



*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*

**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: Chloë Taylor (University of Alberta)

**10:15 – 12:00 PM** **A** *Postcolonial Perspectives* 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** *Feminist Perspectives on*  
*the Stages of Life* 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*

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

**7:00 – 8:45 AM**

*Breakfast at Vistas Café (buffet)*

**9:00 – 10:00 AM**  
MB 252

**PLENARY: MARY C. RAWLINSON (SUNY STONY BROOK)**  
**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** *Life After Meaning, Life After Humanism* MB 252 **C** *Feminist Biographies: Kristeva's Genius Trilogy* MB 253

**2:45 – 3:15 PM**

*MB Central Foyer: refreshment break*

**3:15 – 4:45 PM**

**A** *Sexual Reproduction, Sexual Difference, Intersex* MB 251 **B** *Posthumanisms* MB 252 **C** *Hegel on Life and Death* MB 253

**5:00 – 6:00 PM**  
MB 252

**PLENARY: LYNNE HUFFER (EMORY UNIVERSITY)**  
**LIFE ITSELF: FOUCAULT, ETHICS, AND THE RETURN TO NATURE IN FEMINIST PHILOSOPHY**  
Moderator: Cressida Heyes (University of Alberta)

**7:00 PM**

*Dinner*



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

**7:00 – 8:45 AM**

*Breakfast at Vistas Café (buffet)*

**9:00 – 10:15 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 MCAFEE (EMORY UNIVERSITY)**  
**BETWEEN THE COUCH AND THE POLIS: BECOMING A**  
**WHO IN ARENDT AND KRISTEVA**  
Moderator: Fanny Söderbäck (Siena College)

**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 – 12:00 PM**

**A) POSTCOLONIAL PERSPECTIVES MB 251**

Moderator: Hasana Sharp (McGill University)

- MARY BUTTERFIELD** // *Vanderbilt University* // Terra Nullius and Epistemic Injustice  
**STEPHANIE CLARE** // *Oxford University* // Rereading Fanon: Life, Land, and Sexual Difference  
**EMILY DOUGLAS** // *University of Alberta* // Surveilling the Veil: Veiled Muslim Women and the Racializing-Panoptic Gaze

**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  
**HOLLY BOOTH** // *University of Alberta* // The Speech of the Flute Girl

**12:00 – 1:00 PM**  
Lunch

**1:15 – 2:45 PM**

**A) ECOFEMINISMS MB 251** Moderator: Marie-Anne Casselot Legros (McGill University)

- 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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**1:15 – 2:45 PM**

**A) FEMINIST PERSPECTIVES ON THE STAGES OF LIFE MB 252**

Moderator: Ada Jaarsma (Mount Royal University)

**CAROLYN DAVIS**  
**BRANDY DANIELS**

// *Vanderbilt University* // Sex Education as Biopower  
// *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

**2:45 – 3:15 PM**  
*Refreshments*

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

**KELLY S. MONTFORD**

// *University of Alberta* // The Present "Referent":  
Pro-"Meat" Discourses and Dominant Albertan Identity  
// *Pacific University* // Whose Violence is Violence?:  
Levinas's Animal Metaphors

**KATHARINE LOEVY**

**CYNTHIA D. COE**

// *Central Washington University* // On Forgetting:  
Moral Intuitions about Humans and Animals

**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

**DONIA MOUNSEF**

// *University of Alberta* // Performing Autobiography &  
the Intermedial Turn in Feminist Performance Practice

**B) FERTILITY MB 252** Moderator: Mary C. 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 Bound-  
aries: The Lived Experience of Surrogacy Motherhood

**SWASTI BHATTACHARYYA**

// *Buena Vista University* // Making New Life:  
Magic, Mantras, and the Mahabharata!

**5:00 – 6:30 PM**  
**ANIMAL DESIRES WITH**  
**CYNTHIA WILLETT &**  
**HASANA SHARP MB 252**

**7:00 PM**  
*Dinner*

**C) HEALTH MB 253** Moderator: Sarah Hansen (Drexel University)

**NATALIE CISNEROS**

// *Allegheny College* // The Deathly Alien:  
Biopower and Immigrant Detainment

**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

**7:00 – 8:45 AM**  
Breakfast

**9:00 – 10:00 AM**  
PLENARY WITH MARY  
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)

**JOSHUA 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* // The Experience of the Body as Mediating Relations  
**CHRISTINE DAIGLE** // *Brock University* // Beauvoir and the Question of Meaning: Literature and Philosophy as Human Engagement in the World  
**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: Ellen Armour (Vanderbilt University)

**SARAH HANSEN** // *Drexel University* // Meanings of Life: Feminist Resources in the Work of Foucault and Agamben  
**ALICE EVERLY** // *University of Memphis* // Creatively Discontinuous: Foucauldian Discontinuity at Work in the Science of Life  
**MEGAN DEAN** // *University of King's College* // Nourishing a Beautiful Life: Ethics, Vegetarianism, and Disordered Eating

**12:00 – 1:00 PM**  
Lunch

**1:15 – 2:45 PM**

**A) THE AFFECTIVE LIFE MB 251** Moderator: Bianca Knull (University of Alberta)

**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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1:15 – 2:45 PM

**B) LIFE AFTER MEANING, LIFE AFTER HUMANISM MB 252**

Moderators: Ada Jaarsma, Emily Anne Parker, and Katja Pettinen

**ADA JAARSMA**

// Mount Royal University // Kierkegaard, Origins and the Meaning of Life

**EMILY ANNE PARKER**

// Santa Clara University // Ambiguity and the Absurd: Lived Experience Without Meaning

**KATJA PETTINEN**

// Mount Royal University // Meaning and the Empirical Denial of Life

**C) FEMINIST BIOGRAPHIES: KRISTEVA'S GENIUS TRILOGY MB 253**

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

2:45 – 3:15 PM

Refreshments

3:15 – 4:45 PM

**A) SEXUAL REPRODUCTION, SEXUAL DIFFERENCE, INTERSEX MB 251**

Moderator: Karyn Ball (University of Alberta)

**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

**B) POSTHUMANISMS MB 252** Moderator: Rachel Loewen-Walker (University of Alberta)

**ASTRIDA NEIMANIS**

// Linköping University // Speculative Reproduction

**MARIE-ANNE CASSELOT-LEGROS**

// McGill University // Ecofeminism: Beyond Women and Nature

**THOMAS BRETZ**

// Loyola University // Empathy without Pathos? On the Possibility of Empathy without Limits



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**3:15 – 4:45 PM**

**C) HEGEL ON LIFE AND DEATH MB 253**

Moderator: William Clare Roberts (McGill University)

**KAREN NG**

*// Siena College // Life and Spirit: Hegel's Feminist Modernism*

**SABRINA L. HOM**

*// Georgia College and State University // "Wed Him to the Bosom of the Earth": Hegel, Assisted Suicide and the Virtues of Care*

**YASEMIN SARI**

*// University of Alberta // Hegel's Antigone: Death as an Overcoming of the Self*

**5:00 – 6:00 PM**  
**PLENARY WITH**  
**LYNNE HUFFER MB 252**

**NOTES**

**7:00 PM**  
*Dinner*

**DAY 3 //**  
**SUNDAY,**  
**MAY 5, 2013**

**7:00 – 8:45 AM**  
*Breakfast*

**9:00 – 10:15 AM**  
**PLENARY WITH**  
**ELAINE MILLER & NOËLLE**  
**MCAFFEE MB 252**

**10:30 – 12:00 PM**  
**LIVED EXPERIENCE**  
**WITH JOHANNA OKSALA &**  
**CRESSIDA HEYES MB 252**

**2:00 PM**  
*Excursion*

