

## 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 Idiorrhymy: 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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