



THE ANTHROPOCENE CAMPUS PHILADELPHIA
OCTOBER 22-26, 2017

SEMINARS + SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SEMINARS

Writing Global Histories in the Anthropocene

This seminar engages the Anthropocene as historical genre. Does the Anthropocene imply an apocalyptic and urgent tone in history writing or are there other forms of accounting for the broad arcs of social, political and material change inhering in the Anthropocene? Participants will probe the power and limits of global history in producing narratives of the Anthropocene alternative/complementary to those of geology, climate science, or political activism. Periodization, scales, directionality, causality and other explanatory commitments will be on the table.

Instructors

- +Gabriel Rocha, Drexel University
- +Tiago Saraiva, Drexel University
- +Francesca Bray, University of Edinburgh
- +Alden Young, Drexel University

Voice and Representation in the Anthropocene

This seminar considers critically how ideas of equity, security and inclusion have become central to scholarship and policy of the Anthropocene. It will engage with the aims of current justice-focused scholarship and practice as well as the necessity for new objectives and practices in these areas. It will focus on both the recognition of interests and the potential for redistributions of authority, across global settings in the Anthropocene. Considerations of our own positionality will be central to these conversations.

Instructors

- +Debjani Bhattacharyya, Drexel University
- +Maria Paula Diogo, CIUHCT—Univ. of Lisbon and Univ. NOVA of Lisbon
- +Amy Slaton, Drexel University
- +Ana Simoes, University of Lisbon

Slow Disaster

The pace at which crises take shape in the Anthropocene and processes by which catastrophes are detected as such will be central to this seminar. The group will interrogate patterns of cultural awareness, structures of governance, and trajectories of technical study and intervention through the lens of slow disaster, focusing on the nature (and impacts) of strategic human ignorance and denial in the Anthropocene.

Instructors

- +Kim Fortun, UC Irvine
- +Lee Vinsel, Virginia Tech
- +Ali Kenner, Drexel University

Environing Technology

This seminar considers the processes of environmental change and extreme environments mediated by and through technology. Special attention will be paid to technologies of sensing and measuring in extreme and distant environments, and the geopolitical dimensions of these activities.

Instructors

- +Johan Gardebo KTH Royal Institute of Technology
- +Sabine Hohler, KTH Royal Institute of Technology
- +Nina Wormbs, KTH Royal Institute of Technology
- +Karena Kalmbach, Eindhoven University of Technology
- +Etienne Benson, University of Pennsylvania

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sunday, October 22

- 1:00-2:30pm Max Liboiron, Gallery Opening: The Study Hotel, 33rd and Chestnut Streets, *How We Do Science on Permanent Plastic Pollution*
+Gallery Talk, "Cod Objects" at 1:30pm **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**
- 3:00-4:00 Seminars Voice and Writing Histories meet concurrently, 3101 Market Street, rooms 223 and 224
- 4:00-5:00 Seminars Slow Disaster and Environing meet concurrently, 3101 Market Street, rooms 223 and 224
- 5:30-9:30 *The Anthropocene Campus Plenary* and opening dinner with Continent, Kim Fortun, Roberto Moris, Tiago Saraiva; and comment by Amy Slaton, CoZara Restaurant, 33rd and Chestnut Streets
Note: dinner provided for all registered participants

Monday, October 23

- 8:30am-12:00pm Seminars Voice and Writing History meet concurrently, 3101 Market Street, rooms 223 and 224
Note: breakfast and lunch provided
- 2:30-6:00 Seminars Slow Disaster and Environing meet concurrently, 3101 Market Street, rooms 223 and 224
Note: dinner on your own
- 7:30-9:00 *The Public Anthropocene* with Mark Gardner, Brian Holmes, Carlina Rossée, Christoph Rosol, Bernd Scherer, and Andrew Yang, Papadakis Integrated Sciences Building, room 106, 33rd and Chestnut Streets
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Tuesday, October 24

- 8:00am-1:00pm Field Sites, meet in Study Hotel lobby at 8:00 am
Note: breakfast on your own, lunch provided, dinner on your own
+Asbestos in Ambler with Jody Roberts
+Plastics in the Water with Max Liboiron
+Wildlife at the Heinz Center with Jesse Smith and Amy Slaton
+Schuylkill River Research Seminar
+Deep Anthropocene at the Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University (12:00-3:00pm)
- 3:00-5:45 Open Studio: Roleplaying Chernobyl and Anthropocene Artefacts, Organized by Johan Gardebo and Ellan Spero, 3101 Market Street, room 224 **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

7:15-9:00 Screening of *Back Water* and Q&A with director Jonathan Cohrs, 3101 Market Street, room 223 **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**
9:00-11:00 Happy Hour at Slainté Pub, 3000 Market Street

Wednesday, October 25

8:30am-12:00pm Seminars Voice and Writing History meet concurrently, 3101 Market Street, rooms 223 and 224
Note: breakfast and lunch provided
12:15-1:30 Anthropocene Field Notes: Yanna Lambrinidou, Timothy Neale, and Tyson Vaughan, 3101 Market Street, room 223 **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**
2:00-5:30 Seminars Slow Disaster and Environing meet concurrently, 3101 Market Street, rooms 223 and 224
6:30-8:00 *Things Fall Apart*: Museum Tour and Reception at Chemical Heritage Foundation, 315 Chestnut Street
Note: appetizers provided

Thursday, October 26

9:00am-12:00pm *Closing Plenary*: Roving Plenarists and all campus members, 3101 Market Street, room 223
Note: breakfast provided
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Field Site Leaders/Special Presenters/Plenarists

- +Jamie Allen, Continent
- +Debjani Bhattacharyya, Drexel University
- +Paul Boshears, Continent
- +Keith Brown, University of North Texas
- +Paul Callomon, Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University
- +Pete DeCarlo, Drexel University
- +Kim Fortun, UC Irvine
- +Mark Gardner, Van Alen Institute
- +Brian Holmes, Continental Drift
- +Yeonsil Kang, National Research Foundation of Korea
- +Scott Gabriel Knowles, Drexel University
- +Yanna Lambrinidou, Virginia Tech
- +Max Liboiron, Memorial University Newfoundland
- +Isaac Linder, Continent
- +Tatyana Livshultz, Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University
- +Garance Malivel, Continent
- +Richard McCourt, Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University
- +Roberto Moris, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile
- +Timothy Neale, Deakin University
- +Danielle Redden, Bartram's Gardens
- +Jody Roberts, Chemical Heritage Foundation
- +Christoph Rosol, Max Planck Institute for the History of Science
- +Carlina Rossée, Haus der Kulturen der Welt
- +Tiago Saraiva, Drexel University
- +Bernd Scherer, Haus der Kulturen der Welt
- +Amy Slaton, Drexel University
- +Jesse Smith, University of Pennsylvania
- +Ellan Spero, Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne
- +Tyson Vaughan, American Association for the Advancement of Science
- +Bethany Wiggan, University of Pennsylvania
- +Andrew Yang, School of the Art Institute of Chicago