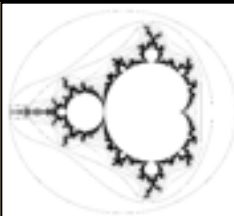


Doing Interdisciplinarity

March 22-24
2018 ASPECT Graduate Conference
Blacksburg, VA



Conference Program

Thursday, March 22

Plenary #1 5:30-7:00 p.m.
Aaron Stoller (Colorado College)
Critical Interdisciplinarity and University Education
Multipurpose Room, Newman Library

Friday, March 23

Breakfast 8:15-9:30 a.m.
Squires Room 238

Registration 8:14 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Squires Room 238

1:45-4:45 p.m.
Multipurpose Room,
Newman Library

A-1 8:30-10:15 a.m.
Squires Mountain
Lake Room

Anti-Racism, Anti-Fascism

Mary Ryan (ASPECT, VT)
21st Century Social Movements and the (False?)
Promise of White Resistance
Lindsay Whittaker (Philosophy, VT)
Wait, You're Really Black? A Problem with
Adjustments in Racial Ascriptions Based on
Ancestry
Ben Taylor (Political Science, VT)
Anti-Fascist Erotics: Linguistic Disciplinarity in
George Orwell's 1984
**Elsheba Abraham, Jessica Gladfelter, and
Manasia Sturdivant (Psychology, VT)**
The Trump Effect: A Natural Experiment on
Racist Attitudes

Chair **Brian Britt (Religion and Culture,
VT)**
Discussant **Mauro Caraccioli (Political Science
& ASPECT, VT)**

Nationalism and Imperialism

A-2 8:30-10:15 a.m.
Squires 234

Johannes Grow (ASPECT, VT)
Everything Old is New Again: The Emergence of
the European Coal and Steel Community as an
Imperial Geopolitical Project
Madison Tepper (Political Science, VT)
The Paradox of Transnational (Neo)Nationalism
and the Dangers of Covert Capital-'isms'
Connor Donahue (Political Science, VT)
The Walling of the Sea
Leigh McKagen (ASPECT, VT)
Exploration and Exclusion in Star Trek: The Next
Generation

Chair **Priya Dixit (Political Science, VT)**
Discussant **Claudio D'Amato (Philosophy, VT)**

Culture and Religion

A-3 8:30-10:15 a.m.
Squires 236

Mohammed Pervaiz (ASPECT, VT)
The Ottoman Kanun: A Secular or Religious
Institution?
Katie Cross (ASPECT, VT)
A Pilgrimage to Montgomery: Buddhism,
Protestantism, and the Spiritual on the 50th
Anniversary of the Selma to Montgomery Civil
Rights March
Jade Ritterbusch (Political Science, VT)
Spanish Nationalism: Parallels Between Past and
Present

Chair **Jamie Sanchez (Biola University)**
Discussant **Edward Weisband (Political Science, VT)**

Digital Subjectivities

B-1 10:30-12:15 p.m.
Squires Mountain Lake
Room

Emma Stamm (ASPECT, VT)
Psychedelic Research and Data Positivism
Allie Briggs (ASPECT, VT)
Haunted Houses: A 'Re-memory' of the Ghosts of
Software and Law
**Damien Williams (Science, Technology, and
Society, VT)**
A Discussion of Daoism and Machine Consciousness
Galen Olmsted (ASPECT, VT)
Facebook and its Algorithm: On the Flat Reality of
Commercial Sociality

Chair **Eric Jardine (Political Science, VT)**
Discussant **Tim Luke (Political Science & GIA,
VT)**

Popular Culture & Aesthetics

B-2 10:30-12:15 p.m.
Squires 236

Patrick Salmons (ASPECT, VT)
'Black Noise': Hip-Hop Power in a Capitalist World
Jordan Laney (ASPECT, VT)
Between Place, Sound, Politics, and Self: Doing
Interdisciplinary Research in Traditional Music
Scenes
Katy Shepard (ASPECT, VT)
Interpretation of Artworks Guided by Accessibility
to Creative Expression

Chair **Rachel Scott (Religion and Culture &
ASPECT, VT)**
Discussant **Melissa Schwartz (Philosophy, VT)**

Reception
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Black Cultural Center,
Squires Center

The Question of Gender

B-3 10:30-12:15 p.m.
Squires 234

Ezgi Seref (ASPECT, VT)
Engagement Gifts as the Legalized Agent of Social
Structuring
Shauna Rigaud (George Mason University)
Deconstructing the Inner Circle: Basketball Wives
and Black Female Solidarity
Faith Skiles (ASPECT, VT)
Productive Assumed Understandings in Cross-
Cultural Encounters of Religion

Chair **Danna Agmon (History & ASPECT, VT)**
Discussant **Michele Deramo
(Office of Inclusion & Diversity, VT)**

Conference Roundtable Discussion

Thinking Beyond the PhD
2:00-4:00 p.m.
Multipurpose Room, Newman Library

Ryan Artrip (Elon University/Guilford College)
Jordan Hill (University of Colorado-Denver)
**Holly Jordan (Eastern West Virginia Community
and Technical College)**
Robert Kirsch (Arizona State University)
Jenn Lawrence (GFURR, VT)
Aaron Stoller (Colorado College)
Jamie Sanchez (Biola University)
Moderators: Mary Ryan and Leigh McKagen
(ASPECT PhD Candidates)

Plenary #2 5:00-6:30 p.m.
Jamie Sanchez (Biola University)
*Advancing Diversity in Graduate
Education: Opportunities, Challenges, and
Potential Pitfalls for Interdisciplinary
Programs*
Multipurpose Room, Newman Library

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Saturday, March 24

Breakfast

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Multipurpose Room, Newman Library

Registration

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Graduate Life Center (GLC), Room A

C-1 10:15-12:00 p.m.

Precarious Bodies

GLC Rm. B

Caroline Alphin (ASPECT, VT)
Not a State of Exception: Weak State Killing as a Mode of Neoliberal Governmentality
Molly Todd (University of Colorado-Denver)
To Let Die: Biopolitics on the U.S-Mexico Border
Ravi Venkataraman (Urban and Regional Planning, VT)
Sanctuary Jurisdictions Versus the Federal Government: Is Sovereignty at Stake?
Sarah Brown (University of Colorado-Denver)
Bare Life Birthing: The Delivery Room as a State of Exception

Chair **Rebecca Hester** (Science, Technology, and Society, VT)
Discussant **Cara Daggett** (Political Science, VT)

C-2 10:15-12:00 p.m.

Pursuing Interdisciplinarity

GLC Rm. C

Chelsea Corkins (ALCE, VT)
Interdisciplinary Curriculum Development Utilizing a Systems Thinking Approach
Jordan Fallon (Political Science, VT)
Run the Theory: Inter-genre, Imperceptibility Ethics, and The Game

Chair **Dana Volk** (Radford University)
Discussant **Holly Jordan** (Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College)

C-3
Engaging Modalities of Violence

10:15-12:00 p.m.
GLC Rm. F

Kristin Hillers (George Mason University)
Who Tells Your Story? On the Aesthetics of Daesh
Benjamin Louis (PGG, VT)
The Separation of Security and Economics in U.S. Strategic Planning during the Cold War and Today
Simon Pistor (Goethe University, Frankfurt)
Hegel, Foucault, and the Police: A Critical Encounter on Governing the Social
Jarrold Blair (Philosophy, VT)
Fair Opportunity for Individual Agents: A Case Against Racial Profiling

Chair **Jordan Hill** (University of Colorado-Denver)
Discussant **Bettina Koch** (PSCI and ASPECT, VT)

C-4
Politics of Aesthetics and Representation

10:15-12:00 p.m.
Multipurpose Room,
Newman Library

Eric Hill (Political Science, VT)
Contra Politics and Political Faith
Rob Flahive (ASPECT, VT)
Itinerary of the Global City Emissary: What to Learn from 'Learning from Lagos'?
Lucy Britt (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill)
A Political Aesthetic of Contingency

Chair **Laura Zanotti** (Political Science, VT)
Discussant **Gabriel Blouin-Genest** (Political Science, VT)

Lunch
12:00-1:00 p.m.
Multipurpose Room, Newman Library

Plenary #3

1:15-2:45 p.m.

Robert Kirsch (Arizona State University)

Broader Impacts: The Urgent Need for Critical Social Scientists in Sponsored Research
Multipurpose Room, Newman Library

D-1

3:00-4:45 p.m.
GLC Rm. B

Spaces of Exception

Vera Smirnova (PGG, VT)
Territorial Formations of the Frontier: Extralegal Appropriation, Border Materialities, and Land in the Margins of Russian Capitalism
Hirbohd Hedayat (ASPECT, VT)
A Buzzing Comes Across the Sky: Changing Conceptions of Warfare and Space as a Result of the Development of Drone Technology and Drone Warfare
Sara Brown and Hannah Smith (University of Colorado-Denver)
White Women's Right to Good Light: The City of Denver's Strategic Use of Lighting to Create Gendered Gentrification
Robert Hodges (ASPECT, VT)
The ISIS Network: Asymmetric Existence with the United States and Western Europe

Chair **Aaron Stoller** (Colorado College)
Discussant **Kent Morris** (Radford University)

D-2

3:00-4:45 p.m.
GLC Rm. C

Postcolonial Entanglements

Shelby Ward (ASPECT, VT)
Stranger Maps: an Autoethnographic and Participatory Mapping Study of Sri Lanka's Tourist Industry
Wanjiku Wainaina (George Mason University)
From Nairobi to the London Gay Parade and Back: An Ethnographic Study of South-North Queer Tourism

Chair **Nick Copeland** (Sociology, VT)
Discussant **Komal Dhillon** (Religion & Culture, VT)

D-3

3:00-4:45 p.m.
GLC Rm. F

Philosophy and Aesthetics

Joey Aloï (University of North Texas)
The Culture and Nature of Springs
Anthony Szczurek (ASPECT, VT)
Temporal Inequality in Climate Change Politics: The View from India
Jesse Paul (ASPECT, VT)
Mapping Patterns of Slavery, Coinage, and Ideology: Some Interdisciplinary Barriers"

Chair **Jenn Lawrence** (GFURR, VT)
Discussant **Andy Scerri** (Political Science, VT)

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E-1
Effects of Capitalism

5:00-6:45 p.m.
GLC, Room B

Nada Berrada (ASPECT, VT)
Youth as a Construct: Producing Subjectivity
Sarah Plummer (ASPECT, VT)
Puppet Rupture: How One Theater Resists
Capitalist Expansion

Chair **Yannis Stivachtis** (Political Science, VT)
Discussant **Besnik Pula** (Political Science, VT)

E-2
Ethics and Normativity

5:00-6:45 p.m.
GLC, Room C

Amiel Bernal (ASPECT, VT)
The Constitutive Political Effects of Epistemic
Overload and Stereotype
Jay Burkette (ASPECT, VT)
History's Identity Crisis: The Normative Dimension
Within Contemporary Theories
Shaun Respass (ASPECT, VT)
Homo Economicus and a Network of Beneficence

Chair & Discussant

Michael Moehler (Philosophy & ASPECT, VT)

E-3
**Critiquing Neoliberal
Economies**

5:00-6:45 p.m.
GLC, Room F

Alex Stubberfield (ASPECT, VT)
New Class Hybrids: A Taxonomy
Judson Abraham (ASPECT, VT)
Gramsci's Critique of Market Populism
Mario Khreiche (ASPECT, VT)
The New Milieus of Work in the Twilight of
Automation
Kelli Anne McAntee (University of Colorado-
Denver)
Out-of-Nation Tuition: The Appropriation of
International Students as Diversity Statistics and
New Capital in U.S. Higher Education

Chair **Robert Kirsch** (Arizona State University)
Discussant **Ryan Artrip** (Guilford College and
Elon University)

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