

LLC 2019 Graduate Conference
Environment: Last Call
27-28 September 2019
Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures
McGill University
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Thursday 26th

Locations: Club Insiders (aka Anticafé), 2067, 205 Crescent Street

4:00 - 7:00 Artistic Exposition

You are warmly invited to an evening of creative interpretations of the Last Call. Join us for art, music, films, performances, coffee, wine and snacks.

Friday 27th

Location: 688 Sherbrooke Street West, room 325 (third floor)

1:15 - 1:45 Registration

1:45 - 2:00 Welcoming and greetings

2:00 - 3:15 Panel 1: Eco-centric approaches to the concept of Space

Chair: TBD

Wyatt Sarafin, Harvard University: "Thinking Mediums: Approaching Sir Gawain and the Book Object"

Oriana Schwartzenruber, York University: "North American challenges to rural and natural spaces"

Benjamin Sauv , McGill University: "The Transition in Space: Reading Droste-H lshoff beyond Dualisms"

3:15 - 4:15 Panel 2: Challenging paradigms in the Anthropocene

Chair: TBD

Emma Sigsworth, Concordia University: "The Politics of the Sublime in Edward Burtynsky's *Anthropocene* Photographs"

Iris Delhoum, Universit  de Montr al: " cologie et f minisme: la convergence des luttes"

Leah Van Dyk, University of Calgary: "Dangerously Alive: An Environmental Last Call (and Response)"

4:15 - 5:00 Break (change of location)

Keynote presentation

Location: Goethe-Institut Montreal, 1626 Boulevard St-Laurent, Bureau 100

5:00 - 6:00 Joela Jacobs, University of Arizona: "Cultures of Environmentalism: Refugees, Recycling, and Racism in Germany"

6:00 - 8:00 Refreshment

Saturday 28th

Location: Thomson House Ballroom (second floor), 3650 Mc Tavish Street

9:00 - 9:15 Registration

- 9:15 - 10:15 Panel 3: Boundaries of Environmental Law
Chair: TBD
Saibu Israel Abayomi, Anchor University: "Environmental Sanitation and Emerging Infectious Diseases: Lassa Fever and the Contending Issues on Public Health Management in Nigeria"
Joshua Hooke, University of Windsor: "Fast Fashion, Sustainability and the Need for Ethical Clothing"
Helen Alexandra Hayes, McGill University: "Material Resistance and Legal Persistence: A Case Study of Hurricane Katrina's Storm Levy Infrastructure and the Katrina Canal Breaches Consolidated Litigation"
- 10:15 - 11:30 Panel 4: Literary responses to the Last Call
Chair: TBD
Paisley Conrad, Concordia University: 'The Word Landscape Burns Away Like a Fog: Karen Solie and the Everydayness of Ecological Crisis'
Valerio Rossi, University of Austin: "Agoraphobia of the Anti-hero: Landscape and Nature in Pirandello's and Svevo's Novels"
Katharine Morrill, McGill University: "Towards a Practical Chekhovian Ecology: Exploring Human-Centric Perspectives on Environmental Issues in Chekhov's *The Wood Demon* and *Uncle Vanya*"
- 11:30 - 11:45 Coffee break
- 11:45- 12:45 Panel 5: Dealing with the Apocalypse: practices, figures, narratives
Chair: TBD
Chris Byrne, Independent Scholar: "Zen and the Art of Environmental Apocalypse: Non-Action in the Eco-Poetics of Gary Snyder"
J. Ezzekiell Amores, McGill University: "Performing and Critiquing the Human in Eduardo Mendoza's *Sin noticias de Gurb* (1990, 1991)"
Jerika Sanderson, University of Waterloo: "Surviving the Extinction of the 'Human: Replaceable Bodies and Reprogrammable Minds in Netflix's *Altered Carbon* and HBO's *Westworld*"
- 12:45 - 2:00 Lunch
- 2:00 - 3:00 Panel 6: Human and non-human animals
Chair: TBD
Mirra-Margarita Ianeva, McGill University: "Coexistence on Reserve Land: Reading *Modest Livelihood* (2012) as a Landscape Story About Collaborative Survival"
Sophie Marie Schönberg, McGill University: "Ania and the Wolf: Species Identity and Becoming-Other in Nicolette Krebitz's *Wild*"
Céline M. Stantina, McGill University: Environmental History and Objectified Animals: the Need for a Conversation"
- 3:00 - 3:15 Coffee break
- 3:15 - 5:00 Round-table and closing remarks: (provisional title) "Environmental Humanities approaches"
Participants: Joela Jacobs, University of Arizona; Stephanie Posthumus, McGill University; Julia Freeman, McGill University.