

2005 Conference on Communication and Environment

June 24-27, 2005 - Jekyll Island, Georgia

Schedule of Events (Tentative)

Friday, June 24

2 - 4 pm Registration

4 - 5 pm Social hour

5 - 6:30 pm **'A Wilderness Misunderstood': Janisse Ray's Southern Vision of Wilderness Advocacy**

Kathy Hassall, Univ. of North Florida

"Rebel Yell: Identity, Complicity, and Outcry in the Landscape of Janisse Ray"

Nancy Levine, Univ. of North Florida

"Janisse Ray's *Ecology of a Cracker Childhood*, Edward O. Wilson, and How to Read Between the Lines"

Bart H. Welling, Univ. of North Florida

"Beyond Grief and Rage: Reinhabitory Discourse, Domesticity, and Wilderness in the Work of Janisse Ray"

7 - 8 pm Dinner

8:30 pm **Keynote Address**

J. Robert Cox: "Nature's 'Crisis Disciplines': Does Environmental Communication Have an Ethical Duty?"

Saturday, June 25

8:30 - 10 am **Southern Places, Other Wildernesses**

Mary Hussmann, St. Lawrence University

"Life-Everlasting: Nature and Culture on Sapelo Island"

Gordon Steinhoff, Dept. of Languages, Philosophy, and Speech Communication,
Utah State University

"Communication and the Aesthetic Appreciation of Wetlands"

Diane S. Hope, Rochester Institute of Technology

"A Passion for Place: Marjory Stoneman Douglas and the Florida Everglades"

10:15 - 11:45 am **Mediated Nature**

Nickieann Fleener, Dept. of Communication, Univ. of Utah

"'Hideous, Desolate Wilderness' or 'Kindly Nature: The Human-Nature Relationship as Expressed in Press Coverage of Yellowstone, 1863-1872"

Mark Meisner, College of Environmental Science and Forestry, SUNY
"The Symbolic Domestication of Nature"

Dylan Wolfe, Dept. of Speech Communication, Univ. of Georgia
"Flash Activism: New Media and Environmental Rhetoric"

12 - 12:45 pm

Lunch

12:45 - 2 pm

Keynote Address

Janisse Ray: "How clearcut does it have to be?"

2:15 - 3:45 pm

The Material Rhetoric of Environmental Communication: Contesting Spaces of Protest, Play, Immigration, Labor and Sustenance

Emily Plec, Dept. of Speech Communication, Western Oregon Univ.
"Poisoning a People, Poisoning a Planet: The Materiality of Discourse on Pesticides"

Barb Willard, Dept. of Communication, DePaul Univ.
"The Biography of Landscape: Reading Chicago's Jackson Park"

Tarla Rai Peterson, Dept. of Communication, University of Utah
"Moving Toward Sustainability through Environmental Justice"

Phaedra C. Pezzullo, Dept. of Communication and Culture, Indiana Univ.
"Grounds for Resistance: The Material and Environmental Rhetorics of Central Park's Great Lawn"

Jean P. Retzinger, University of California-Berkeley
"The Embodied Rhetoric of 'Health' from Farm Fields to Salad Bowls"

4 - 5:30 pm

Rethinking Human-Nature Relations

Julie Kalil Schutten, Dept. of Communication, Univ. of Utah
"Environment/Human Dialogics: Toward A Queering of Nature"

Carrie Packwood Freeman, School of Journalism and Comm., Univ. of Oregon
"Liberty and Justice for All: Why Promoting a Biocentric Ethic is the Best Philosophical Approach to Ensuring Wilderness Preservation"

Kathi Groenendyk, Dept. of Comm. Arts and Sciences, Calvin College
"<Stewardship> as Ideograph"

Pete Bsumek, School of Comm. Studies, James Madison Univ.
"Mapping the Ideology of the Domination of Nature from Wilderness to Ecosystem, or, Defending Wilderness by Taking Rhetoric, Science, and Ideology Seriously"

Lisa Slawter, Dept. of Speech Communication, Univ. of Georgia
"A Deleuzian Environmentalism?: Exploring the Possibilities of a Deleuzian Political Resistance"

evening

Turtle Walk

Sunday, June 26

11:30 - 1 pm
(Concurrent)

Public Participation

Jennifer Duffield Hamilton, Center for Health and Environ. Comm. Research, U. of Cincinnati

Caitlin Wills-Toker, Gainesville College

"Reconceptualizing Dialogue in Environmental Public Participation"

Travis Wagner, Univ. of Southern Maine

"The Application of Comparative Risk Analysis in the Environmental Communication Pedagogy"

Jay Mullen, Dept. of History, Southern Oregon Univ.

William J. Kinsella, Dept. of Communication, North Carolina State Univ.

"Becoming Hanford Downwinders: Producing Community and Challenging Discursive Containment"

Steve Schwartz, Univ. of Montana

"'The Air is Safe to Breathe' and Other Distortions of Science Regarding Asbestos Hazards"

Ann D. Jabro, Robert Morris University

Jay D. Jabro, Research Soil Scientist, Northern Plains Agricultural Research Lab, USDA

Rainer Domalski, RUTGERS Organics Corporation

"Remediation Techniques and EPA Public Meetings: Lessons from the Frontline"

Political Strategies and Environmental Activism

Judith Hendry, Dept. of Comm. and Journalism, Univ. of New Mexico

"Myth as Political Rhetoric: A Look at the Discourse of Stewardship in the Healthy Forest Initiative"

Michael S. Bruner, Dept. of Communication, Humboldt State Univ.

"Economics, Environmental Advocacy, and Image Events"

Damon Hall, Univ. of Utah

"Excorporating Justice: The Rhetoric of the Earth Liberation Front"

Tracie Wilson, Indiana Univ.

"A Wilderness Fetish?: Performing Nature and Identity in Poland"

1 - 2 pm

Lunch

2 - 3:30 pm
(Concurrent)

Environmental Collaboration/Mediation: The State of the Art

Gregg B. Walker, Dept. of Speech Comm., Oregon State Univ.

Susan A. Senecah, Environmental Studies Dept., SUNY

"Reflections from the Road: New Concepts and Tools for Community-based Collaboration"

Tracylee Clarke, SWCA Environmental Consultants
Tarla Rai Peterson, Dept. of Communication, Univ. of Utah
"Interdisciplinary Environmental Policy Development: Alleviating Challenges Through Facilitated Decision-Making Processes"

Todd Norton, Dept. of Communication, Univ. of Utah
"Environmental and Organizational Stakeholder Theory: Politics, Control, and Possibilities of Change"

Michael Salvador, School of Comm., Washington State Univ.
Tom Butler, Primary Partners
"The Pros and Cons of Institutionalizing Collaboration: Reflections on Washington State's Natural Resources Leadership Academy"

Media Constructions of Environmental Issues

Catherine Collins & Susan Kephart, Willamette Univ.
"Wilderness in the American Imaginary: Media Constructions of Scientific and Political Knowledge"

Jennifer Good, Brock Univ.
"The Frame Game: Exploring Hegemony in Newspaper Framing of Climate Change"

Terence Check, Communication Dept., St. John's Univ.
"Visual Enthymemes of Alaskan Wilderness: Television News Coverage of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge"

3:30 - 3:45 pm Snack break

3:45 - 5:15 pm **Forging a Constituency for Wilderness**
(Concurrent)

David Karpf, Dept. of Political Science, Pennsylvania State Univ.
"Wilderness Constituency and Dual Policy Communities: Bridging the Gap Between Science and Politics"

Cindy T. Christen, Dept. of Journalism and Technical Comm., Colorado State Univ.
Jonathan J. Taylor, U.S. Geological Survey
Michael D. Slater, Colorado State Univ.
"Analyzing Obstacles to Negotiation Among Interest Groups: A Test of Conflict Analysis Methods at Sand Flats Recreation Area"

Pete Bsumek, School of Comm. Studies, James Madison Univ.
"Rekindling Christian Rhetoric in the Wilderness Movement: Possibilities and Pitfalls"

Jim Hasenauer, Dept. of Comm. Studies, California State Univ. at Northridge
"Bicycles and Wild Places: Mechanical Transport and Moral Conflict"

Wilderness as Standing Reserve: Representations, Reductions, and Relationships

Chair: William J. Kinsella, Dept. of Comm., North Carolina State Univ.

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"Heidegger, Standing Reserve, and Being in the American West"

Robert Schrag, North Carolina State Univ.

"Unnatural Perceptions of the Natural: Themes of Nature and Humanity in the Works of Novelist Louis L'Amour and the Hudson River School Painters"

Jason Ingram, North Carolina State Univ.

"The Hunt of Pan: Representations of Science and the Use of Wilderness"

Kenneth S. Zagacki, North Carolina State Univ.

"Preserving Heritage and Wilderness: Conflicting Representations and Dramatism in the North Carolina 'OLF' Controversy"

Stephen B. Wiley, North Carolina State Univ.

"Repositioning the Wilderness"

Respondent: Robert Cox, University of North Carolina

8 - 9 pm

Environmental Performance

Jonathan Gray: "Trail Mix: A Sojourn on the Muddy Divide Between Nature and Culture"

This solo performance examines social constructions of nature as discussed by William Cronon, Neil Everndon, Klaus Eder, J. Baird Callicott and others. Utilizing a mix of autobiographical performance, performative writing, persona monologues, and performance ethnography, the performance investigates the "muddy" boundary between nature and culture. This liminal space offers a playful yet serious place to interrogate multiple possibilities in the ways we use, consume, think about, construct, and operate within both nature and culture. In so doing, the performance also addresses the role performance specifically and the arts generally might play in raising environmental consciousness, engaging in environmental activism, and influencing environmental policy.

Monday, June 27

**8:30 - 10 am
(Concurrent)**

Villains, Heroes, and Victims: Media Personae and the Environment

Deborah C. Callister, Dept. of Communication, Univ. of Utah

"Breathing an Airshed: The Intersection Between Pollution and Human Health in the Salt Lake Valley"

Xinkai Huang, Dept. of Communication, Univ. of Utah

"Tourism, Local Economy, and Ecosystem: The Contribution of the Press to Conflicts"

Carlo A. Pedrioli, Dept. of Communication, Univ. of Utah

"The Controversy Over the Legacy Highway in Utah: An Opportunity For Invitational Rhetoric"

Cara Wieser, Dept. of Communication, Univ. of Utah

"Disclosure Under the Bush Administration: Environmental Whistleblowing and the Reporter's Privilege"

Environmental Advocacy and Domestic, International, and Global Public Participation Forums

Rebecca Franks, Univ. of Utah

"Reducing Interactive Forums and Opportunities for Public Participation in Public Lands Grazing Issues"

Damon Hall, Univ. of Utah

"Looking at the Forest Through the TwiGs: Collaboration's Role in Developing the National Precedent for Forest Management Plans"

Brenden E. Kendall, Univ. of Utah

"The Nature of Practice and Practice of Nature: Rethinking Wilderness and Environmental Conflict in the Case of Helicopter Skiing in Utah's Wasatch Mountains"

Terri Martin, Univ. of Utah

"Public Participation: But for What Purpose?"

Leah Jaramillo, Univ. of Utah

"The International Chamber of Commerce and Public Participation in Environmental Decision-Making"

10 - 10:30 am

Snack break

**10:30 - 12 pm
(Concurrent)**

'Cast out of the Garden:' The Role of Religion in the Great Wilderness Debate

Samuel Snyder, Dept. of Religion, Univ. of Florida

"From Spaces of Sacred Solace to Dwellings of the Devil: Wilderness and Religion a Tenuous Relationship"

Joseph Witt, Dept. of Religion, Univ. of Florida

"Reevaluating Lynn White: Celtic Christianity and the Cause of Wilderness"

Gayle Lasater, Dept. of Religion, Univ. of Florida

"Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument and "A Peculiar People"

Gavin Van Horn, Dept. of Religion, Univ. of Florida

"Invoking the Wild: Radical Environmentalism's Use of Animal Totems Toward Wilderness Protection"

Lucas Johnston, Dept. of Religion, Univ. of Florida

"Whose Security?: The Abuse of National Security Rhetoric in Resource Management"

The Ice Cream Game: A Systems Thinking Approach to Environmental Conflict Resolution

Jessica Durfee, Dept. of Communication, Univ. of Utah

Craig Forster, Dept. of Communication, Univ. of Utah

Jim Mills, Dept. of Communication, Univ. of Utah

Tarla Rai Peterson, Dept. of Communication, Univ. of Utah

Todd Norton, Dept. of Communication, Univ. of Utah

12 pm

Closing words

Announcement of next host
