

**The International Association for Environmental Philosophy  
Twenty-Second Annual Meeting  
Saturday 20 October - Monday 22 October, 2018  
The Nittany Lion Inn  
State College, Pennsylvania**

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**Facilities, Accommodations, and Registration**

Opening Keynote and Reception to be held at the Penn Stater, State College, PA. All sessions on Sunday and Monday will be held at the The Nittany Lion Inn, State College, PA. Rooms are available for Saturday night at the Fairfield Inn and Suites in Altoona, PA for the conference rate of \$149 and for Sunday and Monday nights at The Nittany Lion Inn, State College, PA for the conference rate of \$139 for single through quadruple occupancy. Transportation between State College and Altoona will be provided for Saturday night and Sunday morning.

For reservations at the Fairfield Inn and Suites in Altoona call (814) 946-0422 and mention group code “**International Association for Environmental Philosophy**” or book online at <https://tinyurl.com/yd2e896f>. Reservations must be made by 22 September 2018.

For reservations at the Nittany Lion Inn call (800) 233-7505 and mention the group code “**IAEP19A**” or book online at [www.pennstatehotels.com](http://www.pennstatehotels.com). Reservations must be made by 20 September 2018.

**SATURDAY 20 OCTOBER 2018**

**7:30 p.m.**

**IAEP KEYNOTE**

Penn Stater—Room 207

**CARY WOLFE**

Rice University

**“There Is No World”**

Introduced and Moderated by Jonathan Maskit, Denison University

**9:30 p.m.**

**IAEP RECEPTION**

**SUNDAY 21 OCTOBER 2018**

**SUNDAY MORNING 9:30–11:00 a.m.**

**Session 1: *Environmental Mourning***

**Assembly Room**

Moderator: Jonathan Maskit, Denison University

“Marking Environmental Losses,” Anita Bakshi, Rutgers University

“Marking Loss in Ringwood, New Jersey, with the Ramapough-Lenape Turtle Clan,” Samantha Moss, Rutgers University

“Prometheus’ Gifts of Fire and Technics: Contemplating Loss, Mourning, and Resilience Beyond the Anthropocene,” Marjolein Oele, University of San Francisco

**Session 2: *Humanism and After***

**Mount Nittany Room**

Moderator: TBA

“Of Backswimmers, Bumblebees, and Boreal Forests: Sartre's Dialectics Meets Bryant's Flat Ontology at the Holocene/Anthropocene Threshold,” Matthew C. Ally, City University of New York/BMCC

“Material Construction? Toward the Possibility of a Posthuman Ecofeminism,” Benn Johnson, University of North Texas

“Critical della Miranda: Post-humanism as Humanism and the Task of Anthroponomy,” Jeremy David Bendik-Keymer, Case Western Reserve University

**Session 3: *Narrative, Power, Immunity—Spinoza, Husserl, Deleuze***

**Alumni Lounge**

**Moderator:** Brian Schroeder, Rochester Institute of Technology

“Fabulation and Responsibility in Times of Ecological Crisis,” Russell J. Duvernoy, Seattle University

“Human Power and Ecological Flourishing: Refiguring Right and Advantage with Spinoza,” Oli Stephano, Bard College

“Eco-Immunological Phenomenology: An Invitation from Autoimmunity,” Deniz Durmuş, John Carroll University

**SUNDAY MORNING 11:00 a.m.–11:15 a.m., Coffee Break**

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**Session 1: *Animal Phenomenology***

**Assembly Room**

**Moderator:** TBA

“A Long Regard”: A Phenomenology of the Aviary Gaze,” Els Woudstra, Rice University

“The Animal Before Thought: Merleau-Ponty and Kristeva,” Chandler Rogers, Boston College  
“Animal Intimacy: Intra-Species connectivity and Care in the Touch,” Stephanie Miekko Struble,  
Western Connecticut State University

**Session 2: *Horizons of Memory and Obligation***

**Mount Nittany Room**

**Moderator:** Rachel Jones, George Mason University

“The Archive of the Defeated: The Afterlives of Slavery and the Politics of Ecological  
Memory,” Romy Opperman, Pennsylvania State University

“Is There No World Heritage? On the Possibilities of a Universal Humanism in Architecture,”  
Giorgia Aquilar, Technical University of Munich

“Is the Source of Ecological Obligation Anthropogenic or Non-anthropogenic?,” Robert Scott,  
University of North Georgia

**Session 3: *Scott Cameron Memorial Lecture***

**Alumni Lounge**

**Moderator:** Brian Treanor

“Skin Deep,” Irene Klaver, University of North Texas

**SUNDAY AFTERNOON 2:15–3:45 p.m.**

**Session 1: *Decentering the Human***

**Assembly Room**

**Moderator:** TBA

“Recognizing Nonhuman Intentionality Through Playful ‘World’-Travel: The Case of Urban  
Foraging,” Anne Portman, University of Georgia

“On the Idea of an African Environmental Philosophy: An Epistemic Approach,” Akinpelu  
Ayokunnu Oyekunle, University of South Africa

“A Thing among Things: Uncovering Non-Anthropocentrism in Heidegger’s Philosophy,”  
Brendan Mahoney, State University of New York Polytechnic Institute

**Session 2: *Eco-Aesthetics, Atmospheric and Otherwise***

**Mount Nittany Room**

**Moderator:** Jonathan Maskit, Denison University

“Seeing Like a Mountain: Merleau-Ponty and the Landscape Aesthetics of Mont.  
Sainte-Victoire,” Joe Balay, Christopher Newport University

“Gernot Böhme’s Aesthetics of Atmosphere,” Sune Frølund, University of Aarhus

“Feel the Heat: Edward Abbey, Plato, Lakota Sundance, and Acknowledging,” LeAnn M.  
Holland, Columbia University

**Session 3: Author Meets Critics: Lisa Messeri’s *Placing Outer Space: An Earthly  
Ethnography of Other Worlds* (Duke University Press, 2016)**

**Alumni Lounge**

**Moderator:** Margret Grebowicz, University of Tyumen

Ed Casey, Stony Brook University

Fred Scharmen, Morgan State University School of Architecture and Planning  
Lisa Messeri, Yale University

**SUNDAY AFTERNOON 3:45 p.m.–4:00 p.m., Coffee Break**

**SUNDAY AFTERNOON 4:00 p.m.–5:30 p.m.**

**Session 1: *Cultured Landscapes***

**Assembly Room**

**Moderator:** Graydon Wetzler, New York University

“On the Ugliness of Windmills and the Sublimity of Oil,” Richard Kover, University of Alberta

“Thinking Critically about the Place of Being: Doreen Massey, Martin Heidegger, and the Event of Place,” Christopher Lamb, Marlboro College

“Travelling Plants: How the Transportation of the Plant World Effects Our Experience of It,” Christopher Black, Texas A&M University

**Session 2: *Beyond Kinship: Tracing Biological Connections***

**Mount Nittany Room**

**Moderator:** TBA

“The Relics of Emergence: Ontological Slippage in Biosignatures from the Origins of Life,” Annu Dahiya, Duke University

“Epistemology as an environmental investigation,” Guillaume Dechauffour, Université Paris-Sorbonne, SND

“It Matters How We Make Kin,” Brandon Fenton, York University

**Session 3: Author Meets Critics: John Hultgren’s *Border Walls Gone Green: Nature and Anti-Immigrant Politics in America* (University of Minnesota Press, 2015)**

**Alumni Lounge**

**Moderator:** Margret Grebowicz, University of Tyumen

Johanna Oksala, Pratt Institute of Art and Design

Chris Schaberg, Loyola University of New Orleans

John Hultgren, Bennington College

**IAEP BUSINESS MEETING**

**Sunday 5:45 p.m.**

**Assembly Room**

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**MONDAY 22 OCTOBER 2018**

**MONDAY MORNING 9:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m.**

**Session 1: *Anthropocenic Dialectics***

**Assembly Room**

**Moderator:** Barbara Muraca, Oregon State University

“The Anthropocene’s Impossible Future,” Michael Barnes Norton, University of Arkansas at

Little Rock

“An End to Human History: Dialectics of the Anthropocene,” André Krebber, University of Edinburgh

“Natural Meanings and Cultural Values,” Simon James, Durham University

**Session 2: *Environmental Justice in Practice***

**Mount Nittany Room**

**Moderator:** Rachel Jones, George Mason University

“Becoming an Organic Instrument: The Case of the Orange County Water District,” Razvan Amironesei, University of California, San Diego

“Opposing California’s WaterFix: The Trump Administration and the Future of Environmental Advocacy,” Caleb Scoville, University of California, Berkeley

“‘Homelessness’ in Louisiana’s ‘Cancer Alley’: A Case for a Guiding Ethos in Environmental Justice,” Craig Condella, Salve Regina University

**Session 3: *Invited Panel: At Home with the Otherworldly***

**Faculty Staff Club**

**Moderator:** Margret Grebowicz, University of Tyumen

“Embodied Absence: The Environmental Imagination and Virtual Presence,” Lisa Messeri, Yale University

“Space Settlement: Closed Loops, Open Systems, and the Ends of Worlds,” Fred Scharmen, Morgan State University

“Meteors, Disasters, and the Dream of Planetary Defense,” Greg Siegel, University of California, Santa Barbara

**MONDAY MORNING 10:30 a.m.–10:45 a.m., Coffee Break**

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**Session 1: *Fake by Design? Experiments in Rewilding, Urban Parks, and Environmental Simulations***

**Assembly Room**

**Moderator:** Jonathan Beever, University of Central Florida

“Proving Grounds: Experimental Rewilding, Historical Ecology, and ‘Real Nature’,” Eric Godoy, Illinois State University

“A Nature Worth Faking: Valuing the Wild Spaces of Brooklyn’s Prospect Park,” Andrea Gammon, Technische Universiteit Delft

“Three Criteria for (Environmental) Authenticity,” Kimberly Dill, The University of Texas at Austin

**Session 2: *Environmental Justice***

**Mount Nittany Room**

**Moderator:** Barbara Muraca, Oregon State University

“Gloria Anzaldua’s Vision for a Postcolonial Environmental Activism in *Borderlands / La Frontera*,” Gabby Benavente, University of Pittsburgh

“Ecofeminist Intersubjectivity as a Lens for Indigenous Environmental Justice in Jayro Bustamente’s Ixcagul,” Niall Peach, Purdue University  
“Environmental Justice for the Dead and Dying of Climate Change,” Julia Gibson, Michigan State University

**Session 3: *The Earth after Eco-Deconstruction***

**Faculty Staff Club**

**Moderator:** TBA

“Eco-deconstruction and the Anthropocene,” Matthias Fritsch, Concordia University  
“Bringing the Impossible down to Earth,” Philippe Lynes, University of California, Irvine  
“Dearth: Eco-Deconstruction after Speculative Realism,” David Wood, Vanderbilt University

**MONDAY AFTERNOON 1:45 p.m.–3:15 p.m.**

**Session 1: Author Meets Critics: Steven Vogel’s *Thinking Like a Mall: Environmental Philosophy After the End of Nature* (MIT Press, 2015)**

**Assembly Room**

Moderator: Barbara Muraca, Oregon State University  
Janet Donohoe, University of West Georgia  
Eric Katz, New Jersey Institute of Technology  
Steven Vogel, Denison University

**Session 2: *Environmental Humanities and Education***

**Mount Nittany Room**

**Moderator:** Russell Powell, Princeton Theological Seminary  
“The Dilemma of Philosophy Education as a Solution to the Environmental Crisis,” Rika Tsuji, University of North Texas  
“The Anthropocene Transformation of Philosophy,” Ben Mylius, Columbia University  
“Environmental Humanities, Metascientific Stances, and Political Ecology,” Keith Peterson, Colby College

**Session 3: *Climate Justice, Corporations, and Refugees***

**Faculty Staff Club**

**Moderator:** Jonathan Beever, University of Central Florida  
“Against Climate Refugees,” Kyle Fruh, Stanford University  
“Self-Determination After the Deluge,” Alex R. Steers-McCrum, City University of New York/BMCC  
“A Critical Theory of Precision Agriculture,” Rick Elmore, Appalachian State University