

Groundswell

A Conference of Student Work



Friday, June 6th 2025

8:30am-12:30pm

Cascade Campus

*Moriarty Arts Humanities
Building 104 Auditorium*



**Portland
Community
College**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Cascade Campus Map: pcc.edu/map/#ca

Breakfast, Coffee, & Tea – 8:30am

Attendees are welcome to enjoy light breakfast, snacks, coffee, and tea outside of Moriarty 104 Auditorium in the Moriarty Arts Humanities Building (MAHB).

Opening Ceremony – 8:45am

Opening remarks in MAHB 104

Melissa Manolas, *Groundswell Conference Coordinator*

Session 1 – 9:45-10:30am

PANEL 1: *Our Town – explorations in Portland* in MAHB 104

PANEL 2: *Words on Words – language, meaning, & social justice* in Terrell Hall (TH) 100

PANEL 3: *Second Thoughts – gaining new perspective through reflection* in TH 112

PANEL 4: *Let Me Pick Your Brain – mental health, music, and memory* in TH 201

PANEL 5: *Let's Do Lit Crit – deep dives into literature* in TH 202

Session 2 – 10:45-11:30am

PANEL 1: *The American Dream...deferred? – perspectives on the immigrant experience* in MAHB 104

PANEL 2: *Trees, Trees, and more Trees – encounters in and with nature* in TH 100

PANEL 3: *Grading Education – new ways of thinking about learning* in TH 112

PANEL 4: *Plants and Animals – nature and healing* in TH 201

PANEL 5: *Effects of Trauma on Family Structures* in TH 202

Light refreshments – 11am-1pm

Please enjoy some light refreshments being served in the hallway outside of Moriarty 104 Auditorium in the MAHB.

Session 3 – 11:45am-12:30pm

PANEL 1: *Submit to Us – editing a student literary magazine*
in MAHB 104

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FACILITATOR: Lorena Alves Carvalho Nascimento

Portland Street Art: Mapping cultural landscapes values in Pacific Northwest neighborhoods

**Alex Clasen,
Libby Martin,
Rebecca Smith**

Net Zero

Abbey Killion

PANEL 2: *Words on Words – language, meaning, & social justice* in TH 100

FACILITATOR: Liz Smith

The Effects of AAVE in the Courtroom

Violet Clyne

What is Poetry?

Jayden Benjamin-Cypress Grey

Language Doesn't Reinforce Societal Gender Norms and Biases

Olga Yasinskaya

PANEL 3: *Second Thoughts – gaining new perspective through reflection* in TH 112

FACILITATOR: Karah Kemmerly

Clarity in Chaos

Paris Spence

Procrastination in Academics

Esme Smith

God Themselves

Maddi Hoff

PANEL 4: *Let Me Pick Your Brain – mental health, music, and memory* in TH 201

FACILITATOR: Veronica Sandoval

Mind and Music, Episode 1

Catie Eubank

How Can Trauma Impact Memory?

Autumn Gonzalez

The Possible Effects of Childhood Trauma on Those with ADHD

Elexzia Goldsby

PANEL 5: *Let's Do Lit Crit – deep dives into literature* in TH 202

FACILITATOR: Samm Erickson

The Specialist's Hat: A Literary Criticism

Jenn Stiger

The Watercourse Way

Josh Hutchinson

Explication Essay

Skylar Tate

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From Fruit Fields to the Milky Way: A Migrant Worker's Journey to Space

Maria Barreiro

Memento Mori

Katherine Bryant

My American Dream

Chan Jans

PANEL 2: *Trees, Trees, and more Trees – encounters in and with nature* in TH 100

FACILITATOR: Danica Fierman

Forests of the Pacific Northwest

Liv Allison & Esme Smith

She Touches The Trees

Thu-Ha Cao

Native American interactions with, and influence on, the Siuslaw Forests of Oregon

Fiona Siddall

PANEL 3: *Grading Education – new ways of thinking about learning* in TH 112

FACILITATOR: Karah Kemmerly

The Erosion of Creativity

Finnley Barnett

AEDR - Education for Everyone

Eleanor Raine

Rethinking College: A Cultural Shift in Higher Education?

Paris Spence

PANEL 4: *Plants and Animals – nature and healing* in TH 201

FACILITATOR: Lara Messersmith-Glavin

Botulism and the Beached Whale: A Clostridium Botulinum story

Joy Shaw

Digging Up Roots

Gabriel Cain

To Kingdom Come

Kiddo Wybie

Moss, Lichen, Mushrooms, and Bones: Indigenous Uses

Ana Anthony

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PANEL 5: *Effects of Trauma on Family Structures* in TH 202

FACILITATOR: Andy Zboralski

How did the Vietnam War affect my loving Grandpa?

Kid

We the Imprisoned

Alisa Gonzalez

Heidi Van Vleet

Olga Yasinskaya

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Alchemy Literary Magazine (Sylvania)

**Sam Galster, Kamea Gray,
Anthony Guerra, Ben Meulners,
Sharon Selberg, Svetlana Tomlin**

Bellwether Review (Rock Creek)

Adam Idris & Marie Rubio

The Pointed Circle (Cascade)

**Saoirse Chance, Casey Elder,
Kiddo Wybie, El Mortenson**

PANEL 2: *Under the Influence – drugs and their impacts* in TH 100

FACILITATOR: Jodi Naas

*Portland's Helping Hand to the Homeless
Is Slack and Limp*

John Workman

AgonizingOverGLP-1Agonists

Betsy Kniffin

A Smile of Artificial Dopamine

Rick Beltz

PANEL 3: *Two Truths and a Lie – misinformation and misrepresentation* in TH 112

FACILITATOR: Lara Messersmith-Glavin

*Transcending Stigma: A History of Transgender
Misrepresentation in TV and Film*

Ari Dayton

Navigating the Animal Kingdom of Truth

Sarah D'Hondt

Exposing the Real Truth

Amalia Hromco

PANEL 4: *iThink therefore iAm – technology and humanity* in TH 201

FACILITATOR: Calin Anderson

"The Valedictorian" N.K Jemisin

Jay Eichelberger

At a Loss for Words

Savannah Pozarycki

"Bite of Eighty-Seven" and "Great Robot Pizza Wars":

Bean Sanderson

*The Duality of Animatronics as Children's Entertainment
and Horror Icons*

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FACILITATOR: Luciana Diniz

Advice for When Life Feels Overwhelming

Yaoxue Chen

*Learning a New Language: Advice for
Introverted Students*

Norma Contreras

Help! I Can't Remember That

Phanutchapa Virasorn

THANK YOU!

Alex De La Cruz

Jennifer Ernst

Luciana Diniz

Alison Apotheker

Jessica Lee

Lutgarda Cowan

Allison Gross

Jess Nguyen

Manar Alattar

Andrea Hills

Jess Salazar

Martha Bailey

Andrew Zboralski

Jodi Naas

Megan Faust

Andrew Cohen

Justin Rigamonti

Megan Savage

Anneke Schoneveld

Karah Kemmerly

Misty Bouse

Caitlin Dwyer Young

Karen Embry

Natalie Mix

Calin Anderson

Karen Paez

Paige Hairston

Chris Nordquist

Karen Sanders

Rachana Son

Chris Rose

Kelly Connor

Ron Ross

Danica Fierman

Kelly LeFave

Sally Badawi

Erin Erogenbright

Lara Mendecino

Samm Erickson

Ezra Carlsen

Lara Messermith-Glavin

Sandy Neps

Hannah Ahern

Laura Wilson

Selene Ross

Holly Cullom

Linda Stewart

Tara Gabsi

Jason Rizos

Liz Smith

Veronica Sandoval

Jeff Jaekle

Lorena Alves Carvalho
Nascimento

Yvette Rosales