

CLIMATE AND CRISIS, 1660-1820

Conference Program

Friday, April 19

1:30-3:00 -> Energy Humanities in the Atlantic World

Keith Pluymers (Illinois State University)

"Climate Anxiety, Climate Ambition, and the Creation of Philadelphia's Waterworks"

Katie Sagal (Cornell College)

"Ocean Archives: Seaweed Recalls the Past and Promises the Future"

Moderator: Bob Morrissey (UIUC)

3:30-5:00 -> Ecologies Beyond the Human

Melissa Bailes (Tulane University)

"'Most Punctual' Birds: Migration, Time, and Socio-Ecology in Eighteenth-Century Britain"

Tobias Menely (University of California, Davis)

"The Anthropozoic: Animal Life and the Earth System"

Moderator: Lucinda Cole (UIUC)

Saturday, April 20

9:30-11:00 -> Scientific Instrumentality and Climate Management

David Alvarez (DePauw University)

"The Climate of Commerce: Mr Spectator's Religious Thermometer"

Tita Chico (University of Maryland)

"On Measurement and 'Man': Daniel Gabriel Fahrenheit, Sylvia Wynter, and Climate Disruption"

Moderator: Megan Cole (UIUC)

11:30-1:00 -> Geologies, Topographies, and Mediation

Rajani Sudan (Southern Methodist University)
"Mines, Minerals, Mimesis, and Memory"

Eric Gidal (University of Iowa)
"Textual Ecologies: Sir John Sinclair's Environmental Statistics"

Moderator: Gillen D'Arcy Wood (UIUC)

2:30-4:00 -> Race, Teleology, and Climate Discourse

Cass Turner (University of California, Los Angeles)
"Climates of Supremacy"

Ramesh Mallipeddi (University of British Columbia)
"Tillage and Trade: The Ends of Improvement in the Eighteenth Century"

Moderator: Jamie Jones (UIUC)