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SPELLING DISASTERS

A Conference hosted by the Portland Center for Cultural Studies

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2006
Smith Memorial Student Union Building
Browsing Lounge 238
Portland State University
1825 SW Broadway Avenue, Portland, OR 97201

9:00 – 10:15 a.m.: Keynote Address
“Depression as Public Feeling”
Ann Cvetkovich, Depts. of English and Women’s Studies, University of Texas, Austin

10:30 – 12:00 p.m.: Managing Disasters
“Emergency and Disaster Planning in Canada”
Phil Boyle, Dept. of Sociology, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta

“Made with Love: Life in a Temporary Volunteer Community”
Robert Gardner, Dept. of Sociology and Anthropology, Linfield College

“Disaster and Women”
Subarna N. Mathes, Evans School of Public Affairs, University of Washington

“The U.S.-Mexico Border: The Socio-Economic Disaster, the Trauma, and the Question of Benefits”
Virginia Ulrich, Dept. of English, Portland State University

Moderator, Robert Gardner, Dept. of Sociology and Anthropology
Linfield College

LUNCH BREAK

1:30 – 3:00 p.m.: Reading and Writing Trauma

“‘T’ is for Trauma: The Melancholy of Disaster in Children’s Trauma Literature and the Child Narrator of Jonathan Safran Foer's Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close”
Catherine Kernodle, Dept. of English, Portland State University

“Rhetoric of Trauma: Narration, Recognition, and Response”
Elizabeth Harazim, Dept. of English, Portland State University
“Poetry and Disaster”
Tom Fisher, University Studies, Portland State University

“Bankrupt Responses”
Christian Ravela, Dept. of English, University of Washington

Moderator, Reshmi Dutt-Ballerstadt, Dept. of English
Linfield College

**CONCURRENT ROUNDTABLES START AT 3:15 P.M.**

3:15 – 4:45 p.m.: **Teaching Disaster: A Roundtable**
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Elliott Young, Dept. of History, Lewis & Clark College
Katja Garloff, Dept. of German, Reed College
Gregory F. Goekjian, Dept. of English, Portland State University
Naomi Zack, Dept. of Philosophy, University of Oregon

Moderator, Linda Isako Angst, Dept. of Anthropology
Lewis & Clark College

3:15 – 4:45 p.m.: **Theorizing Disaster I: A Roundtable**
Smith Memorial Student Union Building
Cascade Room 236
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Jan Mieszkowski, Dept. of German, Reed College
Marcia Klotz, Dept. of English, Portland State University
Bob Goldman, Dept. of Sociology, Lewis & Clark College
Lee Medovoi, Dept. of English, Portland State University

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9:00 – 10:30 a.m.: Geographies of Disaster

"The Light on the Horizon: Imagining the Death of American Cities"
Carol Abbott, Dept. of Urban Studies and Planning, Portland State University

“Gojira vs. Godzilla: Atomic Trauma and the Remaking of National Disaster”
Molly Brown, Dept. of Film Studies, University of Pittsburgh

"The Highway of the Atom"
Peter C. van Wyck, Dept. of Communication Studies, Concordia University, Montréal

Moderator, John Trombold, Dept. of English and Foreign Languages
University of Portland

10:45 – 12:00 p.m.: Spectacles of Trauma

“The Burning Library”
Daniel Rosenberg, Dept. of History, University of Oregon

“Lucy Lies: Narrative Unreliability and Trauma in Villette”
Heide Bauer, Dept. of English, Portland State University

“Cannibalism, Nervous Women, and Telepathy: Victorian Reactions to Sir John Franklin’s Disastrous 1845 Voyage to the Arctic”
Katy Brundan, Program of Comparative Literature, University of Oregon

“Moby-Dick and U.S. Imperialism”
John R. Eperjesi, Dept. of English, Portland State University

Moderator, Oscar Fernández, Dept. of Foreign Languages
Portland State University

LUNCH BREAK

1:30 – 3:00 p.m.: Theorizing Disaster II

“Political Philosophy and Disaster”
Naomi Zack, Dept. of Philosophy, University of Oregon

“Lawful Injustices: Lacan and the Juridical Responses to Tragedy and Trauma”
Scott Kerman, Dept. of English, Portland State University

“The Crisis of Disaster”
Jan Mieszkowski, Dept. of German, Reed College

"The New Normal: Spectacle and Terror in the Post-9/11 State of Emergency”
Robert Bennett, Dept. of English, Montana State University

Moderator, Oren Kosansky, Dept. of Anthropology
Lewis & Clark College

3:15 – 4:45 p.m.:  Responding and Anticipating: The Challenges of Disaster Relief

Nick MacDonald, “TBA”
Mercy Corps, Portland, Oregon

“Emerging Diseases: The Avian Influenza Epidemic”
Jan Semenza, Dept. of Community Health and Urban & Public Affairs, Portland State University

Moderator, TBA
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