



CALL FOR PAPERS  
7TH ANNUAL QUEENS COLLEGE ENGLISH  
GRADUATE CONFERENCE  
APRIL 29, 2020

# MOVE!

## Conversations in Motion

Are you moving? Moving on? Moving up? Moving forward? Are you pushing? Pushing boundaries? Pushing limits? Pushing buttons? Or are you pulling? Pulling things apart? Pulling them together? Pulling away? At the seventh annual Queens College English Graduate Conference, we want to know what you think it means to move.

We invite papers that consider the different ways that people move and are moved. How is literature responding to migration, displacement, and other mass movements of people? How is literature implicated in mobilizations and movements for social change? How do scholars move the boundaries of their field as they try to answer urgent questions for the present? How do we interpret the body's movements, whether in dance, performance, or everyday gestures? How is physical and social mobility affected by the types of bodies we possess? How do emotions move us toward what it is important when reason fails us? We want you to tell us what moves you, how it moves you, and why it moves you.

Let's engage in the critical conversation about movement, a concept crucial to the struggles of the current moment. Movement is being actively impeded, and is no longer a right, but a luxury. The definition of movement is being rewritten to include those who don't move in traditional ways. We are learning a new language of movement, finding new ways to define how and why we're moved. We're being moved by the world around us. Sometimes by circumstances outside of our control. At the Queens College English Graduate Conference this year, **we want to be moved by you.**

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**DEADLINE: MARCH 10, 2020**

Please send proposals of 250 words max to:  
**QCEnglishMAconference@gmail.com.** Proposals should be  
pasted in the body of the email. Please include your full name and  
the name of your program and school.