The 30th Alabama Symposium on English and American Literature

ELEMENTAL ECOCRITICISM

Sponsored by:
The Hudson Strode Program in Renaissance Studies
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Thursday 4/25:

8 pm: Keynote Address. Greensboro Room at the Bama Theater, downtown Tuscaloosa. Doors open at 7:30 pm.

Cary Wolfe, “The Biopolitics of Human and Animal Bodies”

Cary Wolfe is Bruce and Elizabeth Dunlevie Professor of English at Rice University, where he is also founding director of 3CT: Center for Critical and Cultural Theory.

His books include Animal Rites: American Culture, the Discourse of Species, and Posthumanist Theory (Chicago, 2003), What Is Posthumanism? (Minnesota, 2010), The Other Emerson (Minnesota, 2010), and Before the Law: Humans and Other Animals in a Biopolitical Frame (Chicago, 2012).

Friday 4/26:

Bryant Conference Center, Birmingham Room.

9:00—10:15 am: Lowell Duckert, “Earth”
Lowell Duckert is Assistant Professor of English at West Virginia University

10:30—11:45 am: Karl Steel, “Creeping Things, Matter’s Own Life”
Karl Steel is Assistant Professor of English at Brooklyn College, CUNY.

Lunch Break

1:00—2:15 pm: Valerie Allen, “Airy Something”
Valerie Allen is Professor of English literature at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, CUNY.

2:30—3:45 pm: Jeffrey Cohen, “The Sea Above”
Jeffrey Cohen is Professor of English and Director of the Medieval and Early Modern Studies Institute at the George Washington University.
4:00—5:15 pm: Julian Yates, “Wet”
    Julian Yates is Associate Professor of English and Material Culture Studies at University of Delaware.

**Saturday 4/27:**

Bryant Conference Center, Birmingham Room.

9:30—10:45 am: Sharon O’Dair, “Muddy Thinking”
    Sharon O’Dair is Hudson Strode Professor of English and Director of the Hudson Strode Program in Renaissance Studies at the University of Alabama.

11:00—12:15 am: Steve Mentz, “Phlogiston”
    Steve Mentz is Professor of English at St. John’s University

Lunch Break

2:15—3:30 pm: Anne Harris, “Pyromena, Fire’s Doing”
    Anne Harris is Associate Professor of Art History at DePauw University

3:45—5:00 pm: Chris Barrett, “The Quintessence of Wit: Ether and the Material Joke”
    Chris Barrett is Assistant Professor of English at LSU.