



Events

BIOLOGICAL FUTURES IN A GLOBALIZED WORLD Colloquium

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Communications 206

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Emerging Issues in Biological Futures: A Panel Discussion

Biological Futures in a Globalized World brings together scholars across the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences in order to explore the current and future impact of bio-technology on human affairs. Through conversations and collaborations, Biological Futures seeks to establish an interdisciplinary network of scholars and scientists and to foster better thinking about the dramatic growth in biological knowledge, its increasing use to manipulate and build living systems, and its global environmental and social effects.

At this inaugural event of the biweekly 2010-2011 Biological Futures colloquium, three participants from the 2011 Biological Futures Summer Research Consortium present their projects, reflect on common themes that emerged in the Consortium, and open discussion regarding forward-looking plans for Biological Futures.

- **Matthew Sparke** (International Studies, Geography, & Global Health, UW) discusses the emergence of Seattle's South Lake Union as a hub for philanthrocapitalist investment in biomedicine and global health.
- **Leah Ceccarelli** (Communication, UW) discusses how scientists and politicians use the frontier metaphor in the context of disciplinary and public debate about research priorities in the biological sciences.
- **Gaymon Bennett** (CBF Fellow, Hutchinson Center) discusses his recent work in ethics at the Synthetic Biology Engineering Research Center and projects he is initiating at the Hutchinson Center with anthropologist Meg Stalcup, also a CBF Fellow.

Biological Futures is hosted by the Simpson Center for the Humanities and funded by the Center for Biological Futures (CBF) at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center. Please visit our website for future colloquia schedules and more information about the Biological Futures program: <http://depts.washington.edu/uwch/programs/initiatives/biological-futures>