2016 ASPECT Graduate Conference
April 1-2
Virginia Tech

Friday, April 1

Registration
1:00 – 2:00 p.m.
GLC Rm. D

Opening
2:00 – 2:15 p.m.
Remarks
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Reception
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Black Cultural Center, Squires

A-1
Science Fiction & the City
2:15–4:00 p.m.
GLC Rm. B

Caroline Alphin (ASPECT, VT)
Thinking the Necropolitical: Cyberpunk Necroscapes
and Necro-Temporality in Blade Runner

Mario Khreiche (ASPECT, VT),
Corporate Science Fiction and the City in the 1930s
World of Tomorrow

Leigh McKagen (ASPECT, VT)
"This Is the New World"; Crisis and Transformation,
Science Fiction, and an Evolving American Cultural Identity

Chair
Michael Saffle (Religion & Culture)
Discussant
Rebecca Hester (STS)

A-2
Ecologies of Crisis
2:15–4:00 p.m.
GLC Rm. D

Tim Filbert (ASPECT, VT)
"Resilience Thinking, the Unknowable, and Neoliberalism"

Anthony Szczurek (ASPECT, VT)
"The Greening of Indian Sovereignty: Postcolonial Narratives, Biopolitical Responses"

Chair
Andy Scerri (Political Science)
Discussant
Jennifer Lawrence (GFURR, VT)

A-3
Practices of Bordering
2:15–4:00 p.m.
GLC Rm. F

Jordan Laney and Shelby Ward (ASPECT, VT)
"Becoming Weird: The Compulsions to Create an Other America in Appalachian B/orders"

James Nguyen (Political Science, York University)
"The One-Dimensionality of Borders"

Chair
Barbara Ellen Smith (Sociology, WGS)
Discussant
Eli Jamison (History)

Plenary Presentation I
5:00–6:30 p.m.
American Mourning: When Crisis Becomes Disaster
Multipurpose Rm., Newman Library
Simon Stow (Govt., College of William & Mary)
## Saturday, April 2

### Breakfast
9:00 – 10:00 a.m.
Multipurpose Rm.
Newman Library

### Light lunch
1:45-3:00 p.m.
Multipurpose Rm.
Newman Library

### Justice in Crisis
10:15 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
GLC Rm. F

- **Chair:** Besnik Pula (Political Science)
- **Discussant:** Wayne Moore (Political Science)
- **Discussant:** Ryan Artrip (ASPECT, VT)
- **Discussant:** A.M. Stapp (Sociology, VT)
- **Discussant:** Amiel Bernal (ASPECT, VT)

### Media & Technologies in Transformation
10:15 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
GLC Rm. G

- **Chair:** Christian Matheis (Gov. & Intl Affairs)
- **Discussant:** Simon Stow (Govt., Media and Health)

### Plenary Presentation II
The Many Deaths of Ruben Salazar

- **Ariana E. Vigil** (WGS, UNC-Chapel Hill)

12:15 – 1:45 p.m.
Multipurpose Room, Newman Library

### C-1
Modernity in Crisis
3:15-5:00 p.m.
GLC Rm. B

- **Chair:** Raji Soni (Religion & Culture)
- **Discussant:** Gabriel Blouin-Genest (Poli. Science)

- **Katharine Cross** (ASPECT, VT)
  Transmodern Identities and Alternative Cultures of Peace in Radical Religious Movements

- **Arun Sharma** (Public Administration & Policy, VT)
  Modernity: The Design for Bureaucratic Capture

### C-2
Bodies in Transformation
3:15-5:00 p.m.
GLC Rm. B

- **Chair:** Sharon Johnson (Foreign Languages, Literatures)
- **Discussant:** Janell Watson (Foreign Languages, Literatures)

- **Ashleigh Breske** (Planning, Governance, & Globalization, VT)
  Cultural Revitalization of Repatriation: Governing the Return of Remains

- **Heidi Schmidt** (Philosophy, Hollins University)
  Feminism and the Family: Internalized Sexism and Equal Rights

- **Maria Tudela** (Liberal Studies, North Carolina State University), Western Autonomy: A Brief Critique and Its Shortcomings

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### C-3
Language and Narrative Possibilities
3:15-5:00 p.m.
GLC Rm. F

- **Hirbohd Hedayat** (Political Science, VT)
The National Language Game: Towards a Wittgensteinian Analysis of Nationalism

- **Michael McPhie** (Political Science, University of Utah)
  Diabetes in America: The Impact of Attention and Crisis Language on Public Perception and Discourse

- **Melissa Schwartz** (ASPECT, VT)
  “Beautiful Survival”: The Politics of Literature in Native American Women’s Writing

### C-4
Contestations in/with Religion
3:15-5:00 p.m.
GLC Rm. G

- **Taulby Edmondson** (ASPECT, VT)
The Windies and the Civil Religion of the American South

- **Stephanie House-Niamke** (Public Administration, VT)
  Womanist Theology: A Comparative Analysis in the Black Church

- **Nina Salmon** (ASPECT, VT)
  Desegregation as Caesura: The Episcopal Church in Southwestern Virginia

### Chair
**Brian Britt** (Religion and Culture, ASPECT)

### Discussant
**Rachel Scott** (Religion and Culture, ASPECT)