garro's *La dama boba*." Daryl Spurlock, Indiana University
 11:45-12:15 "The Four Elements, Monarchical Symbolism, and Calderón's

Session V (B): 10:45-12:15 - Room: Del Norte II

Moderator: Ian Borden, Johnny Carson School of Theater and Film, University of Nebraska–Lincoln
 10:45-11:15 "Approaches to Adaptation in Performance: Merging Characters in Tirso de Molina's *Jealous of Herself*." Sarah Grunnah, University of Oxford
 11:15-11:45 "Comedias Sueltas and Performance History." Ronna Feit, SUNY
 11:45-12:15 "Who is the Actator? A New Dramatic Term, Unveiled through Comedia Studies." Ellen Frye, William Paterson University of New Jersey

Visual Spectacle." Timothy Foster, West Texas A&M University

Session V (C): 10:45-11:45 - Room Del Norte III

Moderator: Rob Bayliss, University of Kansas
 10:45-11:15 "Parallel Characters, Perpendicular Realities: La vida es sueño and La mayor hazaña de Portugal." Jonathan Wade, Meredith College
 11:15-11:45 "La cruz y el caballero: Albert Camus' Translation and Production of La devoción de la Cruz and El caballero de Olmedo." Jared White, Buena Vista University

12:30-1:30 Lunch Break or Leadership Development Working Lunch: Chairing a Committee – Room: Del Norte I

As part of AHCT's dedication to the academic and professional development of its members, we are initiating a new workshop series at our conference on leadership. Taking on leadership roles can be scary, but they are an important part of your professional development. Learn how to chair a committee on your campus at this exclusive workshop led by AHCT board member, Laura Vidler. Lunch will be partially subsidized by the Association. Seats are limited! Sign up and pay for your lunch (\$5) at the conference registration table.

Session VI (A): 1:30-3:00 – Room: Del Norte I

Roundtable: Social Justice in Adaptation and Performance

Moderator: Melissa Figueroa, Ohio University

Participants:

"Systemic Oppression in *El coloquio de los perros*." Glenda Y. Nieto-Cuebas, Ohio Wesleyan University

"A Social Justice Framing of the Comedia: Efe Tres Teatro's *El prínicipe ynocente* Adaptation." Erin Cowling, MacEwan University

"Efe Tres Teatro's Productions." Fernando Villa, EfeTres Teatro

"The Poetics of Tragedy and Justice in Vélez de Guevara's *La serrana de la Vera* (1613)." Harrison Meadows, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

"Chirinos and Chanfalla go to America: Social Justice in Adaptations of *El retablo de las maravillas*." Charles Patterson, Western Washington University

Session VI (B): 1:30-3:00 - Room: Del Norte II

Moderator:	Chad Gasta, Iowa State University
1:30-2:00	"Esse Globo Turquesado: Ana María Caro's Constantinople: Gender Roles and Orientalism." David Reher, University of Chicago
2:00-2:30	"Imperial Geographies: Poetics of the Atlantic in Juan Ruiz de Alarcón's <i>El semejante a si mismo</i> ." Carl Wise, College of Charleston
2:30-3:00	"The Comedia and Empire, Then and Now." Rob Bayliss, University of Kansas

Session VI (C): 1:30-2:30 - Room: Del Norte III

Moderator: Judith Caballero, Millsaps College

1:30-2:00 "Effacing Deformity: An Author de Comedias' Strikethroughs of Juan de

Alarcón's Las paredes oyen." Pablo García Piñar, Colby College

2:00-2:30 "Asuntos públicos y amores particulares en *La estatua de*

Prometeo de Calderón."

David J. Hildner, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Session VII (A): 3:15-4:45 – Room: Del Norte I

Roundtable: Reading, Teaching, and Performing Sacred and Secular Plays: A Session

Honoring Donald T. Dietz

Moderator: Donald R. Larson, Ohio State University

Participants:

"Staging Allegory: The Four Virtues in María de San Alberto and Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz." Sharon Voros, U.S. Naval Academy

"Staging Allegory: Lope's Two Extant Plays on Teresa de Ávila" Barbara Mujica, Georgetown University

"Mentoring Spanish Theater Performance and Service Learning: The BYU Spanish Golden Age Theater Project's Production of Guillén de Castro's *El Narciso en su opinión*." Valerie Hegstrom, Brigham Young University

"Performance as Discovery: Questioning Quevedo's Entremeses and Zayas's *La traición en la amistad.*" Amy Williamsen, The University of North Carolina, Greensboro

"The Dramatic Stagecraft of Calderón: Stage Movement and Proxemic Relations in *El alcalde de Zalamea*." Robert Johnston, Northern Arizona University

Session VII (B): 3:15-4:15 - Room: Del Norte II

Moderator:	Catherine Larson, Indiana University, Bloomington
3:15-3:45	"A Multiliteracies Approach to Teaching in the Spanish Comedia." Jaime Cruz-Ortiz, Kennesaw State University
3:45-4:15	"Keys to Condensation." Ben Gunter, Theater with a Mission

Session VII (C): 3:45-4:45 – Room: Del Norte III

Moderator: Tania de Miguel Magro, West Virginia University

3:45-4:45 "The Fabulous Johnny Frog!"

Jason Yancey, Grand Valley State University



A shadow puppet play based on Juan Rana adapted by Jason Yancey



4:50-5:30 Graduate Students Special Reception – Room: Del Norte II

Graduate students are invited to a special reception with the AHCT Officers and

Board Members.

6:00 sharp Bus #1 departs Hilton Garden Inn for Chamizal National Memorial Theatre

6:30 sharp Bus #2 departs Hilton Garden Inn for Chamizal National Memorial Theatre

7:00 Siglo de Oro Spanish Drama Festival, Chamizal National Memorial*

Rosaura performed by Teatro Inverso, Spain

*No roundtable discussion



After the performance, join us for a **reception**, courtesy of **Los Paisanos del Chamizal** at **Ardovino's Desert Crossing Restaurant** (#1 Ardovinos Drive, Sunland Park, New Mexico, 88063. Tlf. 575- 589-0653). The bus will pick AHCT members outside the Chamizal auditorium and drive them directly to the restaurant and back to the Hilton after the reception. **The reception will end at 11:30 pm.**

Important: We won't be stopping at the Hilton after the performance. For those who won't be attending the reception at *Ardovino's Desert Crossing Restaurant*, they should arrange their own transportation to the Hilton after the play (Uber, Lyft, taxi, etc.)

Saturday, April 14, 2018

Registration table open 8:30 a.m. - 10 a.m.

8:30-10:00 AHCT Membership Meeting – Room: Del Norte I & II

(All members are encouraged to attend!)

In addition to the meeting, we will celebrate the careers of Donald T. Dietz and Charles Ganelin, we will present the 2018 Hesse Graduate Student Travel Grant, and we will present the following two edited collections: *Making Sense of the Senses: Current Approaches in Spanish Comedia Criticism.* Eds. Yolanda Gamboa and Bonnie Gasior. Juan de la cuesta, 2017 and *Religious and Secular Theater in Golden Age Spain. Essays in Honor of Donald T. Dietz.* Eds. Susan Paun de García and Donald R. Larson. Peter Lang, 2017.

Session VIII (A): 11:00-12:30 - Room: Del Norte I

Moderator: Tim Foster, West Texas A&M University

11:00-11:30 "'Babel del siglo': Calderón and the Drama of Linguistic

Confusion." Kathryn Vomero Santos, Texas A&M University,

Corpus Christi

11:30-12:00 "The Tangible/Intangible Dialectic in La dama

duende Towards (Im)possible Performances of Calderón."

Eduardo Paredes Ocampo, Wolfson College, University of Oxford

12:00-12:30 "La bancarrota del lenguaje: Dinero y Palabra

en *La verdad sospechosa*, Juan Ruiz de Alarcón." José Luis Suárez Morales, Indiana University

Session VIII (B): 11:00-12:30 - Room: Del Norte II

Roundtable: The Senses in the Comedia

Moderators: Bonnie Gasior, California State University, Long Beach and Yolanda

Gamboa, Florida Atlantic University

Participants: Bonnie Gasior, California State University, Long Beach; Yolanda

Gamboa, Florida Atlantic University; Steven Wagschal, Indiana

University, Bloomington; Bruce Burningham, Illinois State University;

and Charles Ganelin, Miami University

Session VIII (C): 11:00-12:30 - Room: Del Norte III

Moderators: Harley Erdman, University of Massachusetts, Amherst and

Gina Kaufmann, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

"Luis Vélez de Guevara's *The Mountain Girl from La Vera*: Staged Reading of a New Translation." Harley Erdman, University of Massachusetts, Amherst and Gina Kaufmann, University of Massachusetts, Amherst



1:30-3:00 AHCT Banquet -Room: Del Norte II & III

(Tickets for pre-ordered lunches will be given to you at the Registration Table upon check-in. Please remember to bring your ticket to the banquet)

6:15 sharp Bus departs Hilton Garden Inn for Chamizal National Memorial Theatre
National Memorial Theatre

7:00 Siglo de Oro Spanish Drama Festival, Chamizal National Memorial *El Merolico: Entremeses Bululuados* performed by **EFE TRES Teatro, Mexico**Roundtable discussion* following the play, moderated by Tania de Miguel Magro

Tickets for performances at Chamizal National Memorial Theatre that you ordered online prior to the conference will be available for pick up at the registration table. If you did not reserve, you may be able to get these at the theater prior to the show. Please inquire at the registration table.

*We have planned to host a **roundtable** at the Chamizal Auditorium after each performance (Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday), however they may be cancelled due to time constrains or by decision of the Director.



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- Harassing photography or recording
- Sustained disruption of talks or other events
- Inappropriate physical contact
- Unwelcome sexual attention
- Advocating for, or encouraging, any of the above behaviors

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*Sources for Anti-Harrassment language: http://geekfeminism.wikia.com/wiki/Conference_anti-harassment and http://alamw14.ala.org/statement-of-appropriate-conduct