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 3 minutes and 1 slide for each presenter. The short talk format offers a framework for getting to the essence of your interests and expertise. This format permits up to 12 presenters to share their information during a 1 hour lightning session while also allowing time at the end for group discussion. Three 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 3-minute talk and, if desired, 1 slide. Your slide should have a large, legible font and not too many lines of text. If you put too much information on your slide, your audience will not be able to absorb the information effectively. If appropriate, it may be helpful to include a few images on your slide that convey desired information. Please bring your slide with you on a flash drive to the lightning session.