

Beaumont, Texas –Seven Lamar University faculty and students recently presented papers and served as panelists at the annual Pop Culture Association of the South/American Culture Association of the South (PCAS/ACAS), held in New Orleans on October 4-6. The conference covers popular culture ranging from films to clothing and art.

“The conference was fantastic,” said Stanley O’Brien, professor in the Department of Communication and Media. “What I love about the conference is that it’s all about pop culture and what we analyze, what are the messages we are sending to ourselves in pop culture. We discussed topics like sexism in movies, among others.”

Four professors from the Department of Communication and Media – Nicki L. Michalski, Stanley O’Brien, Qingjiang Yao, and Mahmoud Salimi – gave a panel discussion on time travel in popular culture. Three Department of Communication and Media students were selected to present at conference. C. J. Delgado presented on Hispanic films and film makers. Kylee Moreland explored the different sensations you feel when you watch *Arrival* and April Marble discussed how capitalism exists within video games.

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