

# 1<sup>st</sup> International Conference on Literary Journalism

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## Friday, 19 May 2006 (Room G 4)

1:30 – 2 pm Welcome  
2 – 2:15 pm Opening Remarks, John S. Bak

### Session 1: Homage to Upton Sinclair Chair, David Abrahamson (Northwestern University)

2:15 – 3 pm “The Literary Conscience and the Quest for Social Justice: The Proletariat Novel and the Populist Cause in Journalistic Literature,” Doug Underwood (University of Washington, Seattle, U.S.A.)

3 – 3:45 pm “Upton Sinclair’s *Near-Fiction* and the Scientific Method,” Jeremy Gardner (The George Washington University, Washington, D.C., U.S.A.)

### Coffee Break

### Session 2: Social Literary Journalism: When “Art” Can Make a Difference Chair, Doug Underwood (University of Washington)

4 – 4:45 pm “Documentary Fiction and the Testimony of Poverty,” William Dow (The University of Valenciennes and The American University of Paris, France)

4:45 – 5:30 pm “Reportage: A Hidden Genre?” Jenny McKay (University of Stirling, Scotland)

5:30 – 7 pm Cocktails

## Saturday, 20 May 2006 (Room G 4)

### Session 3: Literary Journalism and Higher Education: Whose Child is This Anyway? Chair, Bill Reynolds (Ryerson University)

9 – 9:45 am “Building a Diverted Pyramid: A Pedagogical Consideration of Literary Journalism,” David Abrahamson (Northwestern University, Chicago, U.S.A.)

9:45 – 10:30 am “Beyond Journalism: Teaching Non-fiction Writing in the U.K.,” Susan Greenberg (Roehampton University, London, U.K.)

### Coffee Break

### Session 4: Literary Journalism Goes Global: Beyond the American Model Chair, Viviane Serfaty (Université de Marne-la-Vallée)

10:45 – 11:30 am “‘The English in Egypt’ by Eça de Queirós: A Debate on Imperialism for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century?” Isabel Soares Santos (Instituto Superior de Ciências Sociais e Políticas, Lisbon, Portugal)

11:30 – 12:15 pm “The New Chasm in Canadian Literary Journalism: Searching for Meaning on the West Coast vs. Chronicling the Rich and Powerful in the East,” Bill Reynolds (Ryerson University, Ontario, Canada)

### Lunch

### Session 5: Literary Journalism Today: Reporting Fact vs. Narrating Fiction

Chair, John S. Bak (Université Nancy 2—C.T.U.)

2:15 – 3 pm “Newspaper Reporters Rediscover the Art of Storytelling,” John C. Hartsock (Cortland College, New York, U.S.A.)

3 – 3:45 pm “Seduction, Betrayal and Trust: Ethics and the Art of Storytelling,” Susie Eisenhuth (The University of Technology, Sydney, Australia)

### Coffee Break

### Session 6: Literary Journalism Tomorrow: Where Do We Go from Here? Chair, John C. Hartsock (SUNY—Cortland College)

4 – 4:45 pm “Us and Them: One Hundred Years Apart Views of American Immigration as seen by Literary Journalists,” Alice Trindade (Instituto Superior de Ciências Sociais e Políticas, Lisbon, Portugal)

4:45 – 5:30 pm “Bits and Bytes: How Bloggers Piece the News Together,” Viviane Serfaty (Université de Marne-la-Vallée, Paris, France)

5:30 – 6 pm Round table moderated by Géraldine Muhlmann (Université Paris XI, Paris, France)

## Conference Participants

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- Dr. William DOW (Université de Valenciennes and The American University of Paris, France)
- Dr. Susie EISENHUTH (The University of Technology, Sydney, Australia)
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