The Lightning Session: Overview and Instructions for Presenters

The goal of the lightning session is to connect scholars across disciplines with intersecting research/creative scholarship interests in order to foster potential collaboration. To accomplish this goal, we are using an alternative mechanism for disseminating information that is limited to 5 minutes and 5 slides for each presenter. The short talk format offers a framework for getting to the essence of your interests and expertise. The structure of this session permits multiple presenters to share their information while also allowing time at the end for group discussion. Five minutes is not very much time, but it is enough to make your main points. You will not have time to present the finer details of your work; instead, your goal is to provide an overview that will inspire your audience to learn more about your work, and consider commonalities with their own research or creative scholarship. For your presentation, please prepare a 5-minute talk and, if desired, up to 5 slides. Please bring your slide with you on a flash drive to the lightning session.