The Future of the Environmental Humanities: Research, Pedagogies, Institutions, and Publics

Thursday, October 31, 2013

6:30 pm  Walker Ames Lecture and Opening Keynote, Kane Hall 110
Lawrence Buell (English, Harvard University), “Environmental Imagination at the Crossroads”
Introduction by Gary Handwerk (University of Washington)

Friday, November 1, 2013

Unless otherwise noted, all events take place in HUB 332.

9:00 am  Session 1: Environmental Effects
Richard Pickard (University of Victoria), “Escape from Chevron Island: Teaching the Local Among the Corporate”
Katharina Gerstenberger (University of Utah), “Transnational Environmentalism: The Example of Kathrin Roggl’s Documentary ‘Die bewegliche Zukunft’ (The flexible future)”
Moderator: Douglass Sackman (University of Puget Sound)

10:30 am  Coffee break

11:00 am  Session 2: Environmental Affects
Jennifer Ladino (University of Idaho), “Memorials Matter: Affective Agency at American Memory Sites”
George Handley (Brigham Young University), “Literature and Religion and the Future of Environmental Humanities”
Moderator: Nicholas Bradley (University of Victoria)

12:30 pm  Working lunch for conference participants, UW Club

2:00 pm  Session 3: Post/colonial Ecologies
Erin James (University of Idaho), “Empathy, Environmentalism, and Narrative Storyworlds”
Bishopu Limbu (Portland State University), “The Aesthetics of Development: Redistributing the Sensible in the Environmental Humanities”
Eric Prieto (University of California, Santa Barbara), “Squatter Cities and the Environmental Humanities”
Moderator: Emily Jones (Whitman College)

4:30 pm  Keynote Lecture, Communications 120
Ursula Heise (University of California, Los Angeles), “Environmental Humanities in the Anthropocene: Humans, Posthumans, and Other Endangered Species”
Introduction by Sabine Wilke (University of Washington)

7:00 pm  Reception at the studio of environmental artist and landscape painter Philip Govedare
(University of Washington), Magnuson Park Studios
Participants are invited to view the exhibition, Landscape After Nature, featuring works by UW students and alumni.

Saturday, November 2, 2013

Unless otherwise noted, all events take place in HUB 332.

9:30 am  Session 4: Rhetorics of Environmental Humanities
Scott Stovic (University of Idaho), “Seasick Among the Waves of Ecocriticism: An Inquiry into Alternative Historiographic Metaphors”
Allison Carruth (University of California, Los Angeles), “Slow Food in Digital Times”
Moderator: Lawrence Buell (Harvard University)

11:00 am  Coffee break

11:30 am  Session 5: Roundtable on Sustaining Dialogues Across the Disciplines
Scott Stovic (University of Idaho), Allison Carruth (University of California, Los Angeles), Julia Parrish (UW College of the Environment), David Batisi (University of Washington), and Peter Kahn (University of Washington)
Moderator: Lawrence Buell (Harvard University)

1:00 pm  Working lunch, HUB 337
Greg Garrard (Bath Spa University/UBC Okanagan), “Towards an Unprecedented Ecopedagogy”
Introduction by Richard Watts (University of Washington)

2:30 pm  Session 6: Climate/Change
Axel Goodbody (University of Bath), “Metaphor, Narrative, and the Framing of Climate Change in German Popular Science Writing”
Lawrence Culver (Utah State University), “Seeing Climate through Culture: Understanding Climate and Climate Change through Environmental History and the Environmental Humanities”
Jesse Oak Taylor (University of Washington), “No Fogs in London? Whistler v. Ruskin and the Aesthetics of Pollution”
Moderator: Jennifer Atkinson (University of Washington, Bothell)

5:00 pm  Reception at Simpson Center, Communications 206

Sunday, November 3, 2013

Unless otherwise noted, all events take place in Communications 206.

9:30 am  Session 7: New Directions
Stephen Tatum (University of Utah), “Digital Reality and the Question of Affection”
Stephanie LeMenager (University of Oregon), “Methods Tests: Thinking through Doing ‘The Environmental Humanities’”
Moderator: Kathleen Woodward (Simpson Center for the Humanities)

11:00 am  Coffee break

11:15 am  Session 8: Roundtable on Pedagogy, Institutional and Cross-institutional Networking, and Program Building

12:30 pm  Concluding lunch