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**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2007
8:00 P.M.**

**IAEP KEYNOTE SPEAKER
PROMENADE C**
Moderator: Brian Schroeder
Rochester Institute of Technology

**"GOING BACK TO NATURE WHEN NATURE'S ALL BUT GONE"
STEPHANIE MILLS**

Stephanie Mills is an author, activist, and teacher who lives on Michigan's Leelanau Peninsula. She has produced five books, most recently *Epicurean Simplicity*, a memoir. She has lectured widely and her shorter writings have appeared in publications ranging from the *Whole Earth Catalog* to the *Britannica Book of the Year*.

She has concerned herself with the fate of the earth and humanity since 1969, when her commencement address at Mills College in Oakland, California, drew the attention of a nation. In her speech, which the *New York Times* called "perhaps the most anguished statement" of the year's crop of valedictory speeches, Mills spoke out about overpopulation and overuse of natural resources, and vowed to never have children. For Planned Parenthood, within one year, she delivered roughly 80 talks on the subject of overpopulation and the necessity of birth control.

Harkening to Epicurus in her most recent book, she finds it unfortunate that his philosophy has taken on the coloration of hedonism; in truth, he favored a prudent life that reveled in the senses but took nothing to excess.

**RECEPTION
Saturday 9:30 p.m.
Promenade C**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2007

SUNDAY 8:30 - 10:30 A.M.
Registration, Promenade C

SUNDAY 9:00 - 10:30 A.M.
Session I: Hermeneutics
Promenade C

Moderator: Elizabeth Caldwell, University of Oregon

Adam Croft, Schumacher College, UK, "We Comprehend That Which Comprehends Us: Ethical Implications of a Science of the Hermeneutic Earth"

Brian Treanor, Loyola Marymount University, "Bad Problems, Good Stories: Narrative Environmental Virtue Ethics"

David E. Utsler, Independent Scholar, "Nature as One's Other Self/Other than Self: Paul Ricoeur's Hermeneutics of the Self and Environmental Identity"

**Session II: Practicing Environmental Responsibility
Executive Room**

Moderator: Matthew Lexow, University of Memphis

Jeff Filipiak, Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design, "Compost, Cycles, and Mystery: Organic Growers Placing Human Actions within a Whole"

Brook Muller, University of Oregon, "Continuity of Singularities: Architecture, Ecology and the Aesthetics of Restorative Orders"

SUNDAY 10:30-10:45: Coffee Break

SUNDAY 10:45-12:15

Session I: Merleau-Ponty

Promenade C

Moderator: Michael Scoville, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Sean Williams, University of Oregon, "Silence as Ontological Language in Merleau-Ponty and Heidegger"

Erika Ruonakoski, Lahti University of Applied Sciences (Finland), "Expression of the Non-Human Other"

Petri Berndtson, London Consortium, "Myself and the Other as Breathing Subjects in the Atmosphere of Air"

Session II: Reconceiving Powerhouse Concepts

Executive Room

Moderator: Simon Glynn, Florida Atlantic University

Jonathan Maskit, Denison University, "The Post-Industrial as Problem for Environmental Aesthetics"

Dan Milsky, Northeastern Illinois University, "Is Biodiversity Theory the Ecosystem Health Wonder Drug?"

Allen Thompson, Clemson University, "Global Warming, Anxiety, and the Awesome Responsibility, or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love Global Warming"

AFTERNOON SESSIONS

SUNDAY 2:00-3:30:

Session I: Levinas

Promenade C

Moderator: Brian Schroeder, Rochester Institute of Technology

Christopher Cohoon, SUNY Stony Brook, "Elemental Alterity in Levinas' *Totality and Infinity*"

William Edelglass, Colby College, "Levinas and the Ethics of Place"

Christina M. Gschwandner, University of Scranton, "Why We Have Ethical Obligations to the Environment: Levinas and an Environmental Ethic of Alterity"

Session II: Beyond Western Paradigms

Executive Room

Moderator: Ted Toadvine, University of Oregon

Eric Sean Nelson, University of Massachusetts Lowell, "Consuming Desire: Zen, Consumerism, and Environmental Ethics"

Mark Mysak, University of North Texas, "Don't You Care? Ethics of Care as an Alternative Approach to Environmental Ethics"

SUNDAY 3:30-3:45: Coffee Break

SUNDAY 3:45-5:15

Session I: Ecophenomenology

Promenade C

Moderator: Robert Chapman, Pace University

Eleanor Helms, Fordham University, "Kierkegaard: Unconceptualizable 'Resonances' between Humans and Nature"

Dennis E. Skocz, Independent Scholar, "Toward a 'Green' Phenomenology: Husserl on Nature, Environment, and Earth"

Barbara Muraca, Universität Greifswald, "More than Mere Means: On Instrumental Values and Their Neglect in Environmental Ethics--Kant, Heidegger, and Whitehead"

Session II: Renewing Foundations for a Philosophy of Nature

Executive Room

Moderator: Randall Honold, DePaul University

Keith Peterson, Saint Michael's College, "Humanity Is Nature Become Self-conscious: A Case Study in the Philosophy of Nature"

Steven Vogel, Denison University, "What Is Alienation From Nature?"

John R White, Franciscan University of Steubenville, "Identity and Panentheism. God and Nature in Friedrich Schelling's Early Identity Philosophy"

SUNDAY 5:30-6:30

IAEP BUSINESS MEETING, Promenade C

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2007

Meeting I: Phenomenologies of Environment and Place

[Co-sponsored by the Environmental and Architectural Phenomenology Network]

David Seamon, Department of Architecture, Kansas State University, Convener and Moderator

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Session I: 9:00-10:30

Robert Mugerauer, College of Architecture and Urban Planning, University of Washington, "Emplacement and Environmental Exchanges: Membranes, Skin, and Neighborhood"

Jenny Quillien, Laboratory of Anthropology, New Mexico University at Highlands, Santa Fe, NM, "From the Universal to the Particular: A Case Study of New Mexico's Santuario of Chimayo, Drawing on the Conceptual Framework of Anthropologist Robert Plant Armstrong"

Thomas Barrie, Director, School of Architecture, North Carolina State University, "Spatial Sequences and Symbolism of Korean Soen (Zen) Buddhist Monastic Architecture: Tongdo-sa Buddhist Monastery as a Case Study"

Session II: 10:45-12:30

Mark S. Rosenbaum, Department of Marketing, Northern Illinois University, "When a Diner Becomes a Home: Experiencing a Place As-Practical, As-Gathering, or As-Home"

David Seamon, Department of Architecture, Kansas State University, "Where is Belonging When Places Change? Connecting or Not in American Filmmaker John Sayles' *Sunshine State*"

Dylan Trigg, Department of Philosophy, University of Sussex, "Toward a Phenomenology of Un-Place"

Meeting II: Society for Ecofeminism, Environmental Justice, and Social Ecology (SEEJE)

Keith Peterson, Saint Michael's College, Convener and Moderator

Executive Room

Session: 9:00-12:30 Nature and Justice

Piers H. G. Stephens, Lyman Briggs School of Science at Michigan State University, "Farms, Forests and Freedom: Nature and the Forms of Liberty"

Robert Figueroa, University of North Texas, "Environmental Justice and Its Consequences for Environmental Identity"

Florence Shepard, University of Utah, "Toward a Sanguine Human Ecology"

Meeting III: Third Annual Meeting of the Society for Nature, Philosophy, and Religion

Bruce Foltz, Eckerd College, Convener and Moderator

Jacobson Park Room

Session I: 9:00-10:30 The First Face of Nature: I

Christopher Dustin, College of the Holy Cross, "True Earth and Holy Land: Environmental Eschatologies from Plato to Thoreau"

Bruce Foltz, Eckerd College, "Sticky Little Green Leaves: God and Nature in the Writing of Dostoevsky"

James Hatley, Salisbury University, "Trusting G-d, Trusting Creation: The Original Goodness of a More-than-Human World"

Session II: 10:45-12:30 The First Face of Nature: II

Scott Cameron, Loyola Marymount University, "The De-naturing Effects of Modern Methodological Naturalism"

Stephen Scharper, University of Toronto, "Intimations of Eden: Covenant and Community in the Thought and Practice of Jim Corbett and the Cascabel Hermitage Association,"

Norman Wirzba, Georgetown College, "Saying Grace: On Food and Faith"