

Science, Technology, and the Environment
A Conference at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Location: Sage Building (School of Humanities and Social Sciences), 5th Floor

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This page was updated at 9pm 10/29/04 to reflect cancellations.

Friday, October 29, 2004

Pre-workshop seminar led by Andrew Jamison: "The New Politics of Biotechnology," 3-5pm, Sage 5711. All are welcome to attend.

Followed by dinner at Daisy Baker's, 33 2nd St., 5:45 pm. Downtown Troy 266-9200

Saturday, October 30, 2004

Registration: In the Dean's Suite (Center of the 5th floor, to the right of the stairs)

Coffee and snacks available

10am to 11:20: Short Papers (15 minutes each)

Panel #1A: Biosciences, the Environment, and Local Knowledges. Chair: Catherine Stanford (SUNY Albany) Room 5711

Giovanna DiChiro (Mt. Holyoke), "Wisdom and Knowledge are not the Same: Indigenous Peoples Challenge Biocolonialism"

Azizur Molla (Penn State) "Sociopolitical and Organizational Dimensions of Tube-Well and Pond Water Supply Systems in Rural Bangladesh"

Electra Weeks (New School), "Where Have all the Public Scientists Gone? Agricultural Biotechnology in South Indian and the Changing Role of Public Scientists and Public Science"

Rick Welsh (Clarkson): "Scientists' Views of Relations between the University and the Agri-biotechnology Industry in the U.S."

Panel #1B: Theoretical Perspectives on STS and the Environment. Chair: Maurie Cohen (NJIT/Rutgers) Room 5510

Ned Woodhouse (Rensselaer) "Chemical Expertise, Environmental Advocacy, and Social Theory"

Alan Rudy (Michigan State) "Vampire Ecologies, Cyborg Bodies and Inappropriate/d Spaces: O'Connor and Haraway"

David Hess (Rensselaer), "The Incorporation and Transformation Process: A Comparative Analysis"

11:30 to 12:30 Invited Lecture: Andrew Jamison, Aalborg University, "Environmental Politics: Dilemmas of Deliberation and Participation" Room 5510

12:30 to 1:30pm: Lunch in the Dean's Suite (center of the 5th floor)

1:30pm-2:30pm Invited Lecture: Julian Agyeman, Tufts University, "Sustainable Communities and the Challenge of Environmental Justice" Room 5510

2:30pm – 3:50pm Short papers (15 minutes)

Social Movements and Activism. Chair: Melinda Goldner (Union) Room 5510

Barbara Allen (Virginia Tech), "Truth or Consequences: Politics of Citizen-Oriented Science"

Phil Brown (Brown): "Emerging Collaborations between Breast Cancer Advocacy and Environmental Justice"

Jordan Kleiman (SUNY Geneseo) "The Gods Must Be Crazy: Space Colonization, the Whole Earth Catalog, and the Roots of the American Appropriate Technology Movement"

Brian Obach (SUNY New Paltz) "Organic Agriculture Standards: Triumph or Failure of the Organic Farming Movement?"

3:50-4:15 Break: in the Dean's Suite

4:15-5:35 Short papers (15 minutes each) Room 5510

Reconstructing Local and National Communities. Chair: Andy Karvonen (U Texas) Room 5711

Maurie Cohen (NJIT): "Sustainable Consumption American Style: Nutrition Education and Active Living"

Melissa Everett (Rensselaer), "Social Capital in Sustainable Community Development: Three Cases in the Protected Catskill Watershed of New York"

Krista Harper (U Mass), "Science, Environmentalism, and National Identity in Hungary's Public Debate on Genetically Modified Foods"

Rodney Reid (UCSD/CUNY), "Community Mobilization and the Clash of Expertise in the California Antismoking Campaign"

5:35 pm: Coffee and snacks in the Dean's Suite

Dinner: We have reservations at 6:30pm at the Monument Square Café 254 Broadway (between 2nd and 3rd Sts.), but this can be changed. See David Hess if you'd like to join us.