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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2014
8:00 p.m.

IAEP KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Poydras

Introduced and Moderated by
William Edelglass
Marlboro College

“On Being Geologically Human”

David Wood
Vanderbilt University

IAEP RECEPTION
9:30 p.m.
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2014

SUNDAY MORNING 9:00—10:30 a.m.

Session 1: *Moral Sentiments and Environmental Virtues*

Acadian I

Moderator: David Storey, Boston College

“Being (Not Just Doing) Green: Intention, Integrity, and Identity and Environmental Ethics,” Brandon Boesch, University of South Carolina

“Environmental Moral Sentiments and Cultural Criticism,” Lauri Lahikainen, University of Tampere

“Human Sentiment Can Support a Genuinely Normative Environmental Ethic (by way of Hume though not through Darwin and Leopold),” Christopher Pearson, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

Session 2: *Contemporary Issues in Environmental Ethics: Parts & Wholes, Plants, and Future Nonhuman Generations*

Acadian II

Moderator: Scott Cameron, Loyola Marymount University

“Why Valuing Parts and Wholes in Environmental Ethics is a Sorrowful Business,” Daniel Crescenzo, University of Georgia

“Plant Neurobiology and the Moral Defense of Vegetarianism,” Andrew Smith, Drexel University

“Double Turn-Taking Among Generations and with the Environment,” Matthias Fritsch, Concordia University

Session 3: *The Social Dimension of the Environmental Imagination*

Fulton

Moderator: Tama Weisman, Dominican University

“Eco-Politics and the Imagination: From Ideology and Utopia to *Phronesis*,” Nathan Bell and David Utsler, University of North Texas

“Why ‘Nature’ Matters: Three Social Imaginaries of Nature, and Their Implications for Social Practice,” Joseph Aloï, University of North Texas

“Environmental Imagination: Framing and Identifying with Other Species,” Joseph Tuminello, University of North Texas

SUNDAY MORNING 10:30—10:45 a.m.

Coffee Break, Pelican Prefunction

SUNDAY MORNING 10:45 a.m.—12:15 p.m.

Session 1: *Thinking in the Wake of Katrina*

Acadian I

Moderator: Francis P. Coolidge, Jr., Tulane University

“Facing Apocalypse: Post-Katrina Meditations,” John Clark, Tulane University

“Re-Thinking New Orleans in the Wake of Katrina,” Michael Zimmerman, University of Colorado Boulder

Session 2: *Environmental Imagination and Narratives of Place*

Acadian II

Moderator: Bryan Bannon, Merrimack College

“Thoughtlessness, Language, and the Power of Imagination,” Eva Maria Räßle, College of DuPage

“The Meander and the Mississippi: A Shift toward an Environmental Imagination,” Irene Klaver, University of North Texas

“Heidegger’s topology: Re-grounding environmental ethics through narratives of place,” Jen Christian Myers, Prescott College

Session 3: *Rethinking Worldviews*

Fulton

Moderator: Lorraine Code, York University

“The Very Idea of an Ecological Worldview,” Keith Peterson, Colby College

“Towards an Understanding of Ecological Wisdom: Exploring Worldviews, *Habitus*, and *Phronesis*,” Mark Hathaway, University of Toronto

“On the Necessity of Recourse to Human Experience and Metaphors,” Scott Cameron, Loyola Marymount University

SUNDAY AFTERNOON 2:00—3:30 p.m.

Session 1: *Biopolitics: Population, Climate Change, and the Genome of Food*

Acadian I

Moderator: Johanna Oksala, University of Helsinki

“Biopolitics, Race, and Global Population Control: Neo-Malthusianism and Environmentalism,” Alex Feldman, Pennsylvania State University

“Biopolitics of Extinction: Radicalizing Derridean Biopolitics in the Emerging Theaters of Climate Change,” Rebekah Sinclair, Claremont Graduate University

“Specialty Cheese, Its Bacteria, and Their Genome,” Andrea Borghini, College of the Holy Cross

Session 2: *Transforming Human-Nature Relations: Ecopolitics and Critical Theory*

Acadian II

Moderator: Ladelle McWhorter, University of Richmond

“Critique and Transformation: On the Hypothetical Nature of Ecosystem Service Value,” Andony Melathopoulos and Alexander Stoner, Dalhousie University

“Bioregionalism and Social Ecology: An Ecopolitical Proposal,” Brian Schroeder, Rochester Institute of Technology

“Reclaiming Prosthetic Gods: Marx and the Critique of Technological Rationality,” Greg Gabrellas, Drexel University

Session 3: *Environmental Hermeneutics: A Memorial Panel for Helen Tartar*

Fulton

Moderator: Brian Treanor, Loyola Marymount University

“For the Beauty of the Earth: Toward Beauty as a Hermeneutic of Nature. In Memory of Helen Tartar,” Christina Gschwandtner, Fordham University

“Aporetic Ecohermeneutics,” David Wood, Vanderbilt University

SUNDAY AFTERNOON 3:30—3:45 p.m.
Coffee Break, Pelican Prefunction

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Session 1: *Wildness, Friendship, and Domestication: Reconsidering Interspecies Relations*
Acadian I

Moderator: David Wood, Vanderbilt University

“New Ideals of Belonging and Africana Origins of Interspecies Living,” Cynthia Willett, Emory University

“Biting Wolves,” Thomas Thorp, Saint Xavier University

“Zoo Animals as Friends, Zoo Animals as Specimens: The Life and Death of Marius the Giraffe,” Abigail Levin, Niagara University

Session 2: *Technology and Technologies*

Acadian II

Moderator: Irene Klaver, University of North Texas

“Big Bio versus DIY Bio,” Jozef Keulartz, Radboud University and Henk van den Belt, Wageningen University

“Newfound Habitats: Rethinking the Physis-Techne Distinction,” Craig Condella, Salve Regina University

Session 3: *‘Nature’ in Phenomenology and Hermeneutics: Gadamer, Heidegger, Merleau-Ponty*
Fulton

Moderator: Brian Schroeder, Rochester Institute of Technology

“‘The indestructible, the barbaric principle’: Merleau-Ponty and the Psychoanalysis of Nature,” Dylan Trigg, University College Dublin

“The Fleshy Texture of Things: A Phenomenological Response to Timothy Morton,” Brendan Mahoney, University at Albany

IAEP BUSINESS MEETING

Sunday 5:30 p.m.

Pelican I

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2014

MONDAY MORNING 9:00—10:30 a.m.

Session 1: *Rethinking Models of Nature and Nature as Model*

Acadian I

Moderator: Keith Peterson, Colby College

“Nature as Liberty’s Touchstone: A Historical and Conceptual Sketch,” Piers Stephens, University of Georgia

“The materiality of ecological innovation: Towards a natural concept of biomimicry,” Vincent Blok, Wageningen University

“Integral Ecology: A New Epistemology of Environmental Problems,” David Storey, Boston College

Session 2: *Contemporary Continental Perspectives on Ecological Relations and Responsibility*

Acadian II

Moderator: Steven Vogel, Denison University

“Ecologies of the Living: Transcendence and Immanence,” Phil Lynes, Concordia University

“The Framing of the Fencing: Derrida’s Explication of ‘Parergon’ and Environmental Conservation,” Trent Yarosevich, Stony Brook University

“Responsibility Reconsidered: Jonas and Levinas,” Ilan Safit, Pace University

Session 3: *Existential Ecology, Wilderness, and the American West*

Fulton

Moderator: Jonathan Maskit, Denison University

“Aldo Leopold, the Existentialist: Or, the Facticity of Wilderness,” Anthony Fernandez, University of South Florida

“The Idea of an Existential Ecology – A Proposal,” Bob Sandmeyer, University of Kentucky

“Wallace Stegner and the Place of the American West,” Josh Hayes, Alvernia University

MONDAY MORNING 10:30—10:45 a.m.

Coffee Break, Pelican Prefunction

MONDAY MORNING 10:45 a.m. –12:15 p.m.

Session 1: *Science, Knowledge, Practice*

Acadian I

Moderator: Meg Mott, Marlboro College

“Deliberative Democracy in Science and Environmental Policy: Reflections on Philip Kitcher and John Dryzek,” Darrell Arnold, St. Thomas University

“The Tyranny of Certainty,” Lorraine Code, York University

Session 2: *Soundscapes, Landscapes, and Environmental Values*

Acadian II

Moderator: Margret Grebowicz, Goucher College

“Soundscape Ecology and Environmental Valuation,” Jonathan Beever, Pennsylvania State University

“Is Ansel Adams an Ecopornographer? or Visual (Mis) Representation of the Environment,” Thomas Weidemeyer, Florida Atlantic University

Session 3: *Dwelling and Cultivation*

Fulton

Moderator: James Hatley, Salisbury University

“Mottainai: Buddhist Origins of a Japanese Philosophy of Waste,” Kevin Taylor, Southern Illinois University Carbondale

“The Temporal Place Value of Viticulture,” Julie Kuhlken, Pedernales Cellars

“*Mono no Aware* as a Poetics of Environmental Ethics,” John Flowers, Southern Illinois University Carbondale

MONDAY AFTERNOON 1:45—3:15 p.m.

Session 1: Society for Nature, Philosophy and Religion:

Art, Nature, Divinity

Acadian I

Moderator: Christopher Dustin, College of the Holy Cross

“Mind in Nature: Merleau-Ponty, Cezanne, and the Task of Art,” Joseph Aziz, University of Dallas

“Writing the Divine Energies: Van Gogh as Iconographer,” Bruce Foltz, Eckerd College

“Creation, Place, and Intelligibility: The First People’s Buffalo Jump State Park,” James Hatley, Salisbury University

Session 2: *Is Environmental Ethics Sustainable?*

Acadian II

Moderator: Josh Hayes, Alvernia University

“Climate of Denial: Individual Responsibility for Systemic Change,” Dan Boscov-Ellen, The New School for Social Research

“Should Environmentalism Embrace a Rights Based Discourse?” Elliot Trapp, The New School for Social Research

“Keystone Confusions, or Why Our Moral Concepts Matter,” Eric Godoy, The New School for Social Research and Pratt Institute

Session 3: *Benjamin and Nietzsche on Nature*

Fulton

Moderator: Ilan Safit, Pace University

“Walter Benjamin: Nature as Origin and Event,” Shannon Hayes, University of Oregon

“Deciding Nature: Walter Benjamin,” Brendan Moran, University of Calgary

MONDAY AFTERNOON 3:15—3:30 p.m.

Coffee Break, Pelican Prefunction

MONDAY AFTERNOON 3:30—5:00 p.m.

Session 1: Society for Nature, Philosophy and Religion:

Kierkegaard, Palamas, Thoreau

Acadian I

Moderator: Bruce Foltz, Eckerd College

“Thoreau’s Poetics of Nature,” Arnold Berleant, Long Island University

“Kierkegaard, St. Gregory of Palamas, and Divine Transcendence,” Joshua Reagan, Rice University

“Through a Glass Darkly: Thoreau’s Reflective Vision,” Christopher Dustin, College of the Holy Cross

Session 2: Rights, Justice, and Environmental Policy

Acadian II

Moderator: William Edelglass, Marlboro College

“Past Conceptions of Environmental Taxation,” Ashley Dodsworth, University of Leicester

“Mobility as a Human Right and an Environmental Threat,” Laura Hartman, Augustana College

Session 3: Climate Change and the Philosophy of History

Fulton

Moderator: Brendan Moran, University of Calgary

“The Anthropocene as Human Self-Othering: Understanding Climate Change in Light of Kant and Schiller’s Philosophies of History,” Anna-Lisa Baumeister, University of Oregon

“Climate Change Has Not Yet Taken Place: Merleau-Pontian Lessons in History, Freedom, and Collective Political Agency,” Tim Christion Myers, University of Oregon

“The Androcentric Dimension of the Anthropocene: Climate Change and the Oppression of Women in Irigaray’s Critique of Hegel’s Philosophy of History,” David Craig, University of Oregon