

Facts, Artifacts, and the Politics of Consensus: A Midwest Conference for Science and Technology Studies

FRIDAY, MAY 4 | HARRIS 107

4:30 pm Keynote address: **Naomi Oreskes** (UCSD)

"Merchants of Doubt: How a Handful of Scientists Obscured the Truth on Issues from Tobacco Smoke to Global Warming"

6:00 pm Public reception in Harris 108

SATURDAY, MAY 5 | ANNIE MAY SWIFT AUDITORIUM

8:30 am Continental breakfast

9:00-10:30 **Panel 1: "Transnational Negotiations"**

Chair/Commentator: **Anna Weichselbraun** (U. of Chicago)

Gabrielle Hecht (U. of Michigan)
"Infrastructures of Invisibility"

Joan Fujimura (U. of Wisconsin-Madison)
"Confounded Categories: Contested Histories and Consequences of the HapMapping of DNA to Geographies"

Tom Waidzun (Northwestern U.)
"Autonomy and Evasion: Ugandan Mental Health Experts, Homosexuality, and the Anti-Homosexuality Bill"

10:30-11:00 Coffee break

11:00-12:30 **Panel 2: "Nature of Expertise"**

Chair/Commentator: **John Carson** (U. of Michigan)

Christopher Hamlin (U. of Notre Dame)
"Experts and Anarchists in Victorian Sanitation"

Shobita Parthasarathy (U. of Michigan)
"Battles over Expertise and the Public Interest in the Patent System: Comparing the United States and Europe"

Rachel Ponce (U. of Chicago)
"Monomania on Trial: Medical Experts, Lay Witnesses, and Epistemology in the American Antebellum Period"

12:30-1:30 Lunch

1:30-2:00 **Kelly Moore**, Program Director, STS Program at the NSF:
"Writing a Winning NSF STS Proposal"

2:00-3:30 **Panel 3: "Sensing the Unseen"**

Chair/Commentator: **Gregg Mitman** (U. of Wisconsin-Madison)

Lorraine Daston (U. of Chicago/Max Planck Institute, Berlin)
"Schooling Sight and Taste in Early Modern Botany"

Fiona Greenland (U. of Michigan)
"Seeing into the Soil: Images, Narratives, and Prospective Loading in Field Archaeology"

Tania Munz (Northwestern U.)
"Of Noses and Bees: Odor and Olfaction in the Honeybee Experiments of Karl von Frisch"

3:30-4:00 Coffee break

4:00-5:30 **Panel 4: "Ecologies of (In)Security"**

Chair/Commentator: **Joseph Masco** (U. of Chicago)

Paul Edwards (U. of Michigan)
"Fallout Research, Carbon Knowledge, and the Politics of the Atmosphere, 1945-1989"

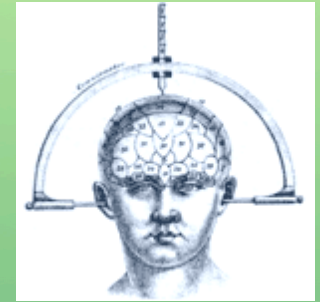
Alex Blanchette (U. of Chicago)
"Ecologies of the Herd: Biosecurity and the Factory Farm"

Susan Lederer (U. of Wisconsin-Madison)
"All that Remains: Technologies of Identification in Atomic Age America"

6:30 pm Dinner for all conference attendees at Mt. Everest,
630 Church Street, Evanston (**RSVPs required**)

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