Bios: Feminist Philosophies of Life

May 2 – 5, 2013
Banff, Alberta
### DAY 1 // THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2013

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<td><strong>PLENARY: KELLY OLIVER (VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY)</strong>&lt;br&gt;HOLLYWOOD’S FERTILE IMAGINATION: RACE, SEX, AND ASSISTED REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGIES&lt;br&gt;Moderator: Chloë Taylor (University of Alberta)</td>
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<td><strong>ANIMAL DESIRES: A CONVERSATION BETWEEN</strong>&lt;br&gt;CYNTHIA WILLETT (EMORY UNIVERSITY) AND HASANA SHARP (MCGILL UNIVERSITY)&lt;br&gt;Moderator: Kyoo Lee (CUNY, John Jay College)</td>
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DAYS 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”
+ NOÉLLE 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
LIVED EXPERIENCE: A CONVERSATION BETWEEN
JOHANNA OKSALA (UNIVERSITY OF HELSINKI) AND
CREASEIDA HEYES (UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA)
Moderator: Lynne Huffer (Emory University)

2:00 PM
Meet in lobby for Excursion in the Rocky Mountains
### A) POSTCOLONIAL PERSPECTIVES MB 251
Moderator: Hasana Sharp (McGill University)

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<td>Vanderbilt University</td>
<td>Terra Nullius and Epistemic Injustice</td>
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<td>STEPHANIE CLARE</td>
<td>Oxford University</td>
<td>Rereading Fanon: Life, Land, and Sexual Difference</td>
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<td>EMILY DOUGLAS</td>
<td>University of Alberta</td>
<td>Survelling the Veil: Veiled Muslim Women and the Racializing-Panoptic Gaze</td>
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### B) HOW TO LIVE MB 252
Moderator: Sina Kramer (Loyola Marymount University)

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<td>Carleton University</td>
<td>“Interdependence Means Fight”: How to Live in Unbearable Times</td>
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<td>FLORENTIEN VERHAGE</td>
<td>Washington and Lee University</td>
<td>“In Collision, in Coalition, in Collision”: Living Feminist Philosophy</td>
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<td>RACHEL LOEWEN-WALKER</td>
<td>University of Alberta</td>
<td>Queer Temporalities: Imagining a Life Beyond Normativity</td>
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### C) ANCIENT GREEK PERSPECTIVES MB 253
Moderator: Katharine Loeyv (Pacific University)

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<td>Hail Hera, Mother of Monsters: Monstrosity as Emblem of Sexual Sovereignty</td>
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<td>Flute-Girls as Arendtian Actors: Re-reading Plato’s Symposium</td>
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<td>HOLLY BOOTH</td>
<td>University of Alberta</td>
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Moderator: Marie-Anne Casselot Legros (McGill University)

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<td>JENNIFER SCURO</td>
<td>University of New Rochelle</td>
<td>Ursprung: Reading for the Root</td>
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<td>KYOO LEE</td>
<td>John Jay College, CUNY</td>
<td>Vaginal Meditations: Earthly Musings Around “the Dark Female Animal” in Dao De Jing</td>
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A) FEMINIST PERSPECTIVES ON THE STAGES OF LIFE MB 252
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

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

KELLY S. MONTFORD // University of Alberta // The Present “Referent”:
Pro-“Meat” Discourses and Dominant Alberian Identity
KATHARINE LOEY // 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 // Self-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 WILLET & 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
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 BEAUVIOR 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

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
# Panel Program

**Day 3 // Saturday, May 4, 2013**

### 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

### 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)

- **Emmanuela 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 Casseлот-LeGrèos**  
  - *McGill University*  
  - Ecofeminism: Beyond Women and Nature

- **Thomas Bretz**  
  - *Loyola University*  
  - Empathy without Pathos? On the Possibility of Empathy without Limits
### DAY 3 // SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2013

**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

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**5:00 – 6:00 PM**

PLENARY WITH LYNNE HUFFER MB 252

**7:00 PM**

Dinner

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

**7:00 – 8:45 AM**

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Excursion

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