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SLS '97 -- Thursday October 30 Agenda
4:00 – 7:30 REGISTRATION

Continues through Sunday

5:00 – 6:30 POSTER/MEDIA DISPLAY

A few abstracts and media descriptions have been posted.

6:30 – 7:30 KEYNOTE ADDRESS

"Narrative and the Question of Embodiment in Scientific Inquiry"
N. Katherine Hayles, UCLA

7:30 OPENING RECEPTION

SLS '97 -- Friday October 31 Agenda

8:45 – 10:15 Session #1

- A. "Chaos Theory I" -- Chair: Jill Clark
Elizabeth Abele and Myra Wise, Louise Sundararajan, Eric White
- B. "Analogies and Metaphors" -- Chair: Koen DePryck
Koen DePryck, Elsbeth Brouwer, Karel Boullart
- C. "Spaces of Technology" -- Chair: Harvey Quamen
Charles Baldwin, David Erben, Carol Wald, Jaishree Odin
- D. "Self and Scientific Vision" -- Chair: Patricia Monaghan
Raymond Harris, Daryl S. Ogden, Susan Lanzoni, Suzanne Black
- E. "(Post)Modern Temporalities" -- Chair: Sharon Stockton
Rodolfo Mata, Suzanne Shimek, Sharon Stockton
- F. "Teaching Roundtable #1: Writing inside Cultural Studies" --
Chair: Sandra Chrystal Hayes
Sandra Chrystal Hayes and Martin Rosenberg

10:15 – 10:30 COFFEE AND . . .

10:30 – 12:00 Session #2

- A. "Interdisciplinary Occasions" -- Chair: Cheryl Fish
Benjamin Balter, Ingrid Daemmrich, Cheryl Fish, Kathleen Howard
- B. "Global Realities/ Ecological Thoughts" -- Chair: Nancy Barta-Smith
Nancy Barta-Smith and Sarah Stein, Ursula Heise
- C. "Modernist Energies" -- Chair: Linda Dalrymple Henderson
Linda Dalrymple Henderson, Elmar Schenkel, M. E. Warlick,
Michael Wutz
- D. "Terraformation, Tissue Culture and Sky Farming" -- Chair:
Anka Ryall
Robert Markley, Mette Brylde, Nina Lykke
- E. "Movement as Rhetoric" -- Chair: Marjorie Luesebrink
Stephanie Strickland, Christy Sheffield Sanford, Hale Chatfield,
Marjorie Luesebrink
- F. "Darwin" -- Chair: John Greenway
Janis Mclarren Caldwell, A. S. Weber, Gary Willingham-McLain
- G. "Publisher's Panel" --
Helen Tartar, LeAnn Fields, Jim Bono and Jeff DiLeo

12:00 – 1:30 LUNCH

1:30 – 3:00 Session #3

- A. "Representing the Body" -- Chair: Rhona Justice-Malloy
Rhona Justice-Malloy, August Staub, James W. Jones
- B. "Cold War, Military Technology and Suburbia" -- Chair: T. Hugh Crawford
Kristina Zarlengo, Sharon Ghamari-Tabrizi, John Shanahan
- C. "Reaching Across Campus" -- Chair: Laura Dassow Walls
Laura Dassow Walls, Wendy Hill, Mary Roth, David Veshosky, Tom Yuster
- D. "Chaos Theory II" -- Chair: Maria Assad
Maria Assad, Jill Clark
- E. "Roundtable: Technoscience and Literary Culture at the end of the Millenium" -- Co-Chairs: Robert Markley and Ronald Schliefer
Gwen Bergner, David Brande, Thomas DiPiero, Catherine Gouge, Robert Markley, Ronald Schliefer, Sharon Stockton, Rajani Sudan
- F. "Enlightenment Cultures of Science" -- Chair: Heather Sullivan
Anne Collins, Michele Kendrick, Cheryl Lambert, Stuart Peterfreund
- G. "Scientific Epistemologies" -- Chair: Lee Sterrenburg
Dennis DesRoches, George Levine, Megan Wesling, Stephen Kellert

3:00 – 3:30 REFRESHMENTS

3:30 – 5:00 Session #4

- A. "MindBody: Sacks, Edelman, and the new Biology of Consciousness" -- Guest Scholar session with Jim Swan
Chair: Susan Squier
- B. "Immortality, Inc." -- Chair: Ann Weinstone
Ann Weinstone, Richard Doyle, Hannah Landecker
- C. "Mythologizing the Feminine" -- Chair: Susan-Marie Birkenstock
Susan-Marie Birkenstock, Lori Amy, Melanie Almeder
- D. "Cybernetic Philosophy" -- Chair: June Deery
Mark Hansen, William Lynch, Jennifer Miller, June Deery
- E. "Literature and Science in the Classroom" -- Chair: Ingrid Daemmrich
Mike Bryson, Eileen Landis-Groom, Kathryn Palgutta
- F. "What does the 'Post' in 'PostHumanism' mean?" -- Chair: Anthony Lioi
Pat Saunders Evans, Hector Flores, Samira Kawash

G. "Shifting Perspectives in Early Modern Science" or "Rhetoric of Science I" -- Chair:
Terri Palmer

5:00 – 6:30 POSTER/MEDIA DISPLAY

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5:30–6:30 Poetry Reading

Patti White and Rena Patton

6:30 – 7:30 PLENARY ADDRESS

"What Doesn't Need to be in the Heads of People and Robots, and Why Not"
Rodney Brooks, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
<http://www.ai.mit.edu/people/brooks/brooks.html>

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8:45 – 10:15 Session #5

A. "Body Language" -- Chair: Kathryn Plank

S. Patrick Kachur, Kerry Kincanon, Kathryn Plank, Ernelle Fife

B. "Becoming Disciplinary, Becoming Interdisciplinary" -- Chair:
Phoebe Sengers

Laura Ruetsche, Phoebe Sengers, Mary Tomayko, Jane Margolis

C. "Puzzles and Conundrums" -- Chair: William Crisman

William Crisman, Deborah Lovely, Michael Johnson, Lawrence
Frank

D. "Technologies–R–Us" -- Chair: Rebecca Holden

Rebecca Holden, Jami Moss, Lisa Yaszek

E. "Rhetoric of Science" -- Chair: Bill McRae

Thomas Akbari, Sidney Perkowitz, Susan Lanzoni

F. "Science Fiction, Psychoanalysis, and Postmodernity:
Interpreting the Nexus of Technology and Culture" -- Chair: Jeffrey
Fisher

Jeffrey Fisher, Michael Uebel, Terry Harpold

10:15 – 10:30 COFFEE AND . . .

10:30 – 12:00 Session #6

- A. "Reproductive Technologies" -- Chair: Eve Keller
Charis Cussins, Eve Keller, Richard Nash, Susan Squier
- B. "Dreams are Maps" -- Chair: Patrick O'Kelley
De Witt Kilgore, Anthony Lioi, Holly Henry
- C. "Reflexivity and Disciplinarity" -- Chair: David Shumway
Deborah Voss, Henry Krips, David Shumway
- D. "Cyborgs and the Spaces of Embodiment" -- Chair: Stephanie
Tripp
Angela K. Harrison Bacsik, Stephanie Tripp, Patricia Ventura
- E. "Elkins on Images" -- Guest Scholar session with James Elkins;
Chair: Linda Dalrymple Henderson
Linda Dalrymple Henderson, James Elkins, Roald Hoffman
- F. "Science and Feeling" -- Chair: Lance Schachterle
Elizabeth Donaldson, Otniel Dror, Phillips Salman, Gabe Jones

12:00 – 1:30 BUSINESS LUNCH

1:30 – 2:30 BREAKOUT DISCUSSION SESSIONS:

Visual Technologies, Inscription Technologies, Disciplinarity,
Bodies, Ecologies, Pedagogies

2:30 – 4:00 Session #7

- A. "Redrawing the Multi-Disciplinary Map" -- Chair: Londa
Schiebinger
Harriet Ritvo, Jonathan Smith, Lee Sterrenburg
- B. "Race" -- Chair: Stephanie Smith
Patrick O'Kelley, Stephanie Smith, Kavita Philip
- C. "Health and Discourse" -- Chair: Barry Saunders
James J. Bono, Mary Pitts, Karl Volkmar, Julie Vedder
- D. "Teaching Roundtable #2: Joint Custody: Team-Teaching and
Cooperating Across Disciplinary Divides" --
Chair: Stephen Weininger
Catherine O'Connell and Leslie Schwartz, M. David Samson and
Stephen J. Weininger, John Anderson and Karen Waldron
- E. "Performing Bodies" -- Chair: Sue Hagedorn
Dawn Dietrich, Ellen Esrock, Mark Jenkins and Linda Baker
- F. "19th c. Science Goes Public" -- Chair: Pat Saunders-Evans
Barbara Gates, Hao Li, Emilie Babcox
- G. "Allergic to the Futures" -- Chair: Richard Doyle
Kim Fortun, Michael Fortun, Roddey Reid

4:00 – 4:30 REFRESHMENTS ***NO HAPPY HOUR!!!***

4:30 – 6:00 Session #8

A. "Theorizing Scientism in the Cultural Field" -- Chair: Bruce Clarke

Linda Brigham, Bruce Clarke, James J. Paxson, Martin Rosenberg

B. "Perceiving and Receiving Anatomical Knowledge" -- Chair: Judith Dobler

Judith Dobler, Karen Fitts, Eugene R. Meyer, Philip K. Wilson

C. "Wise Decisions?" -- Chair: Jim Bono

Roundtable discussion

D. "Blood Will Tell" -- Chair: Kenneth Rickard

Kenneth Rickard, Alison Bright, Sarah Chinn, Pat Sloane, Mary Washington

E. "Deleuze and Guattari/ Virtual identities" -- Chair: Stuart Peterfreund

T. Hugh Crawford, Dianne Currier, Jeff Karnicky, Trey Strecker

F. "Synapse as Metaphor" -- Chair: Laura Otis

F. Elizabeth Hart, Laura Otis, David Porush

G. "Cognitive Culture Theory" -- Chair: Joseph Carroll

Janet McIntosh, Francis Steen, Lisa Zunshine

9:00 till ?? DANCING SLS STYLE

SLS '97 -- Sunday November 2 Agenda

8:45 – 10:15 Session #9

A. "Blood and Identity" -- Chair: Deborah Lovely

Daniel Mandell, Nancy Ann Nield, Ezra Tawil

B. "Empirical Psychology and the Theory of Literary Representation" -- Chair: Francis Steen

Joseph Carroll, Martin Klebes, Joseph Bizup, Robert Storey

C. "Early 20c Interdisciplinarity" -- Chair: William Everdell

Gustaaf C. Cornelis, William Everdell, Christopher Griffin

D. "Nature" -- Chair: G. Mick Smith

Owen W. Gilman, Harinder Majara, Jake Martin

E. "Cultural Studies of Science" -- Chair: Scott Sheffield

Scott Blackwell, Leonard Koos, Patti White, Carol Colatrella

F. "Topological Friction in Blakean Spaces" -- Chair: Donald Ault

Donald Ault, Ron Broglio, Bill Ruegg

10:15 – 10:30 COFFEE AND . . .

10:30 – 12:00 Session #10

A. "Disciplinarity, Interdisciplinarity, and Adisciplinarity" -- Chair:
Philip Kuberski

Frederick Dolan, Dennis Foster, Philip Kuberski, and Eric Wilson

B. "Illuminated Information" -- Chair: Matthew Kirschenbaum
Matthew Kirschenbaum, Daniel Ancona, Adam Ferrari, Michele
Ierardi

C. Guest Scholar Session with W. J. T. Mitchell

Chair: Bruce Clarke

D. "Gender and Science" -- Chair: Carol Colatrella

Sandra Chrystal Hayes, Marcy Hess, Bernice Hausman

E. "Pedagogy" -- Chair: Andrew Russ

Michael Stevens, Laura Sullivan, Judith Swan, Mark Alber and
Rena Patton

F. "Bateson" -- Chair: Van Piercy

Thomas Peterson, Van Piercy

12:00 FINAL WRAP-UP