

## THE MA PROGRAM IN ENGLISH

The Fourth Annual Queens College English Graduate Conference

# DIFFICULT TEXTS: LITERATURE IN A TIME OF CRISIS

THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2017 • 9:30 AM–6 PM

10 am–4 pm | Student Panels

James Muyskens Conference Room at the Summit Apartments

Presentations on a wide range of texts and topics, from *Paradise Lost* and *Wuthering Heights* to *The House on Mango Street*, from slave narratives and biblical books to superhero comics, queer graphic narratives, and protest radio

4 pm | Keynote Address by Tanya Agathocleous  
Associate Professor of English, Hunter College

### The Uses of Disaffection

Lunch will be provided, and a reception will follow the keynote.

The conference is free and open to the public.



TANYA AGATHOCLEOUS is Associate Professor of English at Hunter College, CUNY. She researches and teaches Victorian literature and culture, as well as twentieth-century Anglophone literature in transnational, colonial, and postcolonial contexts. She is interested in the relationship between transnational political ideals and literary form, and in bridging the gap between Victorian, modernist, and postcolonial scholarship. She is the author and editor of several books, including *Urban Realism and the Cosmopolitan Imagination in the Nineteenth Century* (Cambridge UP, 2011), *Teaching Literature: A Companion* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2002), and *George Orwell: Battling Big Brother* (Oxford UP, 2000). She also edited the Broadview Press edition of Joseph Conrad's *The Secret Agent* and a special issue of *Victorian Literature and Culture* on "Victorian Cosmopolitanisms." She recently published an essay in the *LA Review of Books* titled "Life (Narrative) in the End Times," which was part of the inspiration for this year's conference theme.

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