

April 10–12, 2014

ANTHROPOCENE FEMINISM

A Center for 21st Century Studies (C21) Conference at
the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Conference Organizing Committee: Richard Grusin
(Director, Center for 21st Century Studies), Emily
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Studies), and Dehlia Hannah (Provost Postdoctoral
Fellow, Center for 21st Century Studies)



Welcome and General Information

The Center for 21st Century Studies is pleased to welcome you to our conference on Anthropocene Feminism at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. The plenary speakers and breakout sessions will consider the ways in which feminism has long been concerned with the Anthropocene, and what current interest in the Anthropocene might mean for feminism.

Registration

Conference registration will be held outside of Curtin Hall 175, 3243 N. Downer Ave.

Welcome Reception

We have organized a welcome reception for all conference participants on Thursday, April 10, at SALA Restaurant (2613 E. Hampshire St.). There will be complimentary hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar.

Event Locations

All of the plenary talks will take place in Curtin Hall 175. The breakout sessions will occur in classrooms on the first floor of Curtin Hall. Please see the schedule for specific room assignments. We will clearly mark the rooms. Lunch will take place on the first floor of Curtin Hall.

AV and Media Needs

Each breakout session will have a volunteer to help assist with technology. Please direct questions to them.

Printing Services

Printing stations are available in the library and the Union. You will need to purchase a printing card at the print location. See the map at the back of this program.

Shuttle Service and Transportation

We will provide a shuttle bus from the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel in downtown Milwaukee to the conference once per day, and a shuttle bus returning to the Doubletree after the conference events once per day. The shuttle will pick you up in front of the hotel, and at the circle in front of Curtin Hall off Downer Ave. On Thursday evening, the shuttle will pick you up in front of SALA rather than at the circle.

	Depart Doubletree	Depart Campus
Thursday, April 10:	1:00 pm	8:00 pm
Friday, April 11:	8:15 am	5:45 pm
Saturday, April 12:	8:15 am	5:45 pm

If you miss the shuttle bus, you can take a taxi. A fairly good resource for travel to and around Milwaukee can be found on the website "Getting Around Milwaukee without a Car" at <http://kiwinc.itgo.com/mwc/>. If you are driving, please consult the UWM Parking and Transit website for parking information at www4.uwm.edu/parking/.

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Conference Schedule

Thursday, April 10

Curtin Hall 175, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
3243 N. Downer Ave.

- 1:00-3:00 Registration
- 3:00-3:15 Welcome
Jennifer Watson (Associate Dean, College of Letters & Science, UWM)
- 3:15-3:30 Conference Introduction, Richard Grusin
(Director, Center for 21st Century Studies, UWM)
- 3:30-4:45 **Elizabeth A. Povinelli** (Anthropology, Columbia University)
"The Four Figures of the Anthropocene"
Introduced by Kennan Ferguson (Political Science, UWM)
- 4:45-5:00 break
- 5:00-6:15 **Natalie Jeremijenko** (xdesign Environmental Health Clinic, NYU)
"Wrestling Rhinoceros Beetles, Singing with Mussels, and Other
Lifestyle Experiments"
Introduced by Dehlia Hannah (C21 Provost Fellow, UWM)
- 6:30-8:00 Reception, Sala Restaurant, 2613 E. Hampshire St.

Friday, April 11

Curtin Hall 175, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
3243 N. Downer Ave.

- 8:30-9:00 Coffee
- 9:00-10:15 **Myra J. Hird** (Environmental Studies, Queen's University)
"Landscapes of Terminal Capitalism, Aporias of Responsibility:
Lifeworlds Inherited, Inhabited and Bequeathed"
Introduced by Rebekah Sheldon (English, Indiana University-Purdue
University Indianapolis)
- 10:15-10:30 break
- 10:30-12:00 BREAKOUT SESSION 1

Queer Anthropocene, Curtin Hall 175

Panel Chair: Elena Gorfinkel

- Jami Weinstein, "Queer Futurities, Feminist Possibilities, and the Anthropocene"
- Claire Brault, "Anthropocene Futurologies, Uchronia and Queer Heterochronia: Climate Sciences Rush to Gaia's Deathbed"

Anthropocene Subjects I, Curtin Hall 118

Panel Chair: Jessi Lehman

- Kai Bosworth, "Porous bodies :: porous earth: permeable spaces of feminist geophilosophy"
- Kathryn Yusoff, "Coal: queer genealogies in/of the blood"
- Rory Rowan, "Bodies Politic/Bodies Geologic: Difference, Universality and the Subject of the Anthropocene"

Contamination, Curtin Hall 108

Panel Chair: Michael Oldani

- Michelle Murphy, "Alter Life in the Timescapes of Chemical Violence"
- Melody Jue, "Noise Pollution: Anthro-scenes Beyond Geologic Thought"
- Megan Fernandes, "Vitality, Intimacy, and the Quarantining of Molecular Life in the 21st Century"

12:00-1:00 Lunch

1:00-2:15 Film Screening:
Goodbye Gauley Mountain: An Ecossexual Love Story
Director: Elizabeth Stephens (Art, UC Santa Cruz)
Introduced by Carl Bogner (Film, UWM)

2:15-2:30 break

2:30-4:00 BREAKOUT SESSION 2

Film Discussion, Curtin Hall 175

Panel Chair: Carl Bogner

- Lauran Whitworth, "The Erotic Ethics of Ecossexuality: from G-Spots to E-spots"
- Elizabeth Stephens, "Natural but not too Natural: Ecossex Encounters on the Edge"

Anthropocene Subjects II, Curtin Hall 118

Panel Chair: Keith Woodward

- Arun Saldanha, "Sexual difference and chthonic universality"
- Elizabeth Johnson, "Beyond Productions of Ignorance: Agnotologies of the Anthropocene"
- Sara Nelson, "Beyond neoliberal natures: transformation and critical political economy in the Anthropocene"

Site-Specificity, Curtin Hall 103

Panel Chair: Dehliá Hannah

- Elaine Gan, "Timing Miracles in Anthropogenic Landscapes: The Case of IR36 and the Green Revolution"
- Astrida Neimanis and Kathryn High, "(Unintentionally) Extremophilic in the Anthropocene"
- Gabriel Piser and Brett Zehner, "Becoming Bodies: Affective Circuits in the Bakken Gas Fields"

Temporalities, Curtin Hall 108

Panel Chair: TBA

- Miriam Tola, "Isabelle Stengers and Feminism: Deep Futures Beyond the Anthropocene"
- Selmin Kara, "Feminist Anthropocenema"

4:00-4:15 break

4:15-5:30 **Stacy Alaimo** (English, University of Texas at Arlington)
"Your Shell on Acid: Posthuman Vulnerability, Anthropocene Dissolutions, and Queer Desire"
Introduced by Emily Clark (Deputy Director, C21)

7:00 Poetry Reading: **Juliana Spahr**
Woodland Pattern, 720 E. Locust St.

Saturday, April 12

Curtin Hall 175, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
3243 N. Downer Ave.

8:30-9:00 Coffee

9:00-10:15 **Juliana Spahr** (English, Mills College)
"Gender Abolition and Ecotone War"
Introduced by Stephanie Youngblood (English, UW-Madison)

10:15-10:30 break

10:30-12:00 BREAKOUT SESSION 3

Hospitality/Hostility I, Curtin Hall 124

Panel Chair: Katherine Behar

- Heather Davis, "The Queer Futurity of Plastic"
- Nicole Starosieleski, "Calibrating a Sense of Environment: Artificial Cooling and the Biopolitics of Thermoception"
- Jamie "Skye" Bianco, "#saltNsea : just another postnatural clusterfuck and paradise"

Geophilosophy and Feminism, Curtin Hall 118

Panel Chair: Bruce Braun

- Angela Last, "One in Other: Bodily Interventions in the Anthropocene"
- Ben Woodard, "Gendering the Promethean Chain: Schelling's Geo-Philosophical Ungrounding of Ecological Intervention"
- Jessi Lehman, "Life and Death at/of Anthropocene Seas"

Multi-Species, Curtin Hall 103

Panel Chair: Nigel Rothfels

- Greta Gaard, "What's the story? Climate narratives, climate genres, and Feminist animal studies: Toward a postcolonial, material ecofeminist perspective"
- Affrica Taylor and Veronica-Pacinini Ketchabaw, "Ants, worms and young children: Mutual vulnerabilities, small things, and everyday common world encounters in the Anthropocene"
- Diane Chisholm, "Framing the End of the Species: Eco-poetics, Extinction and Sexual Indifference"

Labor in the Anthropocene, Curtin Hall 108

Panel Chair: Annie McClanahan

- Alyssa Battistoni, "From natural capital to hybrid labor: towards a feminist political ecology for the Anthropocene"
- Christina Van Houten, "Critical Regionalism, Materialist Feminism, & Anthropocene Feminism: An Intellectual History"
- Michelle Yates, "Capitalist Patriarchy and the Radical Political Possibility of Anthropocene"

12:00-1:00 Lunch

1:00-2:15 **Claire Colebrook** (English, Penn State University)
"We Have Always Been Post-Anthropocene"
Introduced by Jane Gallop (English, UWM)

2:15-2:30 break

2:30-4:00 BREAKOUT SESSION 4

Hospitality/Hostility II, Curtin Hall 124

Panel Chair: Jamie "Skye" Bianco

- Paige Sarlin, "Vulnerable Accumulation: Accounting for Occupy Sandy"
- Rebekah Sheldon, "Scavenge"
- Katherine Behar, "E-Waste"

Histories/Genealogies, Curtin Hall 118

Panel Chair: Elizabeth Johnson

- Jill Schneiderman, "The Anthropocene: A Feminist Geostorian's Perspective"
- Susanne Bauer, "Soviet cyborgs, noosphere, and the naturecultures of biomedical extremes"
- Lynne Huffer, "Foucault's Fossils: The Return to Nature and Life Itself in Anthropocene Feminism"

Polarscapes, Curtin Hall 103

Panel Chair: Jennifer Johung

- Lisa Bloom, "Witnessing Climate Change: Oil, Geopolitics and Landscapes of Invisibility: "Ursula Biemann's Deep Weather (2012) and Brenda Longfellow's Dead Ducks (2012)"
- Judit Hersko, "Ode to the Sea Butterfly"
- Elena Glasberg, "Roni Horn's Icelandic Geontology"

Poetics, Curtin Hall 108

Panel Chair: Stephanie Youngblood

- Marius Henderson, "Poems as Little Monsters: Exploring Materializations of (Poetic) Language in the Anthropocene"
- Laurel Peacock, "Full Fathom Five": Feminist Poetics Burying Humanism at Sea
- Ada Smailbegovic, "Cloud Writing: Describing Soft Architectures of Change in the Anthropocene"

4:00-4:15 break

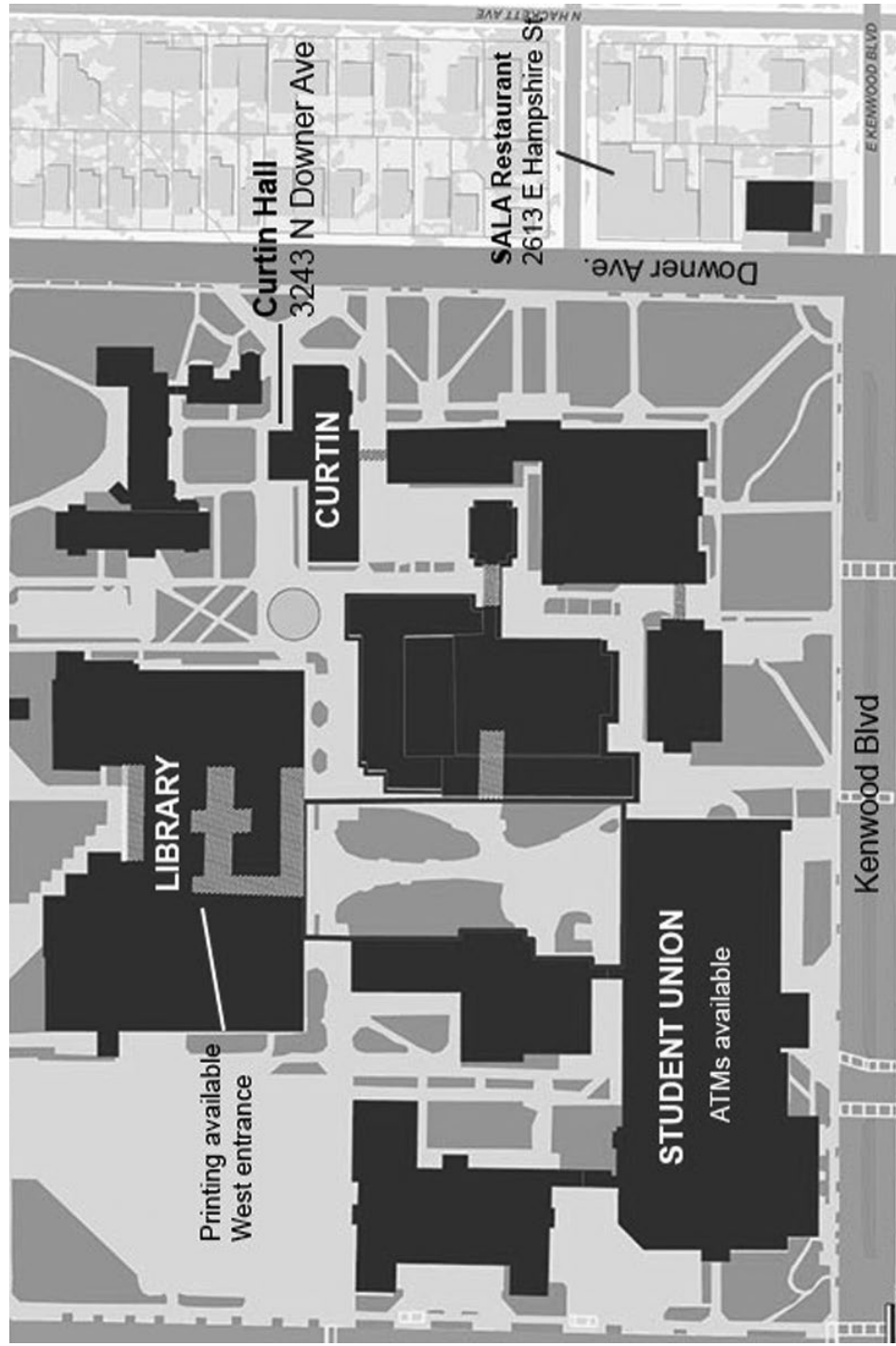
4:15-5:30 Concluding Roundtable

5:30-5:45 Closing Remarks: Richard Grusin
Director, Center for 21st Century Studies, UWM

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