

*philoSOPHIA: a feminist society*  
*7th Annual Meeting*

*Bios:*  
*Feminist*  
*Philosophies*  
*of Life*

*May 2 – 5, 2013*  
*Banff, Alberta*

**DAY 1 // THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2013**

**5:00 – 7:00 PM** *MB Lounge: wine reception*

**7:00 PM** *Dinner at Three Ravens Restaurant (Banff Centre)*

**DAY 2 // FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2013**

**7:00 – 8:45 AM** *Breakfast at Vistas Café (buffet)*

**9:00 – 10:00 AM** **PLENARY: KELLY OLIVER (VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY)**  
MB 252 **HOLLYWOOD'S FERTILE IMAGINATION: RACE, SEX,**  
**AND ASSISTED REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGIES**  
Moderator: Fanny Söderbäck (Siena College)

**10:15 – 11:45 AM** **A** *Feminist Biographies: Kristeva's Genius Trilogy*  
MB 251 **B** *How to Live* MB 252 **C** *Ancient Greek*  
*Perspectives* MB 253

**12:00 – 1:00 PM** *Lunch at Vistas Café (buffet)*

**1:15 – 2:45 PM** **A** *Ecofeminisms* MB 251 **B** *Postcolonial Perspectives*  
MB 252 **C** *Animal Life* MB 253

**2:45 – 3:15 PM** *MB Central Foyer: refreshment break*

**3:15 – 4:45 PM** **A** *Narrating Lives* MB 251 **B** *Fertility* MB 252  
**C** *Health* MB 253

**5:00 – 6:30 PM** **ANIMAL DESIRES: A CONVERSATION BETWEEN**  
MB 252 **CYNTHIA WILLETT (EMORY UNIVERSITY) AND**  
**HASANA SHARP (MCGILL UNIVERSITY)**  
Moderator: Kyoo Lee (CUNY, John Jay College)

**7:00 PM** *Dinner in Banff at Nourish (Vegetarian Restaurant)*

**DAY 3 // SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2013**

**7:00 – 8:45 AM** *Breakfast at Vistas Café (buffet)*

**9:00 – 10:00 AM** **PLENARY: MARY RAWLINSON (SUNY STONY BROOK)**  
MB 252 **THE RIGHT TO LIFE: REFIGURING ETHICS**  
Moderator: Noëlle McAfee (Emory University)

**10:15 – 12:00 PM** **A Bios, Biopower, and Bioethics: Critical Disability Theory Perspectives MB 251** **B Simone de Beauvoir MB 252** **C From Biopower to the Beautiful Life: Foucauldian Perspectives MB 253**

**12:00 – 1:00 PM** *Lunch at Vistas Café (buffet)*

**1:15 – 2:45 PM** **A The Affective Life MB 251** **B Sexual Reproduction, Sexual Difference, Intersex MB 252** **C Feminist Perspectives on the Stages of Life MB 253**

**2:45 – 3:15 PM** *MB Central Foyer: refreshment break*

**3:15 – 4:45 PM** **A Rereading ‘The Meaning of Life’ MB 251**  
**B Posthumanisms MB 252** **C Hegel on Life and Death MB 253**

**5:00 – 6:30 PM** **PLENARY: LYNNE HUFFER (EMORY UNIVERSITY)**  
MB 252 **LIFE ITSELF: FOUCAULT, ETHICS, AND THE RETURN TO NATURE IN FEMINIST PHILOSOPHY**  
Respondant: Jana Sawicki (Williams College)  
Moderator: Cressida Heyes (University of Alberta)

**7:00 PM** *Dinner in Banff at The Balkan (Greek Restaurant)*

**DAY 4 // SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2013**

**7:00 – 8:45 AM**

*Breakfast at Vistas Café (buffet)*

**9:00 – 10:00 AM**  
MB 252

**PLENARY PANEL: ELAINE MILLER (MIAMI UNIVERSITY)  
CARE OF LIFE AND ORESTIAN REVOLT: JULIA KRISTEVA  
ON TRAGEDY, CINEMA, AND THE “THOUGHT SPECULAR”  
+ NOËLLE MCAFFEE (EMORY UNIVERSITY)  
BETWEEN THE COUCH AND THE POLIS: BECOMING A  
WHO IN ARENDT AND KRISTEVA  
Moderator: Kelly Oliver (Vanderbilt University)**

**10:30 – 12:00 PM**  
MB 252

**LIVED EXPERIENCE: A CONVERSATION BETWEEN  
JOHANNA OKSALA (UNIVERSITY OF HELSINKI) AND  
CRESSIDA HEYES (UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA)  
Moderator: Lynne Huffer (Emory University)**

**2:00 PM**

*Meet in lobby for Excursion in the Rocky Mountains*

7:00 – 8:45 AM  
Breakfast

9:00 – 10:00 AM  
PLENARY WITH  
KELLY OLIVER MB 252

DAY 2 // FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2013

10:15 – 11:45 AM

**A) FEMINIST BIOGRAPHIES: KRISTEVA'S GENIUS TRILOGY MB 251**

Moderator: Elaine Miller (Miami University)

- MARK BERARDI** // *University of Memphis* // Jealousy and Biography in the Recent Works of Kristeva
- MARYGRACE HEMME** // *University of Memphis* // Feminine Genius and the Importance of Re-narrating Lives
- SARAH MARSHALL** // *University of Memphis* // The Rebirth of Zoë: Ingenious Biography and the Future of the Polis

**B) HOW TO LIVE MB 252** Moderator: Sina Kramer (Loyola Marymount University)

- ALEXIS SHOTWELL** // *Carleton University* // "Interdependence Means Fight": How to Live in Unbearable Times
- FLORENTIEN VERHAGE** // *Washington and Lee University* // 'In Collusion, in Coalition, in Collision': Living Feminist Philosophy
- RACHEL LOEWEN-WALKER** // *University of Alberta* // Queer Temporalities: Imagining a Life Beyond Normativity

**C) ANCIENT GREEK PERSPECTIVES MB 253**

Moderator: Katharine Loevy (Pacific University)

- JESSICA MAYOCK** // *California State University, San Marcos* // Hail Hera, Mother of Monsters: Monstrosity as Emblem of Sexual Sovereignty
- HOLLY MOORE** // *Luther College* // Cultivating Difference: The Garden of Adonis and the Order of Demeter
- DANA ROGNLIE** // *University of Oregon* // Flute-Girls as Arendtian Actors: Re-reading Plato's Symposium

12:00 – 1:00 PM  
Lunch

1:15 – 2:45 PM

**A) ECOFEMINISMS MB 251** Moderator: Susan Ruddick (University of Toronto)

- NAMITA GOSWAMI** // *Indiana State University* // Earth Democracy and the Global Subject: The Commonplace Philosophy of Theodor Adorno and Vandana Shiva
- JENNIFER SCURO** // *University of New Rochelle* // Ursprung: Reading for the Root
- KYOO LEE** // *John Jay College, CUNY* // Vaginal Meditations: Earthly Musings around "the Dark Female Animal" in Daodejing

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**B) POSTCOLONIAL PERSPECTIVES MB 252**

Moderator: Rachel Loewen-Walker (University of Alberta)

- MARY BUTTERFIELD** // *Vanderbilt University* // Terra Nullius and Epistemic Injustice  
**STEPHANIE CLARE** // *Oxford University* // Rereading Fanon: Life, Land, and Sexual Difference  
**SUSHMITA CHATTERJEE** // *Appalachian State University* // Feminist Transnationalism and the Politics of Friendship

**C) ANIMAL LIFE MB 253** Moderator: Cynthia Willett (Emory University)

- JESSICA POLISH** // *Vanderbilt University* // Domestication and Living Beings in Kant  
**KATHARINE LOEVY** // *Pacific University* // Whose Violence is Violence?: Levinas's Animal Metaphors  
**CYNTHIA D. COE** // *Central Washington University* // On Forgetting: Moral Intuitions about Humans and Animals

2:45 – 3:15 PM  
Refreshments

3:15 – 4:45 PM

**A) NARRATING LIVES MB 251** Moderator: Emma Kennedy (University of Alberta)

- JANE BARTER** // *University of Winnipeg* // Beyond Bare Life: Narrations of Singularity by Families of Missing and Murdered Aboriginal Women  
**STEPHANIE RODGERS** // *Emory University* // Auto-Biography and Anomaly: The Stories We Tell Ourselves  
**CIGDEM YAZICI** // *Koc University* // Writing the Body as a Way of Life

**B) FERTILITY MB 252** Moderator: Mary Rawlinson (SUNY Stony Brook)

- JILL DROUILLARD** // *Université de Paris-Sorbonne IV* // Infinitely Fertile: An Ontological Study of Why Female Dasein Has Reason to Support the End of Menopause  
**FANNY SÖDERBÄCK** // *Siena College* // Across National and Bodily Boundaries: The Lived Experience of Surrogacy Motherhood  
**SWASTI BHATTACHARYYA** // *Buena Vista University* // Making New Life: Magic, Mantras, and the Mahabharata!

**C) HEALTH MB 253** Moderator: Bianca Knull (University of Alberta)

- ALISSA OVEREND** // *Grant MacEwan University* // The Making of Undefined Illness: Candida, Biomedicine and the Empirics of Pathological Anatomy  
**ELA PRZYBYLO** // *York University* // Sex and Health, The Sacral Touch: A Biopolitical Elaboration of Sex-for-Health  
**SARA RODRIGUES** // *York University* // A Woman's 'Right to Know': Forced Ultrasound Measures as an Intervention of Biopower

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RAWLINSON MB 252

DAY 3 // SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2013

10:15 – 12:00 PM

**A) BIOS, BIOPOWER, AND BIOETHICS: CRITICAL DISABILITY THEORY PERSPECTIVES**  
MB 251 Moderator: Catherine Clune-Taylor (University of Alberta)

**JOSH DOHMEN** // *University of Memphis* // The Bios that Binds Us: Care Ethics and Psychoanalytic Perspectives on Disability  
**STEPHANIE JENKINS** // *Oregon State University* // Defining Morally Considerable Life: Towards a Feminist Disability Ethics  
**JOSHUA ST. PIERRE** // *University of Alberta* // The Performance of Reason: Speech and Intellectual Disability in Bioethical Discourse

**B) SIMONE DE BEAUVOIR** MB 252 Moderator: Brittne Tink (University of Alberta)

**ELISABETH PAQUETTE** // *York University* // On Flesh and Touching in The Second Sex  
**CHRISTINE DAIGLE** // *Brock University* // Beauvoir and the Question of Meaning: Literature and Philosophy as Human Engagement in the World  
**DAVID ALEXANDER CRAIG** // *University of Oregon* // Irigaray and Beauvoir on the Animalization of Woman  
**KELLY BALL** // *Emory University* // No Longer/Not Yet: Beauvoir and the Asymmetries of Girlhood

**C) FROM BIOPOWER TO THE BEAUTIFUL LIFE: FOUCAULDIAN PERSPECTIVES**  
MB 253 Moderator: Johanna Oksala (University of Helsinki)

**NATALIE CISNEROS** // *Allegheny College* // The Deathly Alien: Biopower and Immigrant Detainment  
**SARAH HANSEN** // *Drexel University* // Meanings of Life: Feminist Resources in the Work of Foucault and Agamben  
**ALICE EVERLY** // *University of Memphis* // Foucault and the Moral Value of Biological Life  
**MEGAN DEAN** // *University of King's College* // Nourishing a Beautiful Life: Ethics, Vegetarianism, and Disordered Eating

12:00 – 1:00 PM  
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**A) THE AFFECTIVE LIFE** MB 251 Moderator: Alexis Shotwell (Carleton University)

**AMANDA HOLMES** // *Villanova University* // The Politics of Guilt in Aristotle, Hegel, and Butler  
**KAREN ROBERTSON** // *University of Guelph* // Affective Extremes and Social Mediation: Heidegger, Hochschild and Affective Life  
**LAUREN GUILMETTE** // *Emory University* // In What We Tend to Feel is Without History?—Foucault, Affect, Ethics

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**B) SEXUAL REPRODUCTION, SEXUAL DIFFERENCE, INTERSEX MB 252**

Moderator: Jennifer Scuro (University of New Rochelle)

- EMANUELA BIANCHI** // *New York University* // The Feminine Symptom and the Critique of the Aristotelian Organism  
**STEPHEN SEELY** // *Rutgers University* // Does Life Have (a) Sex? Rethinking Sexual Difference with Irigaray and Simondon  
**CATHERINE CLUNE-TAYLOR** // *University of Alberta* // Disordering Sex Development: Feminists, Adaptationism and Normal Function

**C) FEMINIST PERSPECTIVES ON THE STAGES OF LIFE MB 253**

Moderator: Ada Jaarsma (Mount Royal University)

- CAROLYN DAVIS** // *Vanderbilt University* // Sex Education as Biopower  
**BRANDY DANIELS** // *Vanderbilt University* // Relationality beyond Biopower: Reframing Kinship  
**DOROTHY DEAN** // *Vanderbilt University* // Masculinity and Ecological Conservation, or: Why Middle-Aged Men are Afraid of the Environment  
**DEVAN STAHL** // *Saint Louis University* // Women's Bodies at End of Life: An Ethic of Care in an Age of Enhanced Technology

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Refreshments

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**A) REREADING 'THE MEANING OF LIFE' MB 251**

Moderator: Katja Pettinen (Mount Royal University)

- ADA JAARMSA** // *Mount Royal University* // Kierkegaard, Arendt and the Meaning of Life  
**EMILY ANNE PARKER** // *Santa Clara University* // Ambiguity and the Absurd: On Beauvoir's Response to Camus' Absurd Hero  
**KRISTIN RODIER** // *University of Alberta* // Happy Killjoys?: Ahmed and Aristotle on Feminism and Happiness

**B) POSTHUMANISMS MB 252** Moderator: Hasana Sharp (McGill University)

- ASTRIDA NEIMANIS** // *Independent Scholar* // Archiving Liquid Life: Biobanking and the Untimeliness of Bodily Waters  
**SUSAN RUDDICK** // *University of Toronto* // Singular Things: Macheray's Spinoza and the Problem of Composition in a Post-Human World  
**THOMAS BRETZ** // *Loyola University* // Empathy without Pathos? On the Possibility of Empathy without Limits







**NOTES**

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