

September 16-17, 2016

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Vcologies 2016 Schedule

Friday, September 16

9:00-10:00 Voorhies 126

WARM-UP SESSION

Reading: Raymond Williams, "Ideas of Nature"

10:00-10:30

COFFEE BREAK

10:30-12:00 Voorhies 120

PANEL #1: SCIENCE

Kathleen Frederickson: "Under Domestication"

Justine Pizzo: "The Molecular Atmosphere of Thomas Hardy's *Return of the Native*"

Michael Ziser: "'The water understands/Civilization well': Hydropower and Transcendentalism"

12:00-1:30 Voorhies 120

LUNCH

1:30-3:00 Voorhies 126

PANEL #2: EMPIRE

Elizabeth Chang: "Chrysanthemums and the Popular Exotic in the Victorian Garden and Novel"

Gautam Basu Thakur: "Holes, Wells, and Caves"

Lynn Voskuil: "Alexander von Humboldt and the Environment of Empire"

3:00-3:30 BREAK

3:30-5:00 Voorhies 120

PANEL #3: COAL

Nathan K. Hensley and Philip Steer: “Signatures of the Carboniferous: The Literary Forms of Coal”

6:30 SPEAKERS’ DINNER

Thai Recipes (132 E Street, Davis)

Saturday, September 17

9:00-10:30 Voorhies 126

PANEL #4: FORM

Devin Griffiths: “The Ecology of Form”

Barbara Leckie: “Climate Change, Interrupted”

Jesse Oak Taylor: “The Novel After Nature, Nature After the Novel”

10:30-11:00 BREAK

11:00-12:30 Voorhies 126

PANEL #5: UTOPIA

Deanna Kreisel: “Late-Victorian Eco-(Dys)topias and the Problem of Sustainability”

Benjamin Morgan: “How We Might Live: Utopian Ecology in William Morris and Samuel Butler”

Daniel Williams: “The Climate of Utopia: Richard Jefferies and Boundary Ecology”

12:30-2:00 LUNCH

Voorhies 120

2:00-3:30 Voorhies 126

PANEL #6: ECOLOGY AND ENERGY

Siobhan Carroll: “The Rainmakers”

Tobias Menely: “Georgic Earth-Work; or, Power in *Beachy Head*”

Elizabeth Carolyn Miller: “Fixed Capital and the Flow:
Water Power and *The Mill on the Floss*”

3:30-3:45 BREAK

3:45-4:45 Voorhies 126

CLOSING DISCUSSION

5:45 Dan’s Taxi will pick up speakers at the Best Western
University Lodge for transport to dinner

6:00 SPEAKERS’ DINNER at Liz’s house
(1218 Harvard Drive, Davis)

9:00 Dan’s Taxi will pick up speakers at Liz’s house for
return to hotel