ANTHROPOCENE NOW! Ecology, Ethics, Politics
April 20-21, 2018
Standish Room (Science Library)
The University at Albany, SUNY
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Friday, April 20

9 – 9.30 am  Breakfast & Welcoming Remarks
Elga Wulfert, CAS Dean
Glyne Griffith, Chair, English Department

9.30 am – 12 pm  Ecology: Life / Extinction
Panelists  Branka Arsić (Columbia), Marvelous Extinctions: Melville on Animal Suffering
Thangam Ravindranathan (Brown), Vanishing Elephants
Vesna Kuiken (SUNY-Albany), Shell Heap Idiorrhythm: Jewett and the Native Americans
Paul Stasi (SUNY-Albany), “We Had Seen the World Dead”: Virginia Woolf’s Anthropomorphic Imagination
Chair  Richard Barney (SUNY-Albany)

12 – 1 pm  Lunch Break

1 – 3.30 pm  Ethics: Energy / Fuel
Panelists  Jennifer Wenzel (Columbia), Pitfalls of Geological Consciousness
Jeffrey Nealon (Penn State), The Bodacious Era
Kristen Hessler (SUNY-Albany), Humanity as a Moral Identity and the Search for a New Environmental Ethic
Karen Pinkus (Cornell), Climate, Before Anything Else?
Chair  Bret Benjamin (SUNY-Albany)
3:30 – 4 pm Coffee & Snack Break

4 – 5 pm Key-Note Lecture
Jane Bennett (Johns Hopkins), Henry Thoreau and the Peculiar Efficacy of “Natural Influences”

5 – 5:30 pm Key-Note Lecture Response
James Lilley (SUNY-Albany)

Saturday, April 21

10.30 am – 1 pm Politics: Subject / Community

Panlieists Morton Schoolman (SUNY-Albany), Reconciliation with Nature: Aesthetic Education and the Visual Image in Whitman's Poetry
Kir Kuiken (SUNY-Albany), Hölderlin’s Earth
William Connolly (Johns Hopkins), The Urgency of Time and the Politics of Swarming
Gregg Lambert (Syracuse), Reflections upon A Silurian Lake

Chair Mary Valentis (SUNY-Albany)

1 – 2 pm Lunch

2 – 4 pm Round Table: The Anthropocene @ SUNY-Albany & SSFB

Presenters Daniel Goodwin (SUNY-Albany), on Future Perfect: Picturing the Anthropocene
Gregg Lambert, on the Society for the Study of Bio-Political Futures (SSFB)

Participants Joshua Bartlett (SUNY-Albany), Jane Bennett, Sarah Giragosian (SUNY-Albany), Daniel Goodwin, Gregg Lambert, Caitlin Scheufler Maccio (SUNY-Albany)

Chair Charles Shepherdson (SUNY-Albany)

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