

EGSA 2017 Conference Schedule

8:00am – Registration Opens – 3rd Floor, New North Hall

8:30am-9:00am – Welcome (coffee and bagels provided) – New North 311

9:00am-10:15am: Session I

Panel A: Troubling Subjectivity and Agency – New North 408

Moderator: Rob Yates

- “The Magic Mirror”: Plath’s *The Bell Jar* as a Feminist Revision of Freud’s Uncanny
-Kelly Coyne, Georgetown University
- “The Coexistence of Freedom and Constraint”: An Analysis of the Concept of Agency, as Discussed in Higher Education Today
-Claire Kelly, Carnegie Mellon University
- Legitimizing Clare Kendry: Anti-anti-normativity and Desire in Nella Larsen’s “Passing”
-Alyvia Walters, Georgetown University

Panel B: Political Materialisms – New North 204

Moderator: John James

- The Social Life of the Bayanat of the First Intifada (1987-1993): Revolutionary Rupture and Nostalgia in Post/Colonial Times
-Thayer Hastings, Georgetown University
- Desiring the Child Photograph as Image-Object: Revisiting the Problem of Lewis Carroll
-Jacob Myers, Georgetown University
- Katrina in the Anthropocene: Natasha Trethewey’s *Beyond Katrina* and David Speilman’s *The Katrina Decade: Images of an Altered City*
-Jewel Pereyra, Georgetown University

Panel C: Imagined Futures – New North 311

Moderator: Emily Coccia

- Postcolonial Utopianism and Ecological Decolonization in *The Hungry Tide*
-Julian B. Dean, James Madison University
- Words of Unbinding: Genre Fiction and the Environment
-Aaron Dell, Tufts University
- Presentist Aesthetics: The Queer Ethics of Walter Pater
-Chris Huebner, Georgetown University
- Subaqueous Poetics: Feminist Challenges to Imperialism
-Aaron Pinnix, Fordham University

10:30am-11:45am: Session II

Panel A: Identity Formations in a Posthuman World – New North 408

Moderator: Rob Yates

- Afrofuturism in the Chthulucene: Sympoietic Kin-Making in *Bloodchild*
-Liana C. Bayne, James Madison University
- The Post-Apocalyptic Touch: An Analysis of Racial Formation and Touch in Octavia Butler’s *Dawn*
-Lenaya Stewart, University of Maryland
- Fragmented Identities: Gender, Race and Cyborgs in *Ex-Machina* by Alex Garland
-Marina Vlahaki, University of California, San Diego

Panel B: Anthropocene Literature and Imagined Ecological Disasters – New North 204

Moderator: Chris Huebner

- Pastoral Futurism: William Blake's Millenarian Making
-John James, Georgetown University
- "Hand this over. Pass this on": Juliana Spahr's "Tradition" and Epigenetics in the Anthropocene
-Esther Nafziger, James Madison University
- Island Communities as Refuge from Oil in *Oil on Water* and *Marrow Island*
-Megan O'Neill, James Madison University

12:00pm-1:00pm: Lunch – New North 311

1:15-2:30: Faculty Plenary Panel (Sponsored by Mellon Sawyer) – New North 204

Moderator: Emily Coccia

- **Dr. Luis Campos**, Baruch S. Blumberg NASA/Library of Congress Chair in Astrobiology, The John W. Kluge Center; Associate Professor of History, University of New Mexico
- **Dr. Kavita Daiya**, Associate Professor of English, The George Washington University
- **Dr. Kellie Robertson**, Associate Professor of English, University of Maryland

2:45pm-4:00pm: Session III

Panel A: Animal Studies – New North 311

Moderator: Rob Yates

- Individualism against the Swarm in the Old English *Letter from Alexander to Aristotle*
Robert Byers, Fordham University
- The Hiatus of "True Man" and a Universal Becoming-Animal: A Pre-, Early, and Post-Modern Reading of Giordano Bruno's *Cantus Circaeus*
-Emily Coccia, Georgetown University
- "We're All [Things] Here": Troubling the Subject/Object Binary in Lewis Carroll's *Alice Books*
-Jade Hage, Georgetown University

Panel B: The Posthuman Body – New North 408

Moderator: Chris Huebner

- The War of Terror: Asymmetrical Representations of Humanness, Grief, and Terror in Andrew Niccol's *Good Kill*
-Grace Foster, Georgetown University
- Between the Body and Information: The Posthuman Dilemma in Gary Shteyngart's *Super Sad True Love Story* (2010)
-Sang Eun "Eunice" Lee, University of California, San Diego
- Simulated Prosthetic Frustration in *Ampu-Tea*
-Andrea Medina, University of Florida

4:15pm-5:30pm: Keynote Address, "What Is an Environment?" – New North 311

- **Dr. Vin Nardizzi**, Associate Professor of English, University of British Columbia