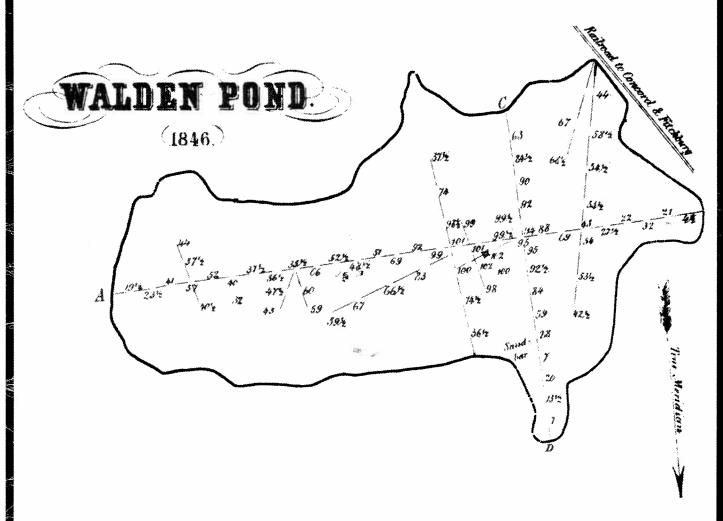


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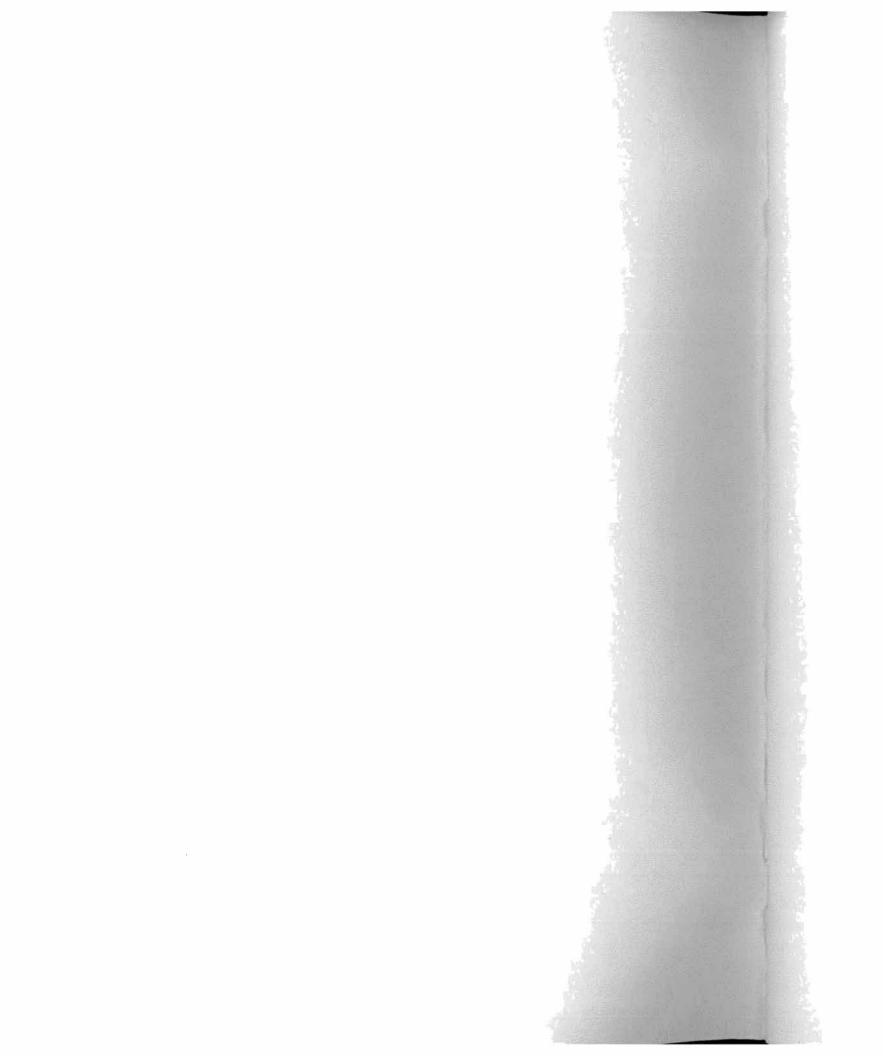
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### Many Thanks!

Dear ASLE conference participant,

Welcome to Boston, to Boston University, and to the fifth biennial ASLE Conference! This conference program was made possible by the vision and hard work of many people who have volunteered their time and energy and expertise. Please thank these folks when you see them around during the next few days.

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## **Welcome and Introduction**

Welcome to Boston and to ASLE's fifth biennial gathering! This year's conference features eight plenary sessions, spread over five days, an afternoon of workshops, and ten blocks of concurrent sessions, with eleven to twelve sessions per block--119 concurrent sessions in all, roughly arranged as follows:

- #1 Sessions (A1, B1, C1, etc.) are roundtables of five or more speakers.
- #2 More roundtables, plus sessions of readings from recently published (or forthcoming) books.
- #3 Presentations on pedagogy, plus one session on early American lit.
- #4 Ecocritical theory and readings of culture.
- Mineteenth-century American literature, including several panels devoted to Thoreau.
- #6 Native and contemporary American lit; Canadian, Australian, and British lit.
- #7 Genre studies: in green theatre, environmental poetry, ecofiction, travel writing.

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- #8 Interdisciplinary studies, including several panels devoted to science and literature, and several to environmental policy, and one additional session each on poetry and environmental justice.
- #9 Environmental Justice
- #10 Animals in lit, coastal lit, and lit of the
- #11 creative nonfiction and original poetry
- #12 studies of war, urban nature, gardens

Please note that mixed in are sessions sponsored by allied organizations NEW-CUE (Nature and Environmental Writers—College and University Educators; session C6) and ACN (Art, Culture, Nature; workshop #6, sessions A2 and I8). A special welcome to these groups. A special welcome, too, to representatives from the presses at our book exhibit—Barnes & Noble, Island Press, Milkweed Editions, Orion, Rowman Littlefield, Scholars Choice, Terra Nova, and the university presses of Arizona, Georgia, Nevada, New England, Utah State, and Virginia.

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### **PROGRAM IN BRIEF**

Day #1	Tuesday, June 3 1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. 3:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Workshops 1-4 Workshops 5-8 Reception Plenary Session #1: Sam Bass Warner
Day #2	Wednesday, June 4 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. 1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. 4:45 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Publishers' Book Exhibit Concurrent Sessions A Plenary Session #2: Lawrence Buell/Leo Marx Concurrent Sessions B Concurrent Sessions C Plenary Session #3: Cynthia Huntington Concurrent Sessions D "Mongrel Dogs Who Teach" Musical Jam
Day #3	Thursday, June 5 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m -12:30 p.m. 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Publishers' Book Exhibit Concurrent Sessions E Plenary #4: Barbara Neely Concurrent Sessions F Field Sessions Authors' Reception & Poster Session Keynote Plenary #5: John Hanson Mitchell
Day #4	Friday, June 6 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. 1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Publishers' Book Exhibit Concurrent Sessions G Plenary #6: E. O. Wilson/Laura Dassow Walls Concurrent Sessions H Concurrent Sessions I Plenary Session #7: Sandra Steingraber Banquet, with Joseph Bruchac
Day #5	Saturday, June 7 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. 1:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Publishers' Book Exhibit Concurrent Sessions J ASLE General Meeting Plenary Session #8: Grace Paley Field Trips (pre-register/fees)

Tuesday, June 3

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1:30-2:45 p.m.

Workshop #1: Imaging the Wild: Expeditions in Environmental Media Room 505

Stephen Robitaille, Santa Fe Community College

Workshop #2: The Nature and Culture of Water: Collaboration Between Science and the Humanities Room 515

John Lane and Ellen Goldey, Wofford College, South Carolina

Workshop #3: Way Beyond Words: How to Use Music in the Teaching of Literature and Nature

Room 313

David Rothenberg, New Jersey Institute of Technology; *Terra Nova* 

Workshop #4: Getting Published: An Editor and an Agent Give the Inside Scoop on Agents, Proposals, Presses (And How to Find the Right One), and the Vagaries of the Publishing Business

Room 315

Wendy J. Strothman, The Strothman Agency, Lexington, MA

Deanne Urmy, Houghton Mifflin

3:00-4:15 p.m.

Workshop #5: The Promise of Place in the Monadnock Region: The Mission and Activities of The Monadnock Institute of Nature,

### Place, and Culture

Room 505

John Harris, Executive Director

Robert Goodby, Director of the Archaeology
Project

Meredith Martin, Library Technical Services

Meredith Martin, Library Technical Services Assistant

Anthony Dubois, Coordinator of American Studies, Keene High School

Howard Mansfield, *In the Memory House* and *The Same Ax, Twice* 

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Workshop #6: Dancing the Medicine Wheel: The Sacred Art of Choreography; Sponsored by ACN (Art, Culture, Nature)

Room 313 (then we'll go outside to dance)

Dianne Eno, Artistic Director of Dianne Eno/ Fusion Dance Works

Workshop #7: Earth, Wind, Fire: Exploring in Clay the In-Between Spaces of Creation

Room 315

McCabe Coolidge, Beaufort, North Carolina

Music, clay, water, and space provided; bring pad and pen.

Workshop #8: The ASLE On-Line Bibliography: A Hands-On Demonstration

Room 327 (located inside the Butler Study Center, which is Room 330).

Lewis Ulman, Director of the ASLE On-Line Bibliography, Ohio State University 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

### **OPENING RECEPTION**

Back Court, 1st Floor, George Sherman Union

Hosted by the University of Virginia Press and its "Under the Sign of Nature: Explorations in Ecocriticism" Series. Meet old friends and new ones, series editors Mike Branch, SueEllen Campbell, and John Tallmadge, and acquiring editor Boyd Zenner.

Appetizers provided--cash bar.

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

OPENING PLENARY SESSION: SAM BASS WARNER: WHERE MIGHT AN ENVIRONMENTAL CRITIC STAND?

Jacob Sleeper Auditorium

Sam Bass Warner, author of, among other works, The Urban Wilderness: A History of the American City and Greater Boston: Adapting Regional Traditions to the Present

Introduction: Adam Sweeting, Boston University

Tuesday, June 3

## Wednesday, June 4

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

### PUBLISHERS' BOOK EXHIBIT

Butler Study Center

Throughout the conference you will have an opportunity to chat with book publishers and peruse the latest and greatest environmentally related titles at the Publishers' Book Exhibit.

Exhibitors include Barnes & Noble, Island Press, Milkweed Editions, Orion, Rowman Littlefield, Scholars Choice, Terra Nova, and the University Presses of Arizona, Georgia, Nevada, New England, Utah State, and Virginia.

Got a good nature quote? Add it to the Quote Board in the Publishers Book Exhibit.

8:00 - 9:15 a.m.

## **A1**

# Future Directions in Nature Writing Scholarship—A Community Discussion

Room 515

Lilace Mellin Guignard, University of Nevada, Reno

Expanding the Canon: Female Excursion Literature

George Hart, California State University, Long Beach

Another Part Alive: Not Writing Nature Poetry

Ann Turkle, Warren Wilson College EcoFiction—Defining a Home

Craig Gemmell, Antioch New England Graduate School

Toward an Ecological Methodology for Ecocriticism

Chair: Lilace Mellin Guignard

### $\mathbf{A}^2$

### Eco-Performance: Generating New Arts Practices; Roundtable Discussion Sponsored by ACN (Art, Culture, Nature)

Room 315

Frederica Chapman, Director of Veronica Sacred Arts, Portland, Maine

Dianne Eno, Artistic Director of Dianne Eno/ Fusion DanceWorks

Deb Matlock, Golden, Colorado

Moderator: Kanta Kochhar-Lindgren, Central Michigan University

### **A3**

# Travel Education: Incorporating "the solid earth! the actual world!" into the College Curriculum at Winona State University

Room 505

James Reidy, Winona State University
Travel Education and Tilden's Principles of
Interpretation: Learning that Lasts,
Learning that Transforms

Rob Brault, Winona State University
Writing on the Road: How Travel Education
Enhances Understanding of Audience
and Purpose

Carol Anderson, Winona State University
You Want to Take Our Students Where? A
Dean's Eye View of Travel Education

Chair: Rob Brault

## **A4**

# The Pastoral in Ecocriticism

Room 321

Jaime Goodrich, Boston College
"That can undoe Dame natures kindly course":
The Nature-Culture Binary in the
Pastoral Elegy

William Kinsley, Montreal, Quebec Why Ecocriticism Needs Georgic

Chair: Jaime Goodrich

### A5

## "the *solid* earth! the *actual* world!": The Meaning of Thoreau's Experience on Mt. Katahdin

Room 323

Bradley P. Dean, West Peterborough, NH Contexts for the Contact Passage in "Ktaadn"

Laura Dassow Walls, Lafayette College Thoreau's Material Sublime

Ronald Wesley Hoag, East Carolina University
"A Force Not Bound To Be Kind": The
Mountain Wildness of Walden and
Other Thoreau Writings

Steve McHugh, Wayne State University Thoreau for Ecocriticism?

Chair: Sandy Petrulionis, Penn State Altoona

### A6 Ecocriticism and Native American

Room 421

Literature

Patricia Klindienst, Sitka Center for Art and Ecology

"The Seed Remembers": Indians, Gardens, and Justice

Susan Bernardin, SUNY Oneonta Moving in Place: Louis Owens and New Directions in Native Literary Studies

Terre Ryan, University of Nevada, Reno
The Nineteenth-Century Garden: Imperialism,
Subsistence, and Subversion in Leslie
Marmon Silko's Gardens in the Dunes

Beth Keefauver, Western Carolina University
"You cannot stop it; the land speaks to you":

The Nature of Indigenous Conversation
in Leslie Marmon Silko's Ceremony

Chair: Susan Bernardin

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# Poetry and Poetics of Place: A Contemporary Perspective

Room 423

Temple Cone, University of Wisconsin-Madison Irony as Means and Limit of Environmental Advocacy in W. S. Merwin's Vietnam-Era Poetry Wed.,

June 4

Jonathan Ivry, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

The Antinomian Poetics of Susan Howe

Jonathan Skinner, SUNY at Buffalo Field-Guide "Objectivism": Natural History from Niedecker to Zukofsky

Judith Schwartz, University of Pennsylvania Walden, Subjectivity, and the Nature Poetry of Larry Eigner

Chair: Judith Schwartz

# A8

# Interdisciplinary Studies I: Psychology, History, Philosophy

Room 521

Cristine Piane, East Granby, CT
The Sorrow of Middle Earth Revisited: Is E. O.
Wilson the Gandalf of Our Time?

John Knott, University of Michigan The Trouble with History

Christina Gerhardt, University of California, Berkeley

Adorno an Ecocritic? Nature and Culture in Adorno's Negative Dialectics

Maurizio Valsania, University of Torino, Italy Pragmatism, Enlightenment, and the Claim for Nature: Two Languages of American Philosophy

Chair: John Knott

A9

# Nature and Class I: Tourism and English Romanticism

Room 523

Noah Heringman, University of Missouri-Columbia

The Wonders of the Peak: Eighteenth-Century
Tourism and the Spectacle of Class
Difference

Scott Hess, Earlham College Nature, Social Class, and the Museum in Nineteenth-Century England

Andrew Hazucha, Carson-Newman College
The Bourgeois Wordsworth, or, How to Protect
the Environment from the Laboring
Classes

Chair: Scott Hess

A10

# Time and Tide: Contemporary Textures of the New England Coast Room 313

Elizabeth Dodd, Kansas State University Estuary: Boundaries, Bodies, and the Binds that Tie in Grace Dane Mazur's Novel, *Trespass* 

Mary Pinard, Babson College Coastal Compasses: Tide and Fog in the Poetry of Philip Booth

Carolyn Megan, Babson College Reimagining Maine Mill Towns

Chair: Elizabeth Dodd

A11

# Readings from City and Suburb

Room 315

Kerry Grimm-Greenblatt, University of Nevada, Reno

Malls: A Cure for Homesickness

Terrell Dixon, University of Houston City Places, Sacred Spaces Mary Obuchowski, Central Michigan University Whose Back Yard Is It, Anyway?

Douglas Haynes, Sterling College Getting Past the Walls: An American in an Irish Suburb

Chair: Terrell Dixon

A12

## **Urban Nature: Fiction and Poetry**

Room 511

Todd Gernes, Emerson College Urbane by Nature: The Nature Poetry of Charles Hammond Gibson, Jr.

Scott Hermanson, Dana College Map of the Actual World

Lee Rozelle, University of Montevallo
"Outside/outside myself/there is a world":
 City Parks and Urban Gardens in Miss
 Lonelyhearts and Paterson

Christa Grewe-Volpp, University of Mannheim, Germany

"I hanker for greens": Gender, Class, and Urban Natural Spaces in Tillie Olsen's Yonnondio

Chair: Todd Gernes

9:30 -11:00 a.m.

# PLENARY SESSION: AN ECOCRITICAL DEBATE

Jacob Sleeper Auditorium

Lawrence Buell, Harvard University; author of, among other works, The Environmental Imagination: Thoreau, Nature Writing, and the Formation of American Culture and Writing for an Endangered World: Literature, Culture, and Environment in the United States and Beyond

Leo Marx, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; author of, among other

Works, The Machine in the Garden: Technology and the Pastoral Ideal in America and The Pilot and the Passenger: Essays on Literature, Technology, and Society in America

Introduction and Moderator: John Elder, Middlebury College

11:15 a.m - 12:30 p.m.

**B**1

Neither "Man-Haters" nor "Bunny-Huggers": Working Against Stereotypes to Help Students in Urban Environments Understand Environmentalism, Feminism, and Ecofeminism

Room 515

Moderator: Corine Coniglio, Kettering University

Tamara C. Emerson, Wayne State University
Mike Land, Assumption College
Monique La Rocque, DePauw University
Marie Donnelly, King's College
Laura Wright, University of Massachusetts,
Amherst
Cynthia Belmont, Northland College
Alanna F. Bondar, Memorial University of
Newfoundland
Abbey Tabatabaie, University of Kentucky

**B2** 

# Readings from Recent (or Forthcoming) Books: The Four Johns Room 321

John Tallmadge, Union Institute & University Old Growth, from *The Cincinnati Arch* 

Ian Marshall, Penn State Altoona From Peak Experiences: Walking Meditations on Literature, Nature, and Need

John Calderazzo, Colorado State University From Rising Fire: Volcanoes and Our Inner Lives John Lane, Wofford College From Waist Deep in Black Water

Chair: John Tallmadge

Wed., June 4

**B3** 

Something More than Despair, Something Less than Utopia: Contested Spaces of Apocalypse and Sustainability in Composition

Room 311

Daniel Collins, Manhattan College The Provocation of Zero

Tim Lindgren, Boston College The Sustainable Rhetoric of Place Literacy

Hill Taylor, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Performing the Social on the Crabgrass Frontier

Rebecca Ingalls, University of Michigan Slam This: Making Space for Student Spoken-Word

Chair: Daniel Collins

B4
Taking the Gaia Hypothesis
Seriously—and Having Fun with It,
Part I

Room 505

Thomas I. Ellis, Hampton University Gaia: Myth, Model, Metaphor, Movement

Karla Simcikova, Drew University
How to Save the Planet: A Vision of Respectful
Co-Existence in the Works of Alice
Walker

Yoshiko Kayano, Meisei Univeristy
Gaia Symphony: An Attempt to Make the
Invisible Visible

Oberon Zell-Ravenheart, The Church of All Worlds Awakening Gaia

Chair: Serena Anderlini-D'Onofrio, University of Puerto Rico

### **B5**

### **Emerson and Fuller**

Room 323

Steffi Dippold, Stanford University
Emerson's Peripatetic *Nature*—A Journey of the
Mind and Pen

Ann Marie Ross, California State University,
Dominguez Hills
"A Nest in the Grass" or "Rudeness Veiled":
Representations of the Prairie in
Margaret Fuller's Summer on the Lakes

Kathryn Miles, Unity College
"As you would be read": Sarah Orne Jewett's
Debt to the Ecofeminism of Margaret
Fuller

Chair: Kathryn Miles

### **B6**

### Terry Tempest Williams: Embodiment, Place, and Environmental Politics

Room 421

Shoko Itoh, Hiroshima University Terry Tempest Williams's *Leap*: A New Theology of Land

Mary Newell, Fordham University
Embodied Mutuality: Reconnection to
Environment and Self in Williams's
An Unspoken Hunger

Tina Richardson, University of Oregon Corporeal Testimony: Counting the Bodies in Williams's *Refuge* 

Chair: Mary Newell

# **B7**

## **Greening the Theatre**

Room 423

Theresa May, Humboldt State University Community, Ecology, and the Eco-Playwright's Conundrum: Giving Voice to the Land

Downing Cless, Tufts University

Ecocriticism of Western Theatre History: Not So Green

Wes Sanders, Underground Railway Theater, VT Beat the Heat: Eco-Theater as Community Activism

Sarah Bryant-Bertail, University of Washington Old Spirits in a New World: Northwest Coast Native Dance Masks

Chair: Theresa May

### **B8**

## **Ecocriticism and a Politics of Nature**

Room 521

Greg Miller, University of California at Davis
The Politics of Nature in Carolyn Chute's Merry
Men

Tobias Menely, Indiana University Radical Sentiment and Ecological Politics in John Oswald's *The Cry of Nature* 

Jim Barilla, University of California at Davis
A Politics of Nature: Ecological Restoration and
the Possibilities for Environmental
Justice

Carrie Dawson, Dalhousie University Skinned: Taxidermy and Pedophilia in Alice Munro's "Vandals"

Chair: Helena Feder, University of California at Davis

### B9

### **Environmental Approaches to American Studies: Globablization and Environmental Justice**

Room 523

Joni Adamson, University of Arizona South Contemporary American Environmental Literature, Ecocriticism, and Place: Activism, Globablism, and Environmental Justice Since Annette Kolodny's *The Lay of the Land* 

Robert Figueroa, Colgate University Does Globalization Really Mean Americanization? An Environmental Justice Perspective

James J. Tarter, Lewis-Clark State College Water Wars and Environmental Justice in the Context of Globablization: Leslie Marmon Silko, Elizabeth Cook-Lynn, and Vandana Shiya

Chair: James J. Tarter Respondent: Annette Kolodny, University of Arizona

### B10

### On Water

Room 313

John Felstiner, Stanford University
"It is the Life that we live": Flux Taking Form in
Water Imagery

Kathleen Dean Moore, Oregon State University Reflections on Water

Didier Thomas, Friends of the Waterworks, Boston, MA Water and the Athens of America

Scott Slovic, University of Nevada, Reno The Irony of Desert Water: Edward Abbey, Craig Childs, and the "Mortal Rhapsody"

Chair: John Felstiner

### **B11**

# Poetry Reading: "A Drawerful of Meadowlarks" and Other Poems

Room 315

Deborah Tall, Hobart and William Smith Colleges Joanna Goodman, Penn State Altoona Michael Morse, Fieldston School, NY Joan Gibb Engel, Beverly Shores, Indiana

Chair: Joanna Goodman

# B12

## Back to the Garden

Room 511

Martha Hunt, Ball State University
Two Gardens of Sacred Texts: Earthly
Punishment and Heavenly Pleasure

Joanna Geyer-Kordesch, University of Glasgow The Magic of Water: Sea Gods and the Goddess in the Landscape Garden

Carol Steinhagen, Marietta College Making Love and War: Henry David Thoreau and Celia Thaxter as Gardeners

Ron Gervais, San Diego State University
Gardens of Delight: Terry Tempest Williams's

Leap and Diane Ackerman's

Cultivating Delight

Chair: Ron Gervais

### 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Lunch on your own.

1:30 - 2:45 p.m.

### C1

# Reading the Roots: American Nature Writing before *Walden*

Room 523

Moderator: Michael P. Branch, University of Nevada, Reno

Christoph Irmscher, University of Maryland,
Baltimore County
Rochelle Johnson, Albertson College
Susan Scott Parrish, University of Michigan
Daniel J. Philippon, University of Minnesota,
Twin Cities

# C2 The World as Home: Multi-Genre Approaches to the Intersection of Nature and Culture—Readings and Discussion

Room 321

Moderator: Scott Slovic, University of Nevada, Reno

Ralph Black, SUNY Brockport Reading from *Turning Over the Earth* 

John Elder, Middlebury College Reading from *The Frog Run* 

Lauret Savoy, Mount Holycke College Reading from *The Colors of Nature: Culture, Identity, and the Natural World* 

Janisse Ray, Baxley, Georgia
Reading from *The Wild Quilt: Taking a Chance*on Home

Sara St. Antoine, Milkweed Editions
Discussing Milkweed's "Stories from Where We
Live" Series.

### **C3**

### Ecocriticism and Kenneth Burke: Explorations beyond Nature Writing; Sponsored by the Kenneth Burke Society

Room 311

Ed Appel, Lock Haven University Language as Motive, Perfectionism, Entelechy: Foundations and Prospects for Ecological Disaster

Rick Coe, Simon Fraser University Kenneth Burke to the Rescue: Using the New Rhetoric to Critique Inadequate Ecological Analyses

Robert Wess, Oregon State University
Terministic Screens and Ecological Foundations:
A Burkean Perspective on Yamashita's
Through the Arc of the Rain Forest

Chair: Randall Roorda, University of Kentucky

# C4 Taking the Gaia Hypothesis Seriously—and Having Fun with It, Part 2

Room 515

Libby Hubbard, aka Doctress Neutropia, Independent Scholar Gaian Theory and Social Change

Hagitte Gal-Ed, New York University Peace, ARTiculation, and the Evolving Theory Of Dialogic Intelligence

Serena Anderlini-D'Onofrio, University of Puerto Rico Paradox and Holism in the Earth-Friendly Texts Of Jacopo Fo and the Alcatraz Community

Chair: Serena Anderlini-D'Onofrio

## C5

# The Place of Nature in 19<sup>th</sup>-Century America: Places and Perspectives Room 505

Scott McMillin, Oberlin College
The Flow of Transcendentalism: From the
Concord & Merrimack Rivers to the
Back of Beyond

Bill Stowe, Wesleyan University A "Gathering" Place: Boston's Mount Auburn Cemetery

Dona Brown, University of Vermont The Uses of Scenery

Lauren LaFauci, University of Michigan Inscribing the *Terra Incognita*: Timothy O'Sullivan's Survey Photography and the Documentation of American Wilderness

Chair: Jim Warren, Washington and Lee University

### **C6**

Critical and Creative Responses to Rachel Carson's *Under the Sea-Wind;* Sponsored by NEW-CUE (Nature and

# **Environmental Writers—College and University Educators)**

Room 323

William Stroup, Keene State College Seeing "With Practiced Eye": The Romantic Science of *Under the Sea Wind* 

Donna Mendelson, SUNY Binghamton Domesticating and Personifying Metaphor in Under the Sea-Wind

Rema Boscov, Leverett, Massachusetts I Could Never Call this Silence: Poems in Response to *Under the Sea-Wind* 

Chair: Laura Cowan, University of Maine

### **C7**

### **Ecofictions I**

Room 421

Jim McGrath, Missoula City Council
The Landscape of Detection: Toward an Ecology
of the Murder Mystery

Matthew Wynn Sivils, Oklahoma State
University

Willa Cather's Reclamation of the Natural Environment in *The Song of the Lark* 

John Peecher, Brea, CA
Something Out of Nothing? Implicate
Possibilities in Annie Proulx's *The*Shipping News

Dickie Maurice Heaberlin, Southwest Texas State University

Nature Writing in Two Oil Novels of the Texas Coast: Mary King's *Quincie Bolliver* and William A. Owens's *Fever in the Earth* 

Chair: Dickie Heaberlin

## **C8**

## Science and Ecocriticism

Room 511

Katrina Neckuty, University of Nevada, Reno Landscapes of Knowledge: Ethnobiology in Ecofiction Glen Love, University of Oregon Ecocriticism, E. O. Wilson, and the Rediscovery of Human Nature Wed.,

June 4

Jennifer Wheat, University of Hawaii at Hilo Subjectivity and the Uses of Myth in Scientific Nomenclature

Crystal Koch, University of Nevada, Reno
The Jungle Under the Surface: Scientific
Influences in the Poetry of Marianne
Moore

Chair: Glen Love

### **C9**

# Gender, Sexuality, and Environmental Justice I

Room 423

Valerie Ann Kaalund, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Witness to Truth: Documenting Health and Environmental Justice

Rachel Stein, Siena College
Bodily Transgressions in Speculative Fiction:
Genetic Manipulation and Organ Theft
in Octavia Butler and Nalo Hopkinson

A.K. Jayasree, Foundation for Integrated
Research in Mental Health
Searching Sexual Pleasure and Self in a Coerced
Body and Violent Social Milieu

Larri Fish, Siena College Nature as Character in Linda Hogan's *Solar* Storms

Chair: Rachel Stein

### C10 Charismatic Fauna

Room 313

Laura Spieth, University of Kentucky
The Discourse of Nature: Problems of
Representation in Horacio Quiroga's
"El Regreso de Anaconda"

Daniel Noland, University of North Carolina at

Wilmington America's Own Snake: A Handsome and Honest-hearted Predator

Pamela Banting, University of Calgary
From *Grizzly Country* to *Grizzly Heart*: The
Grammar of Bear-Human Interactions
in the Writings of Andy Russell and
Charlie Russell

Robert E. Walls, Lafayette College Of Wild Men and Wilderness: The Sasquatch and the Environmental Imaginary

Chair: Pamela Banting

### C11

**Readings: Creature Features** *Room 315* 

Nancy Cook, University of Rhode Island Getting Supper, or My Life in the Food Chain

Allison Wallace, University of Central Arkansas The Bees of My Youth

Brian Bartlett, Saint Mary's University
A Track in Plaster; or The Moose Head Over the
Fireplace

Lauren Butcher, Rutgers University
Natives and Familiars: Reflections on
Rehabilitating Wild Birds in Suburbia

Chair: Nancy Cook

### C12

The "Real Work" of Peace: Tracing Responses to War and Violence in the Work of Jeffers, Snyder, Williams, and Gayton

Room 521

Rob Stacy, Albertson College
"Contemplation of the Sword": Violence and
Pacifism in the Poetry of Robinson

Jeffers and Gary Snyder

Melissa Goldthwaite, Saint Joseph's University Our Work Is Not Irrelevant: Strategies for Peace and Environmental Renewal in the Work of Terry Tempest Williams

Christina Robertson, University of Nevada, Reno Waging Peace: The "Ground Truth" in Don Gayton's Landscapes of the Interior

Chair: Melissa Goldthwaite

### 3:00-4:30 p.m.

# PLENARY SESSION: A READING BY CYNTHIA HUNTINGTON

Jacob Sleeper Auditorium

Cynthia Huntington, director of the Creative Writing Program at Dartmouth College, is the author of three books of poems, *The Fish-wife*, *We Have Gone to the Beach*, and *The Radiant*, and a nonfiction account of Cape Cod, *The Salt House*.

Introduction: Adam Sweeting, Boston University

### 4:45-6:00 p.m.

# D1

**Applying the Local: Strategies for Integrating Teaching and Community Action** 

Room 515

Moderator: Laura-Gray Street, Randolph-Macon Women's College

Rick Barnes, Randolph-Macon Women's
College; Citizen's Steering Committee
for the Lynchburg (VA) Comprehensive
Plan

Constance Clark, Randolph-Macon Women's College

David Robertson, The Public Ecology Project, Virginia Tech; Greater Lynchburg Environmental Network (GLEN)

Karin Warren, Randolph-Macon Women's College

### **D2**

Readings from Recent Books: Water, Swamps, and Watersheds

Room 311

Deborah Cramer, Gloucester, Massachusetts From *Great Waters* 

Sheryl St. Germain, Iowa State University From Swamp Songs

Patricia Monaghan, DePaul University
From The Red-Haired Girl from the Bog: The
Landscape of Celtic Myth and Spirit

Elizabeth Grossman, Portland, Oregon From Watershed: The Undamming of America

### **D3**

# **Teaching Environmental Literature** *Room 321*

David Copland Morris, University of Washington, Tacoma Teaching the Power of Metaphor to Alter Environmental Perception

Peter Quigley, Minnesota State University, Moorhead

"Grow Your Own House": Teaching
Environmental Literature Using the
House of the Poet

Mark Allister, St. Olaf College Environmental Literature and Life in the Suburbs

Stan Tag, Fairhaven College, Western Washington University Teaching Walking

Chair: Mark Allister

### D4

Reading Culture I: Tea, Tree, Lawn, Sea

Room 505

Ayano Ginoza, University of Nevada, Reno An Ecocritical Perspective on Teaism: Reading Tenshin Okakura's *The Book of Tea*  Shelley Manning, University of Nebraska at Omaha

Arbor Day Reconsidered: A Prairie Perspective

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Timothy Morton, University of Colorado at Boulder

Leveled by the Playing Field: The Work of Lawn Care in the Age of Astroturf

Ceiridwen Terrill, University of Nevada, Reno
In Sickness and in Health: The Marriage of
Human Cultures and Biotic
Communities in the Sea of Cortes, from
Rock Art to Exotic Species

Chair: Timothy Morton

### **D5**

## Whitman and Dickinson

Room 323

Mark Minster, Indiana University
"The sea whisper'd me": Whitman's
Natural Prophetic Call

Robin Morris, Amherst, Massachusetts Whitman's Rondure and the Reconciliation of East and West

Christine Gerhardt, University of Dortmund "Earths grow thick as Berries, in my native Town": The Actual World of Emily Dickinson

Scott Knickerbocker, University of Oregon Dickinson's Ecocentric Epistemology

Chair: Christine Gerhardt

### D6 Australian Environmental Literature, Art, and Policy

Room 313

Breyan Strickler, Penn State University
Colonizing the City: The Performance of Food
Purity in *Dr. Wooreddy* and *Camille's*Bread

Tom Lynch, New Mexico State University Contexts, Texts, and Textures: The Sensuous Semiotics of John Wolseley's Literary Paintings

Susan Bender, University of Nevada, Reno Population Rhetoric in Australia and the United States

Divya Anand, Jawaharlal University
(Re)Constructing Aboriginality: Scripting
Ecological Poetics in Kim Scott's
True Country

Chair: Scott Slovic, University of Nevada, Reno

# D7 Reading Mary Oliver Room 421

Ann Fisher-Wirth, University of Mississippi Still the Question Remains, What Space for the Sacred in This Century?

Mark Long, Keene State College The Architecture of Praise: Mary Oliver's Sources

Joni Palmer, University of Colorado at Boulder Mary Oliver's Poetry as Landscape/ Environmental Studies Teaching Tool

Chair: Mark Long

### D8 Interdisciplinary Studies II: Literature and Architecture Room 315

Tom Scanlan, University of Minnesota Place as Garden; Garden as Place: The Landscape Poetics of Jens Jensen

Naomi Tanabe Uechi, Indiana University Emerson's Influence on American Architecture: Frank Furness, Louis Sullivan, and Frank Lloyd Wright

Onno Oerlemans, Hamilton College Romanticism and the City: Towards a Green Architecture Chair: Onno Oerlemans

# D9 Environmental Justice, Activism, and Ecocriticism: Postcolonial Interventions

Room 423

Zhou Xiaojing, University of the Pacific The Ethics of Ecological Views in Hawai'ian Songs

Vermonja Alston, Middlebury College
"Moving Towards Home": The Poetics and
Politics of Environmental Justice in the
Work of June Jordan

Matthew Shenoda, San Francisco State
University
The Nile After Its Dam(n)ing

LeAnne Howe, Loft Literary Center, Minneapolis The Sewage of Foreigners

Co-chairs: Vermonja Alston, Middlebury College; Lauret Savoy, Mount Holyoke College

# D10 Critter Lit

Sydney Plum, University of Connecticut Writing a Bird Life: One Dilemma after Another

Suzanne Ross, St. Cloud State University
A Hawk at the Window, Squirrels in the
Bedroom: Stories that Blur the Wild/
Domestic Divide

Lynn Wake, University of Nebraska at Lincoln A Mouse in the Brain, a Vile Old Dachshund, and the Silence of Swans: The Literary Ecology of E. B. White

Christopher Todd Anderson, University of
Connecticut

Animals and Popular Culture in the Poetry of Pattiann Rogers and Maxine Kumin

Chair: Suzanne Ross

### D11 Writing in Thoreau's Backyard: A Reading for Undergraduate Nature Writers

Room 523

Lisa Paciello, Assumption College Newton Hill: Then and Now

Steve Muscatello, Assumption College Nature and Solitude at Walden Pond

Kristina England, Assumption College A Pure Pond Known as Walden

Chair: Mike Land, Assumption College

### D12

# Nature and the Family: Reciprocal Constructions

Room 511

Dan Bullen, New York University
Borrowing from the Children: Literature and
Sustainability

Laura Gravette, University of Central Arkansas Public Parks and Parenting: Urbanizing Nature and Families

Holly Nickel, University of California at Riverside

Re-Thinking Female Identity: Gardening and Outdoor Exercise in *The Wide, Wide* World and Work

Diana Villanueva Romero, University of Alcalá, Spain Gary Snyder's "Ecology of Family"

Chair: Dan Bullen

## 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Dinner on your own.

7:00-9:00 p.m.

# ANTI-SESSION: "The Mongrel Dogs Who Teach"

Marsh Plaza

Jam session with the ASLE Irregular Musicians. Bring your instrument, your songs, your voice, and your dancing shoes, and join in!

### 8:30-10:00 p.m.

You might want to check out the Coit Observatory. Admission is free and open to the public at this time, but space is limited. Wed.,

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# Thursday, June 5

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8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

PUBLISHERS' BOOK EXHIBIT Butler Study Center

Meet publishers, find good books, mingle, check out the Quote Board!

8:00 - 9:15 a.m.

### $\mathbf{E}\mathbf{1}$

Activism: Integrating Creative Strategies & Personal Values in Troubled Times

Room 515

Moderator: Margo Tamez, Chandler-Gilbert Community College; The Gila River Indian Community 21<sup>st</sup> Century Project; The Environmental Leadership Program; De Las Manos Center for Peace & Environmental Study

George Grattan, Boston College; The Urban Ecology Institute Nancy Van Leuven, California State University, Sacramento

Andrew Moss, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona

Jeri Pollock, Pepperdine University
Michele Potter, University of New Mexico,
Red River Watershed Group; Friends
of the Wild Rivers

# E2 Dancing in the Fire: Women Read from and Discuss Creative Responses to Loss

Room 311

Moderator: Lorraine Anderson, Davis, CA

Melissa Walker, Atlanta, GA Greta Gaard, University of Minnesota Candace Calsoyas, University of California, Santa Cruz Maria Melendez, University of California, Davis, Arboretum

# E3 The Walden Project: Applying Thoreau's Vision to Public School Curricula

Room 321

Matt Schlein, Director, The Willowell
Foundation, Bristol, VT, and the
Walden Project, Vergennes, VT,
and students from the Walden Project:

Jen Brandt Katie Chamberlain Dave Ebel Jared Hatch Seth Provencher Molly Shaw

# E4 Defining and Redefining Ecocriticism Room 505

Sue Ellen Campbell, Colorado State University Richard Kerridge, Bath Spa University The Language of Landscape: Writing Natural/ Cultural Ecology

Kent Ryden, University of Southern Maine From Ecocriticism to Ecofolkloristics

Amy M. Patrick, University of Minnesota Apocalyptic or Precautionary? Redefining Texts In Environmental Literature

Chair: SueEllen Campbell

Room 323

# E5 The Place of Nature in 19<sup>th</sup>-Century America: The Example of John Burroughs

Jeff Walker, Vassar College This Shaggy Barbarian Earth: The Geological Writings of John Burroughs Charlotte Zoe Walker, SUNY-Oneonta John Burroughs and the Book of Nature

Daniel Payne, SUNY-Oneonta Camping, Tramping, and Lobbying: Burroughs, Muir, and Roosevelt

Jim Warren, Washington and Lee University Emerson, Thoreau, and Burroughs's Sense of Place

Chair: Jim Warren

### E6 Edward Abbey

Room 421

James M. Cahalan, Indiana University of Pennsylvania The Urban and East Coast Edward Abbey

Bill Toth, Western New Mexico University Wet Desert, Dry Ocean: Place and Space in *The Outermost House* and *Desert Solitaire* 

David Pozza, Indiana University of Pennsylvania Beyond Solitaire: Aesthetics, Genre, and Paradox in Edward Abbey's "Nonfiction" Collections

Chair: James M. Cahalan

### E7 Travel Writing II

Room 313

Hal Crimmel, Weber State University Trekking in the Seat of the Gods

Rob Sulewski, University of Michigan
"Fruitfull hils of corne": Early Descriptions of
Poland by Two Travelers from the
British Isles

Peter F. Perreten, Ursinus College The Holistic Landscape in Arthur Young's A Six Months Tour Through the North of England (1769)

Chair: Hal Crimmel

# E8 Science and Literature II

Heather Sullivan, Trinity University
The Ecology of Deep Time in German
Romanticism: An Ecocritical Reading
of Novalis, Tiech, and Early Geology

Lisa West Norwood, Drake University
The Short Story's Response to Lyell's Theory of
Geology: Time, Observation, and
Landscape in Tales by Hawthorne and
Child

Paul Rea, St. Mary's College of California Science and Spirituality Combine to Tell a New Universe Story

Maura Flannery, St. John's University Heat and Desperation: Environment in the Novels of Homer Smith

Chair: Maura Flannery

### E9 Gender, Sexuality, and Environmental Justice II

Room 521

Beth Berila, Syracuse University
"Toxic Bodies?" ACT UP's Disruptions of the
Heteronormative Landscape of the
Nation

Katie Hogan, LaGuardia Community College/ CUNY

Detecting Toxic Environments: Gay Mystery as Environmental Justice

Mei Mei Evans, Alaska Pacific University Queer(y)ing Nature

Cheryl Fish, Borough of Manhattan Community College

Gender, Sexuality, and Environmental Justice in Ruth Ozeki's My Year of Meats

Chair: Rachel Stein, Siena College

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### E10

# **Troubled Waters: Politics and Pollution Across the Shores**

Room 511

Bruce Allen, Juntendo University, Japan Facing the True Costs of Living: Arundati Roy and Ishimure Michiko on Dams and Writing

Krishna Lewis, Pennsylvania School of Art & Design

Continental Drifts: Old World/New World
Displacements in Southasian Literature

Robert Hass, Edinboro University
Too Anxious for Rivers: Wildness, Privatization,
and the Fate of American Freshwater
Fisheries

Priscilla Paton, Denison University
"Drift and Debris": Water as Pure Cleansing
Metaphor and as Dirty Environmental
Cause

Chair: Priscilla Paton

### E11

# **Poetry Reading: Poems for the Earth** *Room 323*

Jessica Weintraub, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Vicki Graham, University of Minnesota, Morris Maxwell Corydon Wheat, Freeport, NY

Chair: Vicki Graham

### E12

# Urban Pastoral and Postcolonialism

Room 315

Jonathan Levin, Fordham University Joseph Mitchell's Urban Pastoral Aesthetic

Timothy Gray, College of Staten Island, CUNY

Fallen Angels: Kathleen Norris, Jim Carroll, and the Limits of Urban Pastoral

Dooho Shin, Samchok National University, Korea

Urban Environmentalism and East Asian Landscape Painting

Chiu-hua Su, National Taiwan University
The Urban Environment of Postcolonial Taipei:
A Discussion of Zhu Tianxin's "The
Ancient Capital"

Chair: Jonathan Levin

### 9:30-11:00 a.m.

# PLENARY SESSION: A READING BY BARBARA NEELY

Jacob Sleeper Auditorium

Barbara Neely, author of *Blanche Cleans Up* and other mysteries in the Blanche White series, is a central figure in several Boston-based organizations devoted to social and economic justice.

Introduction: Rachel Stein, Siena College

## 11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

#### F1

## Prospects for an Ecological English: Implications and Applications of Composition and Sustainability

Room 515

Moderator: Randall Roorda, University of Kentucky

Arlene Plevin, University of Washington Dana Hood Morgan, Santa Monica College Deborah Adelman, College Of DuPage Derek Owens, St. John's University

### F2 Workshop for ASLE International Affiliates

Room 511

Facilitator: Cheryll Glotfelty, University of Nevada, Reno

The workshop promotes the exchange of information among ASLE's international affiliates (ASLE-Japan, ASLE-UK, ASLE-Korea, ASLE-Germany, ASLE-Australia) and provides assistance to those wishing to establish new affiliates. Participants will explain how their organizations were established, report on past and current activities, offer helpful tips, identify challenges, raise questions, propose new ideas, share experiences, and "network." The workshop is informal, pragmatic, and open to all who are interested.

### F3 Eco-Pedagogies

Room 311

Susan B. Brill de Ramirez, Bradley University
Ecocomp and Envirolit in the Heart of GMO
Corn and Soybean Country: Deepening
Student Learning through Experiential
and Service Learning Methods

Bruce McKenzie, Wooster High School, NV
Tarantulas Crawling Out of Textbooks: A
Discussion of Environmental Literature
In the Urban Remedial High School
English Class

Kathryn Cole, University of Cincinnati Making Connections Among Classrooms: Exploring our Voices, Developing our Community

Eve Quesnel, University of Nevada, Reno Ecocomposition: Putting Composition in its Place

Chair: Susan B. Brill de Ramirez

# F4 **Ecocritical Theory**

Room 321

Simon C. Estok, Seoul, South Korea Solid Earth/Ephemeral Theory: Taking Stock of Ecocriticism

Dennis Okerstrom, Park University
Praxis, *Engagement*, and Gardens from the Air:
An Ecocritical Examination of the
Works of Antoine de Saint-Exupery

Chair: Dennis Okerstrom

# F5 Thoreauvian Connections

Room 323

Robert T. Hayashi, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh

Beyond Walden Pond: Reading Asian American Literature and the Limits of Ecocriticism

Stephen L. Tanner, Brigham Young University Thoreau and Current Motions

Tonia L. Payne, Nassau Community College Good and/or Wild? Repositioning Thoreau as Progenitor of the Contemporary Tradition

Francois Specq, Universite Lumiere-Lyon2 Thoreau's "Chesuncook" or the Book of Recreation

Chair: Stephen L. Tanner

### F6

### Negotiating Dis-Location and Appropriation: Native American Writers on Post-Modern Ecologies Room 421

Alex Hunt, West Texas A&M
The Pitfalls of Cultural Appropriation: Vine
Deloria and Ecology

Ellen Arnold, East Carolina University
Healing with Holograms: A Dynamic Model of
Wholeness in Gerald Vizenor's *The*Heirs of Columbus

Barbara Cook, University of Oregon Rhetoric of Walking: Indian Relocation and Urban Renewal in David Treuer's The Hiawatha

Lee Schweninger, University of North Carolina, Wilmington

To Name is to Claim, or Remembering Place:
Native American Writers Reclaim the
Northeast

Chair: Ellen Arnold

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# F7 Travel Writing I: Home and Abroad Room 505

CA. Cranston, University of Tasmania
Robert Zeller, Southeast Missouri State
University
Practicing Ecocriticism in Tasmania: Traveler
and Tourist

Margaret K. Bass and Mary M. Hussmann, St. Lawrence University Sapelo Sojourn

Chair: Robert Zeller

# F8 Politics and Policy

Room 423

Ursula K. Heise, Columbia University Global Ecology and the Experience of Place

Tom Leskiw, USDA-Six Rivers National Forest Some Thoughts on Human/Plant Interactions: The Lesson of Lotis Blue

Amy Clary, University of Louisiana at Lafayette A Hardworking Landscape: The Valles Caldera National Preserve and the Co-optation of the Wilderness Debate

Steven Lang, American Center on Science and Society (ACSS), City University of New York

Pastoralism and the Social Construction of the Long Island Coastal Zone

Chair: Ursula K. Heise

F9

# Nature and Class II: Woods and Wilderness in English and French Romanticism

Room 521

Bridget Keegan, Creighton University
Royal Oaks and Fallen Elms: War, Enclosure,
and the Politics of Wood in EighteenthCentury British Laboring-Class Poetry

Don Ulin, University of Pittsburgh

"A prettyish kind of a little wilderness": The Power of the Great Outdoors in *Pride* and *Prejudice* 

Chair: Scott Hess

F10

The Intimate Animal: Power, Love, Mystery, and the Animals Who Share Our Lives

Room 513

Kathleen Wallace, Columbus, Ohio Lost Dog, Found Dog. Cat: Missing

Karla Armbruster, Webster University The Dog Who Bites People

John Price, University of Nebraska at Omaha High Maintenance

Susan Naramore Maher, University of Nebraska at Omaha

"Amatory Pleasures": River Erotics in John McPhee's *The Founding Fish* 

Chair: Karla Armbruster

F11

**Shaped by Water** 

Room 313

Daniel Patterson, Central Michigan University Fall River

Jim Papa, York College Shaped by Water, Wind, and Sand

Susan Rosen, Anne Arundel Community College Tidal: Sub-tidal

Diane Freedman, University of New Hampshire Shaped by Water: New Hampshire

Chair: Susan Rosen

F12

**National Parks** 

Room 315

Lea Masiello, Indiana University of
Pennsylvania
The Sublime in National Parks: An Integrated,
Interdisciplinary Approach

Eric Chilton, University of Arizona Imagining Railroads in the Grand Canyon: Nature-parks, Tourism, and Transparency in the Southwest

Gabrielle Zezulka-Mailloux, University of Alberta Forgetful Wilderness: The Paradox of Human

Histories in National Parks Publications

Chair: Lea Masiello

12:30-1:00

Lunch on your own--grab a quick bite before we head out for field sessions! Or bring it to eat on-site.

1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

FIELD SESSIONS

- Choose one Field Session from the detailed descriptions included in your conference packet. Note that sessions 3-9 (the actual field sessions) are limited to 20-25 people per trip.
- Pre-register for your Field Session at the registration desk.
- Grab a quick bite or pack a snack to bring with you.
- Transportation instructions included in the conference packet. All can be reached by public transportation.
- Sessions 1 and 2 will remain on campus.

#1: 1:30-3:00

THE GARDEN IN THE MACHINE: NEW FILMS AND VIDEOS BY ENVIRONMENTALLY AWARE MEDIA ARTISTS (WATER WORKS) Jacob Sleeper Auditorium Thursday,

June 5

Scott MacDonald, Hamilton College and Bard College

#2: A WORKSHOP ALONG THE CHARLES: "BUILD A WETLAND" AND THE BIODIVERSITY COUNT: FIELD ASSIGNMENTS AND ACTIVITIES IN ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

Led by Carolyn Mahan, Assistant Professor of Biology and Co-coordinator of the Environmental Studies Program, Penn State Altoona

# #3: DUDLEY STREET NEIGHBORHOOD INITIATIVE

Located in the Roxbury/North Dorchester section of the city, DSNI is a nationally recognized organization devoted to questions of environmental and social justice. DSNI officials will discuss their work in the community and lead a walking tour highlighting the group's activities on behalf of urban environmental justice.

### **#4: URBAN ECOLOGY INSTITUTE**

A non-profit research, education, and advocacy group affiliated with Boston College, the Institute will lead an urban ecology walking trip along the Charles River Explanade. Dr. Eric Strauss (Director of Science for the Urban Ecology Institute and Director of Environmental Studies at Boston College), will provide a handson tour of a slice of the Charles River estuary that introduces the basic principles of urban ecology study.

**#5:** OLMSTED NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The site is located in Brookline, an easily accessible suburb of Boston. Rangers from the National Park Service's Olmsted site will lead a discussion of Olmsted's work on behalf of the Boston park system. The site, which includes Olmsted's studio, archives, and living space, provides visitors with an understanding of the development of urban landscape architecture. The tour will allow ASLE members to view original Olmsted drawings and plans.

# **#6:** A TOUR OF THE BACK BAY/FENS

Part of Olmsted's master plan for the Boston park system, the Back Bay/Fens is one of the loveliest urban greeneries in the east. No simple oasis of green amid the city, its beauty stems in large measure from the urban character of the surrounding neighborhood. National Park Service rangers will lead a group that explores the ecology and water systems of this important urban park.

# #7: THE INSTITUTE FOR CULTURAL LANDSCAPE STUDIES AT THE ARNOLD ARBORETUM

The Institute for Cultural Landscape Studies was created in 1997 to support inquiry into landscapes with significant human usage. Located in the Jamaica Plain section of Boston, the Institute has emerged as an important facilitator for discussions of urban landscapes. The walking tour of the Arboretum will focus on the historical and cultural uses of this splendid urban green space, and give participants a first-hand lesson in reading a cultural landscape.

## 4:00-6:00 p.m.

# AUTHORS' RECEPTION and POSTER SESSION

Butler Study Center Don't miss the chance to meet with recently published ASLE authors! Reception organized and hosted by Arlene Plevin and Gioia Woods

### POSTER SESSION

The poster sessions will take place in or near the Butler Study Center. The take time to explore these varied sessions.

Laird Christensen, Green Mountain College Mark Long, Keene State College Frederick Waage, East Tennessee State University

From Teaching Environmental Literature (1985) to Teaching North American Environmental Literature (2005)

Jennifer Colletti, University of North Carolina At Wilmington

Strange to Precious: How to Make the Transition From Alienation to Affection within the Landscapes of Modern America

Daniel Lane, Norwich University
Who's that Man in a Rubber Dress? The
Nautical Extravagances of Captain Paul
A. Boynton, Showman Extraordinaire

Anne Milne, McMaster University
The Animal Body and the Construction of the
Country Gentleman

Brian Nerney, Metropolitan State University Scenes of Forest Romance: Affiliations with Power

Lisa Slappey, Rice University
Sweetwater Creek State Conservation Park:
Maintaining the Integrity of the Park in
the Face of Urban Sprawl

William Stott, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

The Albemarle Ecological Field Site: A Multi-Disciplinary Field Study Program

Lewis Ulman, Ohio State University
The ASLE On-Line Bibliography: A Hands-on
Demonstration

Laurence Wiland, Cable Natural History
Museum, Wisconsin
New Voices for Nature: A Community-Based
Writing Program

6:00-7:00 p.m.

Dinner on your own.

7:00-8:30 p.m.

KEYNOTE PLENARY SESSION: JOHN HANSON MITCHELL: LANDSCAPE AS STORY

Jacob Sleeper Auditorium

John Hanson Mitchell is the author of, among other works, Ceremonial Time: Fifteen Thousand Years on One Square Mile, Walking Towards Walden: A Pilgrimage in Search of Place, Trespassing: An Inquiry Into the Private Ownership of Land, and The Wildest Place on Earth: Italian Gardens and the Invention of Wilderness.

Introduction: Terrell Dixon, University of Houston

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# Friday, June 6

8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

PUBLISHERS' BOOK EXHIBIT

Butler Study Center

Meet publishers, find good books, mingle, and check out the Quote Board!

8:00 -9:15 a.m.

G1

Exploring Science, Literature, and Ecocriticism: How Do We Reconcile a Scientific Worldview with Spiritual. Intuitive, Emotional Responses to the Earth?

Room 311 Chairs:

Janine DeBaise, State University of New York, College of Environmental Science and Forestry

Michael T. Bryson, Evelyn T. Stone University College, Roosevelt University

Luis O. Arata, Quinnipiac University Neil Browne, Oregon State University, Cascades

John Bruni, University of Kansas Bruce Clarke, Center for the Interaction of the Arts and Sciences, Texas Tech University

Katherine Hanson, Marian College Dana Zaskoda, Teachers College, Columbia University

Karl Zuelke, University of Cincinnati

G2Placing the Spirit in "The Spirit of Place"

Room 515

Leslie Van Gelder, Oxford Institute For Science and Spirituality Placing the Spirit in the Philosophy of Place

Kathleen Adams, Union Institute and University Prisons Within Prison

Mark Cladis, Vassar College The Land, the Human, and the Spirit

Kathleen Froese, Union Institute and University; Albuquerque Public Schools Feeling the Body of the Earth, Reaching the

Amanda Gardner, Union Institute and University; Hoboken Homeless Shelter Writing Project Homelessness, Writing, and the Politics of Place

Melissa Phillips, Leeds University The Construction of "Place"

Fred Taylor, Vermont College Storying the Spirit of Place

Sally Palmer Thomason, Rhodes College The Story of Aging Through Body and Spirit

Kevin Sharpe, Union Institute and University; Oxford Institute for Science and Spirit Place, Story, and the Minds of Our Ancestors

Chair: Leslie Van Gelder

G3

**Teaching Environmental Awareness** Across Disciplines: Possibilities and **Problems in One Public High School** Room 505

Kay Morgan, Oyster River High School, New Hampshire

Tradition and Change: Art and the Environment In the Great Bay Region

Emma Rous, University of New Hampshire Literature and the Land

Doug Knight, Berwick Academy Science and Uncertainty

Melinda Salazar, Oyster River High School Quelling the Fire: A Holistic View for the 21st Century

Bob Byrnes, Oyster River High School Student Views of Environmental Issues Paul Gasowski, Oyster River High School TV, Film, and Society

Pam Railford, Oyster River High School. University of New Hampshire What Does It Mean To Live a Meaningful Life? Lifestyle Choices and Environmental Impacts

Chair: Emma Rous

**G4** 

Reading Culture II: Monuments and Advertising

Room 313

William Over, St. John's University The Monuments of Gettysburg: Moral Cause in the Hallowed Ground

Alison M. Perry, University of Texas-Austin A Nation Castrated: Post-September 11th Representations of the World Trade Center

Jan White, University of Auckland Sublime Omens: Natural Phenomena in Visual Narratives: Art and Advertising

Chair: William Over

19<sup>th</sup> Century American Nature Writers

Room 321

Michael Buckley, Penn State University Defending Stone Walls: The Aesthetic Economy of Nature in the Essays of Wilson Flagg

Rachel Azima, University of Wisconsin-Madison

"The Transplanted Ones": People, the Land, and the Marketplace in Caroline Kirkland's A New Home, Who'll Follow?

Jennifer Dawes Adkison, Idaho State University East and West: Filling the Void with Words in Mary Hallock Foote's Reminiscences and Fiction

Edmund A. Schofield, Tower Hill Botanic Garden

Friday,

June 6

The Two Nessmuks: Levi Jaha, the Nipmuck. and his Literary Namesake, George Washington Sears

Chair: Michael Buckley

**G6** 

**Contemporary American Nature** Writers

Room 323

Hannes Bergthaller, University of Bonn Silent Spring and the Deligitimation of Cold War **Politics** 

David Mazel, Adams State College Annie Dillard and the Book of Job: Notes Toward a Postnatural Nature Writing

Colby Poulson, University of Utah Talking With the Land: Signifying and Semiotics In Barry Lopez's Arctic Dreams

Richard Hunt, Kirkwood Community College The Shores of Perception: John Hay and the Practice of Exaltation

Chair: David Mazel

**G7** 

**Ecofictions II** 

Room 515

Robert Hendrick, St. John's University Predictions of Environmental Degradation in the Fiction and Illustrations of Albert Robida (1848-1926)

Ciro Sandoval, Michigan Technological University

Sierra and Coast or "Up Above and Down Below" in the Peruvian Cosmology and Landscape of Jose Maria Arguedas

John Gamber, University of California, Santa Barbara

Trickling Down: Waste and Pollution in Alejandro Morales' The Rag Doll Plagues

Chair: Ciro Sandoval

### G8 **Studies in Ecopoetry**

Room 421

Eric Ball, Ohio State University The "Ecologization" of Nature Metaphors in Local "Folk" Poetry

Hugh Dunkerley, University College Chichester "How To Be Alive": The Poetry of John Burnside

Jenny Kerber, York University Quarrying Poetic Possibility: Christopher Dewdney's Natural History

Chair: Hugh Dunkerley

### G9

## Nature and Class III: The Class **Politics of Nature in American** Romanticism and Realism

Room 423

David Haslam, Temple University Monkeys of Massachusetts: Differentiating the Social Body in James Fenimore Cooper

Sandy Alexandre, University of Virginia The Killing Trees: Of Nature in the Lynch Poem

Christine Mahady, University of Pittsburgh Dominance of the Fittest: The Animal Story in 1890s Cosmopolitan Magazine

Michael Lundblad, University of Virginia The Law of the Capitalist Jungle: Animalized Subjectivity in Sinclair's The Jungle

Chair: Lance Newman, California State University, San Marcos

### G10

### Literature of the Sea: International Waters

Room 521

Stephanie Posthumus, University of Western Ontario

Figure and Place: The Mariner and His Seas in Michel Serres' Literary Texts

Cliff Boyer, University of Oregon Environmental Determinism and Entrapment in the Glencairn Plays of Eugene O'Neill

Udaya Ravi Shastry, P A College, Tiptur, Bangalore University, Karnataka, India The Sea in Indian Coastal Literature

Chair: Cliff Boyer

### G11

## Home/Away from Home

Room 523

Jane Archer, Birmingham-Southern College Topophilia: On the Road and Being There

Laird Christensen, Green Mountain College Northwest Passages

Bernard Quetchenbach, Florida Southern College Peregrines

Jeffrey Thomson, Chatham College A Town That Sounds Like Leaving

Chair: Bernard Ouetchenbach

### G12

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### War and Environment

Room 511

Danielle Hinrichs, Claremont Graduate University

Nature, War, and the Violence of Language: Mary McCarthy's Birds of America

Jacqueline Scoones, San Diego Mesa College Heroes in the Slimy Hole: Graham Swift's Waterland and the "Natural Contract" Of Michael Serres

Carol Acton. St. Jerome's University Masses of Memoried Flowers: Combatant Mourning and the Subverted Pastoral

William Kupinse, University of Puget Sound Modernist Pastoral: H. G. Wells and the Great War

Chair: William Kupinse

### 9:30-11:00 a.m.

### PLENARY SESSION: SEEKING COMMON GROUND: A DIALOGUE ON INTEGRATING THE SCIENCES **AND HUMANITIES**

Jacob Sleeper Auditorium

Edward O Wilson, Harvard University, author of, among other works, two Pulitzer Prize-winning books, On Human Nature and The Ants, as well as Naturalist, Consilience: The Unity of Knowledge, Sociobiology: The New Synthesis, The Diversity of Life, and The Future of Life.

Laura Dassow Walls, Lafayette College, author of Seeing New Worlds: Henry David Thoreau and Nineteenth-Century Natural Science, Material Faith: Thoreau on Science (with an intro by E. O. Wilson), and Emerson's Life in Science: The Culture of Truth.

Introduction: Ian Marshall, Penn State Altoona Musical Introduction: "In the Rainforest," music by David Rothenberg, text by E. O. Wilson, from Sudden Music

# 11:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

# (Bio)Regionalism in the Classroom

Room 505

Moderator: Laird Christensen, Green Mountain

### College

Jeri Pollock, Pepperdine University Teaching the Earth: Bioregionalism in the Eco-Comp Classroom

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Patrick Howard, University of Alberta "As Near to Heaven By Sea": Place and Placelessness in the Literature of Newfoundland and Labrador

Sasha Rabin, River of Words, Berkeley, CA River of Words: The Natural World as Viewed by Young People

Danny Mayer, University of Kentucky Teaching Place in Lexington, Kentucky

Pavel Cenkl, Plymouth State College Inhabiting the Text: Reading, Writing, and Regionalism

Cristina Watson, Albertson College Creating a Collaborative Bioregional Biography

# **Readings from Recent Books:** Landscapes with Figures

Room 321

Anne Matthews, Princeton University From Wild Nights: Nature Returns to the City

Melanie Simo, Bradford, New Hampshire From Forest and Garden: Traces of Wildness in a Modernizing Land, 1897-1949

Chair: Anne Matthews

# **H3**

### Regional Pedagogies Room 511

Steven Marx, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo The Cal Poly Land Project—A Progress Report

Nicole Glick, Long Beach City College The Paradox of Paradise: A Workshop in Teaching California/Regional Literature

Sean Purcell and Matthew Reiswig, University

Of Colorado at Boulder Learning Environments: Interdisciplinarity on the Front Range

Barbara Stedman, Ball State University Environmental Writing Gets Down and Dirty: A Hands-on Study of Hoosier Land and Literature

Chair: Steven Marx

### H4

"The Actual World": Corporeal Feminisms, Ecologies, and the Matter at Hand

Room 323

Louise H. Westling, University of Oregon An Erotic Embrace with the Flesh of the World

Catriona Sandilands, York University An Island of Choice: Odd Bodies and Queer Desires on Jane Rule's Galiano

Stacy Alaimo, University of Texas at Arlington "Comrades of Surge": Meridel Le Sueur, Cultural Studies, and the Corporeal Turn

Chair: Stacy Alaimo

### **H5**

The Two Johns: Burroughs and Muir Room 311

Eric Lupfer, University of Texas at Austin When Burroughs Meant More than Thoreau: Nature Writing in American Literary Culture, 1880-1900

Stephen Mercier, University of Rhode Island John Burroughs's Ecological Sublime View of **Evolution** 

Terry Gifford, University of Leeds John Muir's Scientific Discourse

Kay Young, University of California, Santa Barbara The Erotics of Nature: John Muir and I Come to California

Chair: Terry Gifford

### H6 **British Lit**

Room 313

Randy Ingram, Davidson College Reduce, Reuse, Recycle: Early Modern Epigrams, Authority, and the Actual World

Mary Ellen Bellanca, Francis Marion University Grounding Gilbert White: The Naturalist's Journals as Encounter with the "Real"

Kevin Hutchings, University of Northern British Columbia

Green Romanticism and Colonial Ideology: Richardson, Campbell, and Bond Head

Louise Green, University of California, Berkeley: University of Cape Town News from the Present: Utopian Thinking after the end of Nature, or, The Secret Life of Things

Chair: Randy Ingram

# H7

Poetry of the East

Room 421

Leonard Scigaj, Virginia Tech University Dharma and the Tao: The Place of the Orient in Wendell Berry's Poetry

Angela Waldie, Utah State University Seventeen Syllables of Escape: Haiku from the Internment Camps

Carol Dickson, Goddard College "No Picture Postcard": The New Regionalism and David Budbill's Vermont

Chair: Leonard Scigaj

### H8

The "Actual" Animal: Darwin and the Humanities

Room 423

Michael P. Cohen, University of Nevada, Reno Reading and Writing after Darwin

Tina Gianquitto, Vassar College "Do insects possess mind?" Darwin and the Social Instincts in Mary Treat's Home Studies in Nature

Lilian Carswell, Columbia University "He who understands baboon": Darwin and the Language of Animal Mind

Chair: Tina Gianquitto Respondent: William Howarth, Princeton University

The Land of Slavery

Room 521

Stephanie LeMenager, University of California, Santa Barbara Marginal Landscapes: The Bioregional Imagination of North American **Abolitionists** 

Michael D. Burke, Colby College Speaking for Others: The Interesting Narrative of ... Natural History Writing

Roger W. Hecht, Ithaca College Figures in the Garden: Slavery in Nineteenth-Century American Literature

Chair: Michael D. Burke

### H10

**Coastal Fictions** 

Room 523

Maria Windell, Purdue University "Life Folded Death; Death Trellised Life": Ishmael's Exploration of "A Bower in the Arsacides" in Herman Melville's Moby-Dick

Robert Emmett, University of Wisconsin,

Madison

Littoral Language: The Ecocritical Poetics of Virginia Woolf's The Waves

Lisa Perfetti, Muhlenberg College Between Garden and Sea: The Landscape of Caribbean Identity in Schwarz-Bart's Pluie et Vent sur Télumée Miracle (The Bridge of Beyond)

Christine Cusick, Slippery Rock University "Sailing on Stones": Tim Robinson's Ethnography of a Coastal Community

Chair: Lisa Perfetti

**Readings: Security and Loss** 

Room 315

Susan Hanson, Southwest Texas State University Homeland Security

Don Robinson, Casper College Disappearances

Kevin Lutz, Oregon State University Fallow

David Strohmaier, Historical Research Associates, Missoula, MT Drift Smoke: A Meditation on Fire and Loss

Chair: Susan Hanson

### H12

Down on the Farm

Room 515

Anne Perrin, University of Houston "My garden . . . my fields": Did Adam Really Leave Paradise?

Kato Sadamichi, Nagoya University, Japan Body and Earth Are Not Two: Japanese and American Agricultural Writers

William Major, Hillyer College Ecocriticism and the Agrarian Vision

Andrew McMurry, University of Waterloo Wendell Berry and the Rhetoric of Economy

Chair: William Major

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### 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Lunch on your own.

1:30-2:45 p.m.

### **I1**

# **Globalization and Environment** *Room 515*

Moderator: Cheryll Glotfelty, University of Nevada, Reno

Michelle Satterlee, University of Oregon Borders, Secrets, and Ecocriticism in the Age of Empire

Frederick Buell, Queens College, CUNY Mainstream Globalization, Culture, and Environment

Tzu-I Chung, University of Arizona Cultural/Natural: American Nation and Global Environment

Renee Gosson, Bucknell University
"Globalization" or "Globality": The Relationship
between French-Caribbean Cultural
Theory and Environmental Concerns

William Slaymaker, Wayne State College Literature and Environmentalism in the Black Atlantic

Richard Kerridge, Bath Spa University College Globalized Intimacies

### 12

## Workshop on Teaching in the Field: Working with Students in the Outdoor Classroom

Room 505

Moderators:

Hal Crimmel, Weber State University John Tallmadge, Union Institute and University

Why Go? Justifying Teaching Outdoors: Charles Mitchell, Elmira College Alan Brew, Northland College Strategies for Teaching:

Kate Chandler, St. Mary's College of Maryland Laird Christensen, Green Mountain College Ed Grumbine, Sierra Institute Bob Henderson, McMaster University Fred Taylor, Vermont College Andrew Wingfield, George Mason University

Field Considerations: Issues to Consider in Planning and Execution:

Corey Lewis, University of Nevada, Reno Barney Nelson, Sul Ross State University Allison Wallace, University of Central Arkansas John Tallmadge, Union Institute and University

# My Own Private Idaho (or Massachusetts, or . . .): Environmental Life-Writing in Classroom and Community

Room 311

Annie Ingram, Davidson College Writing the Wild Life

Luke Wallin, University of Massachusetts
From Mississippi to the South of France:
Mysterious Sources and Practical Uses
for Environmental Writing

Steven J. Holmes, Roslindale, Massachusetts Between Fantasy and Reality: Images of "Home-Places" in Childhood and Adulthood

Cynthia J. Miller, Institute for Interdisciplinary Studies, Emerson College The Many Lives of Environmental Autobiography

Chair: Steven J. Holmes

# I4 Rethinking Ecological Theory Room 321

Bob Curry, University of Connecticut Toward a More Integral Theory: Ken Wilber and Ecocriticism Alison Van Vort, Boston College Perspectives of Sanity in American Culture and the Environment

Dylan Barth, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Rethinking Ecological Theory in the Wake of the Word Revolution

Chair: Alison Van Vort

## **I5**

# Thoreau by Way of Comparison

Room 323

Charlotte Meyer, Edgewood College Stepmother Nature: Fear of Nature in Isabella Bird's *A Lady's Life in the Rockies* and Thoreau's "Ktaadn"

Jenny Emery Davidson, University of Utah From the Hearth to the Woods and Back Again: Treading a Path with Two Literary Woodsmen, Thoreau and Frost

David Savola, Central State University
"Walking" the Green Hills of Africa: Giving
Expression to Nature

Chair: Linda Rugg

### I6 Canadian Lit: Our Home and Native Land

Room 421

Alanna F. Bondar, Memorial University of Newfoundland

In Search of the Canadian Thoreau: Theorizing Canadian Ecocriticism

Henrik Otterberg, Gothenburg University On the Pastoral Challenge in Malcolm Lowry's "The Forest Path to the Spring"

Cheryl Lousley, York University
Working at the Movie Barn: Landscapes of Rural
Decline in Matt Cohen's Salem Novels

Andy Belyea, University of Ottawa
Postcolonial vs. the Ecocritic: Inversion of the
Other in Wayland Drew's *The Erthring*Cycle

Chair: Alanna F. Bondar

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# Green Theatre: Mostly Shakespeare Room423

Una Chaudhuri, New York University
Performing Beyond the Human: Ecology and
Theatre

Douglas W. Richards, Keuka College
City and Forest/Nature and Culture/Art and
Technology: Relationships between the
Natural and the Human in
Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's
Dream and Michael Hoffman's Film
Adaptation of the Play

Ian Stapley, Niagara County Community College "Stained with the variant of each soil": Ruling the Land and Knowing the Land in Shakespeare's *Henry IV, Part One* 

Frederick Waage, East Tennessee State University Shakespeare Run to Earth

Chair: Una Chaudhuri

# I8 Listening and Transforming: Sound, Sight, Space in Nature; Sponsored by ACN (Art, Culture, Nature)

Jacob Sleeper Auditorium

David Rothenberg, New Jersey Institute of Technology; *Terra Nova* From Listening to Joining In; Using the Soundscape in the Work of Art and Nature

Michael Pestel, Chatham College Soundscapes: Music, Nature, and Silence

Joan Maloof, Salisbury State University The September 11<sup>th</sup> Memorial Forest Project

Susie Monagan, New York, NY Socrates Sculpture Park: A Cast Study in Art/ Community Collaboration

Chair: Kanta Kochhar-Lindgren, Central Michigan University

# Nature and Class IV: Neo-Romantic Environmentalism and Labor in Nature

Room 315

Thomas Bailey, Western Michigan University "The Reason of My Perfect Ease": Class and Nature Poetry

Sharon O'Dair, University of Alabama It's a Green World After All: The Cultural Politics of My Own Private Idaho

Matt Bolinder, Boston College The Beans of Egypt and Freeport: Class and the Maine Woods

Lance Newman, California State University, San Marcos Edward Abbey and the Politics of Nature Writing

Chair: Lance Newman

# I10 Fluid Perspectives on Interspecies Relations in the American (and Canadian) West

Room 521

Mark Dickinson, Frost Centre for Canadian and Native Studies, Trent University Sea Wolves and Salmon Runs: Confrontations with the Primal in Skaay's "Spirit Being Going Naked"

Kevin Maier, University of Oregon Hatching Wildness: The Rhetoric of Wild Salmon

Sarah McFarland, University of Oregon Consuming Values: Avian Relatives in Terry Tempest Williams's *Refuge* 

Nathan Straight, "Who are we? where are we?": Autobiographical Conversations with the World

Chair: Nathan Straight

# I11 Readings: Peregrinations

Tim Otter, Albertson College On Going Home: A Small Natural History

Jimmy Guignard, University of Nevada, Reno Rock Matters

Gretchen Legler, University of Maine at Farmington Walking

Rebecca Goodrich, University of Idaho Crossing Cold Water: Voyages to the Last Frontier

Chair: Gretchen Legler

### I12 Urban Nature and Culture Room 523

Robert Jackson, Stillman College
Fit for a King: Reconstructing the City in the
Southern Imagination

Scott Bryson, Mount St. Mary's College Children of the Asphalt: Teaching the Nature of Los Angeles Literature

Stephen Mexal, University of Colorado at
Boulder
The Contagion of Fear: Hip-Hop's Ghetto
Imaginary and the Roots of "Wilding"

Chair: Scott Bryson

# 3:00-4:30 p.m.

PLENARY SESSION FEATURING SANDRA STEINGRABER:

### PROTECTING THE FIRST ENVIRONMENT: TOWARD A NATURAL HISTORY OF PREGNANCY AND BIRTH

Jacob Sleeper Auditorium

Sandra Steingraber, Cornell University, is the author of Living Downstream: An Ecologist Looks at Cancer and the Environment and Having Faith: An Ecologist's Journey to Motherhood.

Introduction: James J. Tarter, Lewis-Clark State College

### 4:45-5:45

### **Diversity Caucus Meeting**

Room 505 Chair: Rachel Stein

## 6:00-8:30 p.m.

## BANQUET

Metcalf Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, George Sherman Union

Featuring a presentation by JOSEPH BRUCHAC: THIS EARTH, OUR MOTHER

Joseph Bruchac will present stories, music, and discussion of the American Indian vision of this earth as our sustainer and our proper role as children of the biosphere. Bruchac, co-founder and co-director of the Greenfield Press, teller of tales from the Adirondacks and the native peoples of the Northeastern Woodlands, is the author of more than 70 (!) books, including Keepers of the Earth (co-authored with Michael Caduto). Roots of Survival: Storytelling & the Sacred, Native American Animal Stories, Native Plant Stories, his autobiography Bowman's Store, and such novels as Dawn Land, The Waters Between, Arrow Over the Door, and The Heart of a Chief. He is also the editor of highly praised anthologies of contemporary poetry and fiction, including Songs from this Earth on

### Saturday, June 7

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8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m

PUBLISHERS' BOOK EXHIBIT Butler Study Center

8:00-9:15 a.m.

**Eco-Pedagogies Workshop and** Discussion: Teaching the Solid Earth in the Actual World

Room 515

Joni Adamson, University of Arizona South Pedagogy and the Influence of Place-Based Activism

Susan Berry Brill de Ramirez, Bradley University Living Eco-Pedagogies

Annie Ingram, Davidson College, North Carolina Theorizing Eco-Pedagogies

Jerry Keir, University of Nevada, Reno, and **Great Plains Institute** International Service Learning

Derek Owens, St. John's University, New York Testifying and Bearing Witness

Leslie Van Gelder, Oxford Institute for Science and Spirit Place-Based Pedagogies

Chair: Annie Ingram

# The ASLE Mentoring Program: **Reflections and Prospects** Room 311

Moderator: Mark Long, Keene State College; Coordinator, ASLE Mentoring Program Rochelle Johnson, Albertson College, Michael Branch, University of Nevada, Reno, Founder of the Mentoring Program Henrik Otterberg, Gothenberg University; former mentee

This roundtable/workshop is designed to gather people with experiences as mentors and mentees in the ASLE mentoring program. Participants will share experiences and consider what we have done well, what we can do better, and how we can meet the needs of future graduate students and members early in their careers. The goal is to keep current members informed about the opportunities provided by the mentoring program and to show new members how the mentoring program can work for them.

# Early American Nature Writing Room 313

Susan Schmidt, Carteret Community College Landfall: Captain John Smith's 1608 Chesapeake Voyage and Ecological Changes 400 Years Later

Beverly Cooper, West Virginia University Aesthetics and the Commodification of the Sublime: William Bartram's Travels from Wilderness Garden to Genteel Estate

Kurt Heidinger, University of Connecticut Reconstructing "nature's god": The Animist Political Philosophy of Thomas Jefferson

Tom Hillard, University of Arizona "This Paradise of Fish": American Fishing Literature before 1850

Chair: Tom Hillard

# Reading Culture III: Folk Music and

Room 505

David Ingram, Brunel University My Dirty Stream: 1960s Folk Music and Environmental Activism

H. Lewis Ulman, Ohio State University The Mediated Earth! The Virtual World!: The Shock of the Real in Popular Films about Virtual Reality

Chair: Lewis Ulman

### .15 **Reading Thoreau** Room 421

Jeffrey Wagner, Rochester Institute of Technology

Free-Riding on Eiseley's Star Thrower, Thoreau's Huckleberry Patch, and Havel's Streetcar in the Local and Global Commons

Devin Corbin, University of Minnesota The Work of Belonging: Lockean Improvement, Environmental Restoration, and the Conflicted Status of Labor in the Work of Thoreau

Josh A. Weinstein, SUNY at Buffalo The Ecopoetics of Thoreau's Soundscape: The Aestheticizing of "Sounds"

Barbara Piatti, Stanford University Paddling on the Pond: Literary Pilgrimages to Thoreau's Walden

Chair: Barbara Piatti

# **J6 English Poetry**

Room 423

Sehjae Chun, SUNY at Buffalo "Unfit for Human Fellowship": An Eco-Theological Approach to Animals in William Cowper's The Task

Mike Kraftson-Hogue, University of Chicago Divinity School

Ethical Literary Criticism: Reflections on William Wordsworth and Wendell

Christopher Hitt, University of Tennessee Wordsworth's Alpine Sublimity

Helena Feder, University of California at Davis Embedded Immediacy: An Ecocultural Materialist Approach to Shelley's "Mont Blanc"

Chair: Christopher Hitt

# **Green Readings of American Poetry** Room 521

Aaron K. DiFranco, University of California, Robert Lowell's New England Greens

Robert Kern, Boston College Speaking the Silence of the Place in American Poetry

Corey Lewis, University of Nevada, Reno What Does Kitkitdizze Look Like? Reinterpreting Gary Snyder Through Place-Based Scholarship

Ryan Robert Hediger, University of Oregon Ethical Perception in Gary Snyder's Mountains and Rivers Without End

Chair: Corey Lewis

## Racial Violence, Trauma, and the **Experience of Nature** Room 511

Michael K. Johnson, University of Maine at Farmington

The Effect of the Holocaust on the Representation of Nature in the Novel and the Film of The Pawnbroker

Daniel J. Martin, Rockhurst University Lynching Sites and the Trauma of Violence:

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Richard Wright, Toni Morrison, Billy Holliday

Paul Outka, University of Maine at Farmington Traumatic Metamorphosis in Charles Chesnutt

Chair: Daniel J. Martin

## **J**9

# **Environmental Justice and Contemporary Women Writers**

Room 523

Carmen Flys-Junquera, University of Alcala, Spain

Chicana Writers Against Pesticides

Susan Lucas, University of Alaska, Southeast Reading the *Body Toxic*: Exploring the Link Between Family and Place

Donelle Dreese, North Carolina State University Activism and Light in Janisse Ray's *Ecology of* a Cracker Childhood

Jennifer Hughes, University of Nevada, Reno
Returning Water to Sky: Themes of
Environmental Justice in Linda Hogan's
Solar Storms and Leslie Marmon
Silko's Gardens in the Dunes

Chair: Susan Lucas

### J10

# Swamps, Islands, Waters

Room 315

Anthony Lioi, Rutgers University
Of Swamp Dragons: Mud, Cities, and Other
Paths for Ecocriticism

James Kraus, Chaminade University
The Revolution of Coastal Writing in Audrey
Sutherland's Paddling My Own Canoe

Paul Bogard, University of Nevada, Reno In Defense of a Water Wilderness: Lessons from Sigurd Olson and the Fight for Canoe Country

Chair: Anthony Lioi

# J11 Readings:

Room 321

Suzanne Roberts, University of Nevada, Reno The Goddess without an Archetype: Toward Breaking Traditional Representations of Women and Wilderness

Dixon Bynum, Northwest Mississippi Community College R. E. "I Like Cotton"

Andrew Wingfield, George Mason University Approaching the Island

Chair: Dixon Bynum

### 9:30-10:30 a.m.

# ASLE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Jacob Sleeper Auditorium

## 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m

# CLOSING PLENARY SESSION: GRACE PALEY

Jacob Sleeper Auditorium

Grace Paley, author of the short story collections,

The Little Disturbances of Man,

Enormous Changes at the Last Minute,
and Later the Same Day, is a peace
activist who has recently turned her
attention to environmental concerns.

Introduction, Tom Bailey, Western Michigan University

## 12:15-1:00 p.m.

Lunch on your own.

1:00-9:00 p.m.

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### FIELD TRIPS

Pre-registration required. Fees charged.

# 1. WALDEN POND AND THE THOREAU INSTITUTE

Located less than half a mile from Walden Pond, the Thoreau Institute is a collaboration of the Walden Woods Project and the Thoreau Society, both of whose offices are located at the Institute. The Institute features the world's foremost collection of Thoreau-related materials, a stateof-the-art archive center, and facilities for meetings and educational programs. The trip will involve a moderate walk near Walden Pond and the woods of Concord through which Thoreau did much of his walking. After the walk, we will convene at the Institute for a brief gathering and discussion of Thoreau, Concord, and the Institute's work. Transportation to and from Concord will be by bus and the cost will be \$15 per person. We can accommodate a hundred people at the Institute.

### 2. HIKE OF MOUNT MONADNOCK

This moderately strenuous hike through forests to the summit will feature four or five stops and will take three to four hours to complete. Especially beloved by Thoreau, Monadnock offers a views of all six New England states. The hike will be guided by Tom Wessels (professor of ecology at Antioch New England Graduate School and author of Reading the Forested Landscape and The Granite Landscape) and Howard Mansfield (a historian and author In the Memory House and The Same Ax, Twice), as well as John Harris (of Franklin Pierce College and the Monadnock Institute) and Mark Long (Keene State College). The hike will focus on the geology, archaeology, and natural and cultural history of Monadnock, the mountain and the region. Space is limited to 40. The cost will be \$20 to cover transportation to and from Boston.

# 3. A TOUR OF NESSMUK COUNTRY

"Nessmuk" was the pen name of George Washington Sears, author of the nineteenth-century classic, *Woodcraft*. He also wrote

poems, editorials, and articles for magazines like Forest and Stream. Led by Edmund Schofield, a past president of the Thoreau Society and director of education at Tower Hill Botanic Garden, we'll explore the town of Webster in Worcester County, birthplace of Sears and Levi Jaha, the Nipmuck Indian who served as Sears's childhood mentor and whose tribal name Sears borrowed for his pen name. We'll also visit Douglas Woods, Nipmuck Pond, Lake (take a deep breath) Chargoggagmanchaugagoggchaubunagungamaug, and the Webster (now

Mount Zion) Cemetery. Mr. Schofield hopes

that the trip may help inaugurate a "Nessmuks

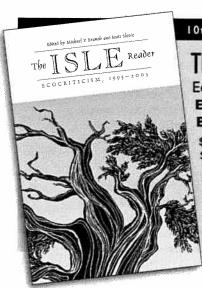
Cost will be \$20 to cover transportation.

Society." Space is limited to twenty participants.

For those who were not able to reserve a space for these field trips, please consult the conference packet for information on other nearby outings that you can pursue on your own—among them whale watching, Plum Island Nature Reserve, the Blue Hills, the ferry to Provincetown. Or you could run your own trip to Walden—Concord is readily accessible by train from Boston. (Though Thoreau claimed that it was quicker to walk.)

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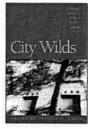
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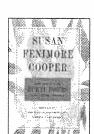
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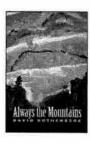
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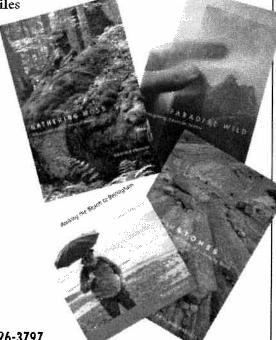
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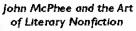
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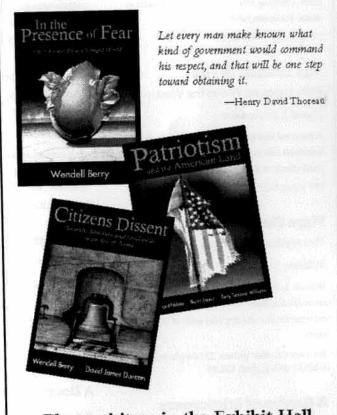
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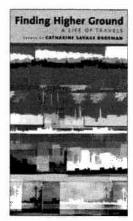


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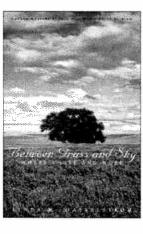
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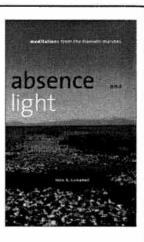
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