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*American Studies Scholarly Circle at the Faculty of English, AMU, Poznań*  
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**2nd Re-Examining American Literature Student Symposium**  
**CALL FOR PAPERS**

**NARRATION AND STORYTELLING:  
THE DEATH OF THE NARRATIVE?**

*Saturday, March 21, 2015, Faculty of English UAM, Poznań*

“I think one is naturally impressed by anything having a beginning, a middle and an ending when one is beginning writing and that it is a natural thing because when one is emerging from adolescence, which is really when one first begins writing one feels that one would not have been one emerging from adolescence if there had not been a beginning and a middle and an ending to anything.”

— Gertrude Stein, *Narration: Four Lectures* (1935)

Challenging the traditional conventions surrounding the concept of a narrative, modern American literature has established new poetics of storytelling. It is the relationship between the narrator and the story and between the author and his audience that opens new modes of theoretical exploration. The very act of defying the conventional narrative raises questions about the condition of storytelling in modern and contemporary literature. We are interested in ways in which American authors question the structural aspects and strategies of storytelling. We cordially invite B.A., M.A. and Ph.D. students to submit conference papers (approx. 20-minute presentations) on American literature, theater, film and art, concerning (but not restricted to) the following issues:

- Storytelling
- Antinarrative
- Visual narrative
- Narrative poetry
- Narrative realism in the twenty-first century
- Multi-narrative
- Non-Western traditions of storytelling: e.g. African American, Chicana, Asian American literature

- Narrative as a tool linking generations
- HIStory, HERstory
- Drama and narrative
- Art and narrative
- Myths
- Narrative perspectives and techniques
- Temporality and narration
- Literary genres and modes of narration

Please send an abstract of 200-300 words stating your name, email address and institutional affiliation [see form attached] by **January 31, 2015** to the following address:  
**real.conference@gmail.com.**

All queries should also be sent to the above address.

The conference fee is **PLN 50**.

**Symposium venue:**

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