Yale University
GCRE: Graduate Conference in Religion and Ecology
April 21, 2017

SCHEDULE | Yale Divinity School, RSV ROOM

8:00AM - 8:20AM Breakfast & Opening Remarks

8:25AM - 9:35AM Panel 1 – Art, Literature, and Philosophy

Shame, Society, and the Spiral Jetty: A Response to Ecological Violence through the Art of Robert Smithson, Anna Thurston, M.A.R. Candidate, Religion & Visual Arts, Yale Divinity School

Fertile Grund: Tillichian Ground Rematerialized as Soil, O'neil Van Horn, M.A. Candidate, Religion and Ecology, Drew University

“The Poem of Creation”: Thoreau’s View of Nature in Walden, Colin Devine, M.A.R. Candidate, Philosophical Theology, Yale Divinity School

Cultivating a Political [Eco]Theology of Displacement, Jennifer Maidrand, M.A. Candidate, Drew Theological School

9:40AM – 10:50AM Panel 2 – Christian Traditions

From Stewardship to Creation Spirituality: The Evolving Ecological Ethos of Catholic Doctrine, Lukas Szrot, Ph.D. Candidate, University of Kansas

Sin & Sex After Darwin: Reinventing Sexual Ethics in Light of the New Story, Michael Taylor Ross, Ph.D. Candidate, University of Toronto

God-Given Right: A theology of Private Property Rights, Mary M. Bathory Vidaver, M.Div. Candidate, Yale Divinity School

Fifty Shades of Green: Moving from “Orthodoxy” to “Orthopraxis” in Assessing the Ecological Impact of Christian Monasticism, Stefano Zordan, Ph.D.
10:55AM - 12:05PM Panel 3 – Non-Christian Perspectives

*Food as Dharma: An Engaged-Buddhist Eco-Theology of Foodways,* Solomon Pesach, Buddhist Studies, Marlboro College

*A Comparative Ecofeminist Study of Carol Christ's Goddess Theory and Hindu Spirituality,* Jeffrey Holmes, M.A. Candidate, West Chester University of Pennsylvania

*Education that Transforms: Exploring the Roles of Sacredness, Wonder, and Nature in Schools with a Case Study on Educational Practices among Lakota Peoples,* Jordan Boudreau, Yale University

*The Bhagavad Gita and Ecology: Death, Detachment, and Devotion,* John Kennedy, M.Div. Candidate, Yale Divinity School

12:05PM - 1:00PM Lunch & Plenary – Food & Faith

*Deeper Than Belief,* Nathan T. Stucky, Ph.D. Princeton Theological Seminary, Director of the Farminary Project

*Food as a Religious Act in Baltimore,* Darriel Harris, Ph.D. Candidate, Johns Hopkins School of Public Health, Coordinator of the Baltimore Food and Faith Project

1:05PM - 2:15PM Panel 4 – Religion and Animals

*The Buffalo Teacher: A Biomimetic Interpretation of Bovine Veneration,* Tom Berendt, Ph.D. Candidate, Temple University

*And Say the Sea of Galilee Responded?* Dong Hyeon Jeong, Ph.D. Candidate, Drew University

*Speaking of Home: Companion Animals, Ethics, and End-of-Life Care,* Amy Defibaugh, Ph.D. Candidate, Religion, Temple University

*The Rational Elephant in the Room: Kant and Ethical Considerations on Wildlife Tourism in Thailand,* Sean Massa, M.A.R. Candidate, Yale Divinity School
2:20PM - 3:30PM Panel 5 – Judeo-Christian Scripture

*Land as “Text” Prior to Text: How Interpreting Land Relates to Interpreting Scripture(s),* Daniel R. Nasry, M.Div. Candidate, Princeton Theological Seminary

*Limited Dominion: The Answer to the Relationship Between the Bible and Ecology,* Adam Kelley, M.Div. Candidate, Princeton Theological Seminary

*Vineyard and Lamentation: The Relationship Between Land and Person in Amos 5:1-17,* Mark A. Almquist-Murray, M.Div. Candidate, Princeton Theological Seminary

*Listening to the Waters: Ecomimetic Interpretation of Genesis 16:1-16 & 21:8-21,* Becky Copeland, Ph.D. Candidate, Emory University

3:35PM - 4:00PM Coffee & Music

*Marshall Island,* Hilary Purrington, Music Composition, Yale University

Marquand Chapel

4:00PM - 5:10PM Panel 6 – Law & Business


*The Spiritual Principles of Restorative Justice and the Efficiency Principles of Modern Capitalism: A Path to Reconciliation?* Nikos Valance, M.Div. Candidate, Claremont School of Theology

*REI and American Spirituality in “The Outdoors”,* Wes Willison, M.Div. Candidate, Princeton Theological Seminary

*Problems of Disembodied Ethics, Masculinity, Militarization: Implications for #NoDAPL and the US-Mexico Border,* Jamison Stallman, M.A. Candidate, Union Theological Seminary
5:15PM - 6:25PM Panel 7 – Urban Ecologies

*Integral Ecology and the Science of Settings; “Green Visions” for All*, Diego Leskovar, Ph.D. Candidate, Drew University

*From Renewal to Re-Greening: Shaping Community Identity, Wellbeing, and Relatedness in Harlem Park, West Baltimore*, Amber Collett, MESc, Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies

*Apocalypse Can Wait: A vision of Environmentalism and Urbanization*, Dawrell Rich, Ph.D. Candidate, Drew Theological Seminary


6:30PM - 8:30PM Group Dinner