

TRANSATLANTIC ECOLOGIES

Utopia to Zoonomia

The Early Modern Center's Thirteenth Annual Conference



How did ecological awareness develop in the early modern Atlantic world?

Transatlantic Ecologies opens new paths for understanding emerging connections between ecological and global thought.

This includes scrutiny of the complex networks of scientific and cultural exchange, a deepened awareness of the often denigrated forms of indigenous and slave knowledge that informed and shaped environmental thought, as well as renewed attention to changing conceptions of land, water, and animals.

The program will feature four interdisciplinary panels on “Flora and Fauna,” “Ecological Thought,” “Race and Indigeneity,” and “Capital, Labor, Nature,” as well as two keynotes:

Dan Brayton, Middlebury College

Staging the Marine Environment, 12:45pm

Gordon Sayre, University of Oregon

American Degeneracy: Colonial Science and Environmental Anxiety in the 18th Century, 4:45pm

May 17, 2014 8:30am-6:00pm

McCune Conference Room, HSSB 6020

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The conference will be held in conjunction with the Literature and the Environment Initiative's Symposium on Disaster and Climate Change on Friday, May 16.