Agenda for 19th Annual Conference

Baseball in Literature and Culture, 5 April 2014

7:45-8:15      Registration and Breakfast

8:15-8:30      Welcome       Warren Tormey, Conference Coordinator
                     Dr. Tom Strawman, Chair, Department of English

8:30-9:15      Keynote Address: Mr. Skip Nipper, Nashville TN.

                   “The Emerging Era of Middle Tennessee Base-Ball.”

9:20-10:20     Concurrent Sessions A

Session A1:

Location: Hazlewood   Chair:

- **Dan Anderson, Dominican University:** “’An Important Course in the Curriculum of the Institution’: Competing Loyalties and Ideologies in the Harlem Renaissance Newspapers Coverage of the Negro Leagues”

- **Katherine Walden, Vanderbilt University:** “’Take Me Out to the Ball Game’: Music, Community, and Sustainability in Minor League Baseball Affiliates in Southeastern Music Cities”

- **Steve Andrews, Grinnell College:** “Annie Dillard in the Contact Zone: The Place of Baseball in American Childhood”

Session A2:

Location: Dining Rm. C   Chair:

- **Andrew Hazucha, Ottawa University:** “The Uses of Biography: Jane Leavy, *The Last Boy*, and the Problem of Enuresis”

- **Michael Pagel, Northeast State University (Johnson City, TN):** “The Politics of the Call”

- **Ron Rembert, Wilmington College:** “Basking in the Sun and Burning at the Stake”
10:30-11:30  Concurrent Sessions B

Session B1:

Location: Hazlewood  Chair:

- **Gerald Wood, Carson-Newman University (emeritus):** “Little Giants, Big Show”

- **Andy Bennett, Tennessee Court of Appeals:** “August 20, 1955: A Precedent-Setting Beanball in Chattanooga, TN”

- **David Veve, Dalton State University:** “Take Me Out to the Suburbs: Aspects of the Braves’ Upcoming Move to Cobb County, GA”

Session B2:

Location: Dining Rm. C  Chair:

- **Amanda Bales and Christopher Murphy, Northeastern State University (Tahlequah, OK):** “Collaborative Fiction on the 19th Century Game”

- **Philip Theibert, University of Alabama-Birmingham:** “Hitting a Home Run in the Classroom”

- **Phil Oliver, MTSU:** "Coming Home: Reflections on Time, Memory, and Baseball's Eternal Return (Prompted by the Revival of Nashville's Sulphur Dell…”

Session B3:

Location: Faculty Senate Chambers  Chair:

- **Sarah Bunting, Tomatonation.com:** “Casting Bullpen: The Next Great Baseball Biopic”

- **Nick Bush, Motlow State Community College:** “’Mookie Wilson—That’s a Thing, Right?’—Pitching, Parody, and Perfection in How I Met Your Mother’s ‘Perfect Week’ Episode”

- **Bryan Steverson, Knoxville TN:** “’42’ By the Grace of God”
11:40-12:05 Concurrent Sessions C

Session C1:

Location: Faculty Senate Chambers  Chair:

- Bob Johnson, Eastern Kentucky University: “The Captain of the Drive”

12:15-1:30 Luncheon and Willie Wilson Talk
Tennessee Room

12:00-12:45 Lunch
12:45-1:30 Willie Wilson Talk (~20 min. talk + 10 min. Q&A)

Book Signing in James Union Lobby to follow talk

2:00-3:00 Concurrent Sessions D

Session D1:

- Warren Tormey, MTSU: “From Field to Grounds to Ballpark: Space into Commodity in the Game’s Early Years”

- Ben Morrill, MTSU: “The Emergence of Minor League Baseball in Late Nineteenth Century Knoxville”

- Josh Howard, MTSU: “The Gentleman’s Sport in a Professional Era: Alternatives to Professional Baseball in the South During the Late Nineteenth Century”

Location: Dining Rm. C  Chair:

3:10-4:00 Concurrent Sessions E

Session E1: Reenacting the 19th Century Game: A Demonstration

- Michael “Roadblock” Thurmon, Nashville Maroons

- Jeff “Skeeter” Wells, Stewart’s Creek Scouts

- Jeff “Cornbread” Jennings, Stewart’s Creek Scouts

Walnut Grove, outside James Union Building (weather permitting). Alt. Location TBA