

Tension Conference Schedule

Friday, April 17, 2009

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Registration

Lobby, Smith-Buonanno, Brown University

3:00 pm – 4:45 pm

Panel 1: “Language, Theory and Literature”

Commentator: Jon Gentry, Brown University

Location: Smith Buonanno Hall (room 101)

Kristin Boluch, Stony Brook University, "The Sokal Affair and Questions of Evidence"

Viviana MacManus, The University of California at San Diego, "The Politics of Gender and the Production of Language in Nora Strejilevich's *A Single, Numberless Death* and Pilar Calveiro's *Power and Disappearance*"

Panel 2: “Contested Spaces”

Commentator: Adam Webster, Brown University

Location: Smith Buonanno Hall (room 106)

Brian Sirman, Boston University, "Transnational Tensions: The Architectural Legacy of José Luis Sert at Boston University"

Sarah Tanzi, The University of Massachusetts, Amherst, “Aesthetics of Exclusion: Graffiti, Race, and the Semiotics of Recognition”

Chase Wallace, College of William and Mary, "A Stirring: Christians in the Overhill Cherokee Landscape”

5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Keynote address: Ben Kiernan, Whitney Griswold Professor of History and Director of the Genocide Studies Program, Yale University

Cogut Center, Pembroke Campus, Brown University, Room 305

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Reception

Cogut Center, Pembroke Campus, Brown University

Saturday, April 18, 2009

10:00 am -11:45 am

Panel 3: "Class, Labor and the Environment"

Commentator: Jonathan Olly, Brown University

Location: Smith Buonanno Hall (room 101)

William Brucher, Brown University, "From the Picket Line to the Playground: Labor and Environmental Activism and the International Paper Strike in Jay, Maine"

Sara Fingal, Brown University, "The Battle over Coastal Wilderness"

Arielle Zibrak, Boston University, " 'The Scrap That You Reject': Recycling Waste in Rebecca Harding Davis's Life in the Iron Mills"

Panel 4: "Sexuality, Identity and Power"

Commentator: Daphna Oren-Magidor, Brown University

Location: Smith Buonanno Hall (room 106)

Yael Almog, The University of California at Berkeley, " 'Constructive Objections:' Public Polemics and Textual Identities in Modern Orthodox Communities in Jerusalem"

Allen Miller, The University of Virginia, "Sexual Discourse, Social Disorder, and Tension: Shared Themes and Tactics of Abolitionists and White Supremacists"

Aiko Takeuchi, Brown University, "The Japanese Menace": The Trans-Pacific Politics of Birth Control"

12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Lunch

Lobby, Smith-Buonanno, Brown University

2:00 pm – 3:45 pm

Panel 5: "The Cultural Conflicts of Colonialism and Postcolonialism"

Commentator: Mo Moulton, Brown University

Location: Smith Buonanno Hall (room 101)

Elena Gonzales, Brown University, "Cultural Heritage as Currency: Reclaiming Cultural Heritage in the Spanish Empire"

Michelle Kendall, The University of California at Santa Barbara, "Invisible Women: a portrait of the Algerian mothers who immigrated to France after the Family Regroupment Act of 1974"

Kenneth Shefsiek, The University of Georgia, "French, Dutch and Tolerable English: Eighteenth-Century Ethnic Tension and Conflict in the Hudson Valley"

Panel 6: “Religion and Irreligion”

Commentator: Danny Loss, Brown University

Location: Smith Buonanno Hall (room 106)

Winston Bowman, Brandeis University, “Mormon Disenfranchisement in the Mountain West: A Study in the Tension between Political Exigency and Constitutional Exegesis”

Taran Kang, Cornell University, “The Limits of Humanism”

Aaron Wirth, Brandeis University, “Anti-clerical physicians in fin-de-siecle Italy”

4:00 pm – 5:45 pm

Panel 7: “Politics, Conflict and Violence”

Commentator: Adam Sacks, Brown University

Location: Smith Buonanno Hall (room 101)

Stephen Chambers, Brown University, “‘Neither Justice Nor Mercy’: Public and Private Executions in Rhode Island, 1832 – 1833”

Luis Herran Avila, The New School for Social Research, “Partisans and enemies: political violence and the state of siege in Colombia, 1949-1953”

Raymond Orr, The University of California at Berkeley, “When American Indian Tribes Hate One Another: Feuding in Rural Oklahoma and its Significance”

Padraic Scanlan, Princeton University, “Such were the body of Associators: Class tensions in English popular political organizations, 1790-1799”

Panel 8: “Disciplinary Tensions: Discursive Consensus and Dissent”

Commentator: Heather Lee

Location: Smith Buonanno Hall (room 106)

Amanda Armstrong, The University of California at Berkeley, “The Time of Alienation”

Sujata Gadkar-Wilcox, The New School for Social Research, “Learning Knowledge: An Analysis of the Legal Curriculum and its Ability to Provide Tools for Critical Thinking”

Danilo Mandic, Harvard University, “The Legacy of Power Elite Theory: A Study of the Treatment of C. Wright Mills’ *Power Elite* in Sociology and Political Science”

Fayth Ruffin, Rutgers University, “The Tension in International Relations Scholarship”

8:00 pm – 12:00 am

End-of-conference party

Graduate Lounge, Brown University