



**The International Association for Environmental Philosophy**  
**Twenty-third Annual Meeting**  
**Saturday 2 November–Monday 4 November 2019**  
**The Pittsburgh Marriot**  
**Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania**

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**Facilities, Accommodations, and Registration**

All sessions will be held at the Pittsburgh Marriott, Pittsburgh, PA. Rooms are available for Saturday and Sunday nights at the conference rate of \$149 single through quadruple occupancy. For reservations please call Marriott reservations at 877–645–3553 and mention group code “Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy” or book online at <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1560178630480&key=GRP&app=resvlin>. Reservations must be made by 16 October 2019. All guestrooms are subject to county and state hotel taxes and fees. Room rates at the hotel include complimentary wireless internet in guestrooms and meeting rooms. Hotel amenities include a fitness center and business center, as well as a restaurant and bar.

Overflow accommodations have also been arranged at two nearby hotels (a 5–10 minute walk to the Marriott); their amenities and state and county taxes are similar to those of the Marriott. They are:

1) Double Tree by Hilton Pittsburgh Hotel Downtown, One Bigelow Square, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 15219 (<https://doubletree3.hilton.com/en/hotels/pennsylvania/doubletree-by-hilton-hotel-and-suites-pittsburgh-downtown-PITDTRD/accommodations/index.html>) has blocked rooms at the following rates: single or a double (\$139.00), triple (\$149.00), or Quad (\$159.00). For reservations, call 1-800-222-TREE (8733) and mention SPEP. The guest room block will be held until 12 AM Tuesday, October 1, 2019

2) Cambria Hotel Pittsburgh, 1320 Centre Ave., Pittsburgh, PA, 15219 (<https://www.cambriaph.com/>) is offering SPEP members a King Suite for \$125.00. For reservations, call

833-383- 6489 and mention SPEP. This guest room block will be held until Oct. 10, 2019.

**SATURDAY 2 November 2019 – 7:30 p.m.**

**IAEP KEYNOTE**

Marquis Ballroom (Marquis A & B)

**ELI CLARE**

Independent Author and Activist

**“Brilliant Imperfection: Body-Mind Restoration and Ecosystem Restoration”**

Introduced and Moderated by Barbara Muraca, University of Oregon

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**9:30 p.m.**

**IAEP RECEPTION**

City Center AB

**SUNDAY 3 November 2019**

**SUNDAY MORNING 9:00–10:30 a.m.**

**Session 1: *Author Meets Critics: David Wood’s Reoccupying Earth***

**Marquis A**

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

Irene Klaver, University of North Texas

William Edelglass, Marlboro College

David Wood, Vanderbilt University

**Session 2: Invited Panel: *Biosemiotic Signs of Life***

**Marquis B**

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

“Biosemiotics and Hybrid Poetics,” Meagan Youngdahl, University of Kansas

“Interspecies Biosemiotics,” Yogi Hendlin, Erasmus University of Rotterdam

“Permaculture Farming and Biosemiotics,” Victoria Alexander, The Dactyl Foundation

**Session 3: *Encounters with the Animal Other***

**Marquis C**

**Moderator:** Bjørn Kristensen, University of Oregon

“Appropriation and the Basis of Ethics: Can There be Two Alterities?” Joe Larios, Emory University

“Spinoza & Nietzsche: Humility and Humiliation Between Human and Animal Nature” Andrew Lopez, Queen’s University

“How to Become-Extinct: A Consideration of Coetzee’s, Deleuze’s, and Guattari’s Animal Ethics During the Decline of Biodiversity,” Angela Dibelka, Duquesne University

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

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**Session 1: *Environmental Historicity and Futurity***

**Marquis A**

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

“Autonomous conceptions of our planetary situation,” Jeremy Bendik-Keymer, Case Western Reserve University

“Turning About in the Earth. A reading of Sophocles’ *Antigone* in view of Environmental and Intergenerational Relations,” Matthias Fritsch, Concordia University

“Historical Responsibility for Loss & Damage,” Kian Mintz-Woo, Princeton University

**Session 2: Invited Panel: *The Hills Are Alive: Music and Environmental Crisis***

**Marquis B**

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

“Atomic Songs,” Lindsey Freeman, Simon Fraser University

“Trumpets of the Apocalypse: Or, How I Learned To Stop Worrying and Love the Bloop,” Sebastian Roberts, York University

“When the Rainbow is Over: Artifice and Afterlife,” James Currie, University at Buffalo

**SUNDAY AFTERNOON 2:00–3:30 p.m.**

**Session 1: *Ecomythology and Ecotheologies***

**Marquis A**

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

“Separating Mono- from -theism: How a monotheistic tradition recovered its sense of the divine in nature by finding diversity in the divine, or, The significance of Kabbalah for ecophilosophy and ecotheology,” David Seidenberg, independent scholar

“On the Verdict of the Genii: Perfection, Imperfection and the Human in the *Ikhwan al-Safa*,” John Giordano, Assumption University of Thailand

“Gilgamesh and Ecology,” Mark Sentesy, Pennsylvania State University

**Session 2: *Scott Cameron Memorial Lecture***

**Marquis B**

**Moderator:** Brian Treanor, Loyola Marymount University

“Loss of Place: Implications for a Hermeneutics of the Environment,” Janet Donohoe, University of West Georgia

**SUNDAY AFTERNOON 3:30–3:45 p.m., Coffee Break**

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**Session 1: *Living Among Living Beings***

**Marquis A**

**Moderator:** LeAnn Holland, St. Lawrence University

“Life and Vitality: An Ethical Engagement with New Materialism,” Ela Tokay, Fordham University

“Michel Serres and the Natural Contract,” Brian Treanor, Loyola Marymount University

**Session 2: *Art and Infrastructure***

**Marquis B**

**Moderator:** Bryan Bannon, Merrimack College

“Water: Ontology, Epistemology and Ethical Implications,” Valentina Gonzales Morales, University of North Texas

“Trees with benefits: derivative nature, neoliberal conservation, and contemporary art,” Teo Reeves-Everson, Birmingham City University

“Metis: Messiness of Green Infrastructure,” Irene Klaver, University of North Texas

**Session 3: *Rethinking Disease and Disability***

**Marquis C**

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

“How Diverse is Too Diverse? Or How Mosquitoes Can Help Us Rethink Models of Disease, Disability, and Biodiversity,” Rebekah Sinclair, University of Oregon

“Canguilhem on Cure and New States of Health,” Robert Mugerauer, University of Washington

“Debility by Design: Disability’s Challenge to Engineering Ethics,” Joel Reynolds, University of Massachusetts Lowell

**IAEP BUSINESS MEETING**

**Sunday 5:30 p.m.**

**Marquis B**

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**MONDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2019**

**MONDAY MORNING 9:00–10:30 a.m.**

**Session 1: *Environmental Justice***

**Marquis A**

**Moderator:** Rebekah Sinclair, University of Oregon

“Discussing Harm without Harming: Disability and Environmental Justice,” Thomas Bretz, Utah Valley University

- “Notes towards ecological freedom: a critical departure from environmental justice,” Romy Opperman, Pennsylvania State University
- “Hunting as a Tool of Conservation and Genocide: The Anti-Indigenous Roots of the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation,” Lauren Eichler, Old Dominion University and David Baumeister, Seton Hill University

**Session 2: *Alternative Agricultures***

**Marquis B**

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

- “A Critical Theory of Precision Agriculture,” Rick Elmore, Appalachian State University
- “Ecofeminism in the field: the role of women in small-scale sustainable agriculture,” Amanda Corris, University of Cincinnati
- “Symbiotarianism,” Andrew Smith, Drexel University

**Session 3: *Critical Theories***

**Marquis C**

**Moderator:** Bryan Bannon, Merrimack College

- “Towards a Philosophy of Transience: The Idea of Natural-History in Benjamin and Adorno,” Jeremy Arnott, University of Western Ontario
- “The Imperative of Responsibility, Forty Years After,” Kerry Whiteside, Franklin & Marshall College
- “On Habits and Values: Prolegomena to an Embodied Environmental Ethics,” Jeremy Sorgen, University of Virginia

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

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**Session 1: *Power, Technics, Walking***

**Marquis A**

**Moderator:** Tama Weisman, Dominican University

- “Political Power and Built Environments,” Joshua Mousie, Oxford College of Emory
- “Technicity and the Elimination of Animals,” Sonia Sikka, University of Ottawa
- “A Duty to Walk: Thoreau and Tibetan Buddhist Circumambulation in Ecological Thinking” Jared Opoien, University of North Texas

**Session 2: *Philosophy as Transformation***

**Marquis B**

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

- “The Role of Philosophers in Climate Change,” Eugene Chislenko, Temple University
- “Going green is good for you: A problem with environmentalist rhetoric, and how to fix it,” Michael Prinzing, UNC Chapel Hill
- “The 'Cultural' Aspect of Ecological Thinking,” Cathy Maloney, York University

**Session 3: *Author Meets Critics: Alexis Shotwell's Against Purity: Living Ethically in Compromised Times***

**Marquis C**

Moderator: Joel Reynolds, University of Massachusetts Lowell

Tamsin Kimoto, Emory University

Kim Q. Hall, Appalachian State University

Alexis Shotwell, Carleton University

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

**Session 1: *Nomadism, Place, and Queerness***

**Marquis A**

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

“Psychoanalyzing Nature,” Chandler Rogers, Boston College

“Nomadism and Bioregionalism,” Brian Schroeder, Rochester Institute of Technology

“Queer Ecologies of Knowledge,” Perry Zurn, American University

**Session 2: *Natural Wonder***

**Marquis B**

**Moderator:** Bjørn Kristensen, University of Oregon

“The Unfolding, Living Earth: An Eco-Phenomenological Approach to Jean-Luc Marion’s Saturated Phenomenon of the Event” Emma Szymanski, Fordham University

“A Weird Speculative Ethics: The Environmental Virtue of Wonder,” Brian Onishi, Penn State Altoona

“The Irritable Collective: Gaia as a Religious Hypothesis,” Norton Michael Barnes, University of Arkansas at Little Rock

**Session 3: *Interspecies Ethics***

**Marquis C**

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

“Birds of a Feather: Interspecies Ethics and the Fate of Liminal Companion Animals,” Josh Hayes, Alvernia University

“Embodied Language: Movement as Communication by Animal Others,” Brandon Fenton, York University