



# THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR CONTEMPORARY LITERARY STUDIES

## Welcome to the BACLS April newsletter

The BACLS newsletter shares calls for papers, job listings, recent publications and events (including conferences, talks, and exhibitions) relating to Contemporary Literary Studies in Britain and around the world.

Items for upcoming newsletters should be sent to the BACLS Publicity Officer, Zoe Hope Bulaitis at [zoebulaitis@gmail.com](mailto:zoebulaitis@gmail.com) or via messaging [@BACLS\\_official](https://twitter.com/BACLS_official) Twitter account.

**Please send items by 20th May 2021 for inclusion in the next mailing.**

BACLS is also on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/BACLS) and [Twitter](https://twitter.com/BACLS_official) – please feel free to follow for updates and to share formal and informal announcements with BACLS members and the wider contemporary studies community.

## Call for papers / articles / contributions

Call for applicants: [NTU-Nottingham Contemporary Critical Poetics Summer School](#). Online, 25 June – 3 July 2021. Further details about this event and how to participate are available [here](#). Deadline for applications 9 May.

[BACLS What Happens Now? Virtual Conference 2021](#). Online, 2-3 September 2021. We are delighted to invite abstract submissions for BACLS-WHN 2021, including proposals for individual papers and for three- or four-person panels. Call for papers [here](#), the deadline for abstracts 18 June.

[Transmodern Literatures of\(f\) the Limit](#). University of Zaragoza (Spain), 30 March - 1 April 2022. See the attached call for papers, the deadline for abstracts 30 September.

## Events

[The New Feminist Literary Studies](#) launch event and flash papers. Online. 7 May, 3 pm - 5.45 pm. Schedule of papers and Team link in attached.

Urban Intersections: Class, Race, Gender and Gentrification. 7 May, 2pm - 5.30pm. Online symposium on post-war and contemporary literature's engagements with gentrification and other aspects of urban change. Register [via Eventbrite](#).

BACLS Writing Retreat and Discord Launch: if you want to participate in a day-long virtual writing retreat end of May/beginning of June that will hopefully kick off many more future BACLS writing events, feel free to enter your availability via [this Doodle poll](#). The retreat will take place on the [new BACLS discord server](#) [<https://discord.gg/akB5MK4FhR>] and will be facilitated by Melissa Schuh, who can be contacted at [schuh@anglistik.uni-kiel.de](mailto:schuh@anglistik.uni-kiel.de) for any questions about the event.

Save the Date: [The biennial BACLS What Happens Now Conference](#) will be held on 2-3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021, with keynote presentations, sessions to support teaching and research, Contemporary Conversations panel, discussions with writers, and opportunities to meet and socialise with members. Watch this space and our newsletter for further details and the WHN2021 call for papers and panels. BACLS WHN2021 will be held online and free for members.

## New Publications

Book: Megan de Bruin-Molé, (March 2021) [Gothic Remixed: Monster Mashups and Frankenfictions in 21st-Century Culture](#) now in paperback.

Book: Megan de Bruin-Molé, (April 2021) [Embodying Contagion: The Viropolitics of Horror and Desire in Contemporary Discourse](#) out in paperback, and [Gold Open Access](#) with University of Wales Press.

Article: Vicki Williams, (2021) [Unhuman Agency: Reading Subjectivities in Playdead's Inside. GAME – Games as Art, Media, Entertainment](#) (8.9).

## Job / Funded PhD Listings

[Research Fellow 'Haunted Shores'](#) – Edinburgh Napier University. 20-30 hours per week, depending on the start date, until 31 July 2021. Applications close 9 May.

[Lecturer \(Teaching\) in English Literature](#), University of Worcester. Full-time, 4 months. Applications close 16 May.

[Lecturer in Creative Writing](#), Northumbria University - Faculty of Arts, Design and Social Sciences. Fulltime, 1 year. Applications close 23 May.

[Lecturer in Comparative Literature](#). King's College, London. Full-time, 2-years. Applications close 28 May.

## Other Announcements

Membership Fee Wavier: last year BACLS introduced a 12-month membership fee waiver for members who may be experiencing hardship and unforeseen difficulties as a result of the ongoing Covid-19 situation. If you would like to request a fee waiver then please contact Mike Witcombe, Membership Secretary ([witcombeuk@gmail.com](mailto:witcombeuk@gmail.com)).

Best wishes,

Zoe, on behalf of the BACLS Executive Committee.