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Interdisciplinary Mountain Studies Conference

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

December 11-14, 2012
(with an optional field trip to Jasper National Park, Dec. 14-16)

University of Alberta Conference Centre, Lister Hall
UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA, EDMONTON, CANADA

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11

15.00 – Registration [Upper Lounge, Faculty Club of the University of Alberta]

15.30 – Book Launch for Nancy Townshend, Art Inspired by the Canadian Rockies, Purcell Mountains and Selkirk Mountains, 1809-2012 (Bayeux Arts)
With opening remarks by Colleen Skidmore, University of Alberta
Light refreshments will be served [Upper Lounge, Faculty Club of the University of Alberta]
Sponsored by Bayeux Arts

19.30 – Opening Address and Keynote: Robert Bateman, Artist/Naturalist, “Thinking Like a Mountain”
With opening remarks by Stephen Slemon and Kerry Mummery, University of Alberta
Admission provided for conference registrants [The Metro Cinema at the Garneau, 8712 - 109 Street NW]
Sponsored by the Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

8.30-8.45 – Welcome and Opening Remarks, David Hik, University of Alberta [Maple Leaf Room]

8.45-9.40 – Plenary, Julie Cruikshank, University of British Columbia, “Are Mountains ‘Good to Think’ With? Narratives from Canada’s Far Northwest” [Maple Leaf Room]

9.40-10.00 – Coffee/Tea Break [Maple Leaf Room]

10.00-12.00 – Concurrent Sessions

1.1 Mountains as Tourist Landscapes [Aurora Room]
Chair and Comment: Elizabeth Halpenny, University of Alberta
• Nathalie Kermoal and Katarina Welsch, University of Alberta, “Jasper’s New Totem Pole: A Symbol of Reconciliation or Division”
• Farhad Moghimehfar and Elizabeth Halpenny, University of Alberta, “Comparing Iranian mountain hikers’ behaviours and knowledge with ecotourism ideals”
• Kathleen Scherf, Thompson Rivers University, “Space, Place, Community: Seven Factors that Engage Residents at Mountain Resorts”
• Anna Thompson, University of Otago, “From Sublime Wilderness to Iconic Mountain-Scape: The Evolution of an Alpine Destination and ‘Place’ Promotion”

1.2 Ecography, Landscape, and Lessons for the Future [Prairie Room]
Chair and Comment: Heather Young-Leslie, University of Alberta
• Andie Palmer, University of Alberta, “Wearing Mountain Goat’s Robe: Attending to Proper Relations with the Land in a Coast Salish World”
• Panshul Mehta, “Magic of Sangla Valley: An Ecographic Narrative and Photologue”
• PearlAnn Reichwein, University of Alberta, “Walking the Ribs of Watersheds: Stories of Kiwa Glacier and Interdisciplinary Landscapes to Reconnect Worlds”
• Philip M. Mullins, University of Northern British Columbia, “A Participatory Ecological Approach to Mountain Pedagogy”
• T.A. Loeffler, Memorial University, “I Teach as the Mountains Teach Me”

1.3 The Mountain Legacy Project: Exploring the largest systematic historical mountain photographic collection in the world [Wild Rose Room]
Moderator: Eric Higgs, University of Victoria
• Jenna Falk, Stuart Higgs, and Ellie Stephenson, University of Victoria, “Dispatches from the field”
• Mary Sanseverino, University of Victoria, “Woman in the wild: A computer scientist’s field season with the Mountain Legacy Project”
• Rob Watt, Pincher Creek, Alberta, “Scope of the historic collections”
• Trudi Smith, York University, “Visuality and the making of mountain identities”
• Frédéric Jean, University of Victoria, “Computer vision techniques for image classification”
• Jason Fisher, Alberta Innovates, “The CLIMB (CLimate change, Imaging and Mountain Biodiversity) Project”

12.00-13.00 – Lunch provided to conference registrants [Maple Leaf Room]

13.00-15.00 – Concurrent Sessions
2.1 Mountain Morals and Ethics [Aurora Room]
Chair and Comment: Anna Thompson, University of Otago
- Evan Berry, American University, “Re-examining the Theological Roots of ‘Mountain Glory’”
- Bartlomiej Lenart, University of Alberta, “Where Morality Fears to Tread”
- Gordon Yaremchuk, “The Claustrophobic Rocky Mountain Internment Camps and their Echoes: A Ukrainian-Canadian Perspective”
- James Bachmann, University of Alberta, “Paving the Trails: Ethics, Aesthetics, and Mountain Tourism”

2.2 Knowledge-Making in the Mountains: Climate, Environment, and History in Europe and North America [Prairie Room]
Chair and Comment: David Hik, University of Alberta
- Liza Piper, University of Alberta, “A Mountain of Material: Documentary Sources for Climate Change in the Canadian Rockies”
- Tait Keller, Rhodes College, “Measuring the Girders of the Earth: Science, Tourism, and Climate Change in the Alps, 1860-1914”
- Sverker Sörlin, KTH Royal Institute of Technology, “Mountain as Microgeography of Authority: The Tarfala Glacial Research Station, Lapland, Sweden, and the Slow Acceptance of Climate Change”

15.00-15.30 – Coffee/Tea Break [Maple Leaf Room]

15.30-17.00 – Concurrent Sessions

3.1 Human Waste Management in the Mountain Environment [Aurora Room]
Chair and Comment: Karen Fox, University of Alberta
- David Bethune, University of Calgary, “Evaporation of Source-Separated Urine at Backcountry Huts”
- Geoff Hill, University of British Columbia, “A long overdue evaluation of waterless backcountry toilet systems”

3.2 Mountains in Art and Image [Prairie Room]
Chair and Comment: I.S. MacLaren, University of Alberta
- Ruth Burns, Art Gallery of Alberta, “Beyond Mountains: The Banff School of Fine Arts, 1940-1953”
- Ernie Kroeger, Thompson Rivers University, “Walking Mountain Art”
- Karin Rase, independent art historian, curator, and writer, “Mountains as an advertising backdrop”
• Sean Atkins, Grant McEwen University, “Fire on the Mountain: A Visual, Literary, and Audio Exploration”

18.00 – Conference Banquet
Dinner provided to conference registrants [PCL Lounge, Centennial Centre for Interdisciplinary Science (CCIS), University of Alberta]
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19.30 – Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour
Special screening exclusive to conference registrants
[L1-440, Centennial Centre for Interdisciplinary Science (CCIS), University of Alberta]
Sponsored by the Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13

8.30-8.45 – Opening Remarks, I.S. MacLaren, University of Alberta [Maple Leaf Room]


9.40-10.00 – Coffee/Tea Break [Maple Leaf Room]

10.00-12.00 – Concurrent Sessions

4.1 Shaping Landscapes, Contested Terrain [Aurora Room]
Chair and Comment: Ian Urquhart, University of Alberta
• Joseph Patrouch, University of Alberta, “Climb Every Mountain: The Role of Mountains in the Thought and Writings of Maria von Trapp (1905-1987)”
• Michael Wedekind, University of Vienna, “Nationalizing the Mountains: The Alps and Rivaling Nationalisms Around 1900”
• Andrew Denning, Western Washington University, “Natural Modern: The Alps as Synthetic Landscape”
• Glenn Petersen, City University of New York, “The Mountain and the Sea: Tensions in Micronesian Ecology and Society”

4.2 Environments, Governance, and Change [Prairie Room]
Chair and Comment: Liza Piper, University of Alberta
• David Butz and Nancy Cook, Brock University, “Road Construction, disaster, and food relief: Social change in a Karakorum mountain village.”
• Ellie Stephenson, University of Victoria, “Climate Change and Food Security in the High Himalaya: A Case Study from Humla, Nepal”
• Eric Strahorn, Florida Gulf Coast University, “Damming the Himalayas: Assessing the Ecofriendliness of Large Dams in Bhutan, India, Nepal, and Pakistan”
• Scott Slocombe, Wilfred Laurier University, and Ryan Danby, Queens University, “Governance for Complex Regions: The Case of Greater Kluane, Southwest Yukon”
• Scott N. Williamson, David S. Hik, and John A. Gamon, University of Alberta, “Evaluating the change in Land Surface Temperature resulting from decreasing snow cover”
• Brandon Pike, Wilfred Laurier University, “Evaluating the Yukon’s regional land use planning framework as a tool for managing cumulative effects in the Kluane region”

12.00-13.00 – Lunch provided to conference registrants [Maple Leaf Room]

13.00-15.00 – Concurrent Sessions

5.1 History and Science in the Canadian Rockies [Aurora Room]
Chair and Comment: Stephen Slemon, University of Alberta
• Leighann C. Neilson, Carleton University, “Caroline B. Hinman: Off the Beaten Track”
• Jane Ross, “A.P. Coleman and the ‘Ploughshares of the Almighty”
• Daniel Kyba, “Chasing Giants”
• Alwynne B. Beaudoin, Royal Alberta Museum, “The Sunwapta Pass, Jasper and Banff national parks, as a keystone locality in Canadian geoscience”
• Diana Tirlea, Rolf D. Vinebrooke, Alwynne B. Beaudoin, “Differential Preservation of Pollen Grains in Stored Mountain Lake Sediments”

5.2 Management, Meaning, and Place [Aurora Room]
Chair and Comment: John S. Hull, Thompson Rivers University
• Debbie Mucha, University of Alberta, “Exploring visitor use in Willmore Wilderness Park, Alberta: Combining innovation research tools to inform park management”
• Dennis Boissière, French National Resource Center of Outdoor Sports, French Ministry of Sport, “Added Values of Outdoor Sports in Mountain Areas”
• Cory Kulczycki, University of Alberta, “Rock Climbers and Place Meaning”
• Jon Heshka, Thompson Rivers University, “Risk Management and Liability in Competitive Extreme Mountain Sports”
• Peter Wells, Dalhousie University, “Mountain Recreation: A Personal and Passionate Perspective”

15.00-15.30 – Coffee/Tea Break [Maple Leaf Room]

15.30-17.00 – Concurrent Sessions

6.1 Retreating Glaciers, Changing Landscapes [Prairie Room]
Chair and Comment: Andrew Bush, University of Alberta
• Benedict Fullalove, Alberta College of Art and Design, “The Decelerating Sublime: Viewing the Columbia Icefield in An Age of Global Warming”
• Jeff Slack, “The Changing Climate of Climate Change in British Columbia’s Coast Mountains”

6.2 Climbing Towards New Heights: Imagining National Identity in the Mountains [Prairie Room]
Chair and Comment: John Heath, Universität Wien
• Scott Denham, Davidson College, “Projecting National Identities on the Alps from Daudet’s Tartarin to Mann’s Castorp and into the National Socialist Beyond”
• Harald Hoebusch, University of Kentucky, “Projections of Destiny: Nanga Parbat and the Quest for National Renewal”
• Richard R. Ruppel, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, “Nationhood from the Heights: The Race to Conquer the Matterhorn”

Moderators: Julie Rak and Zac Robinson, University of Alberta
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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14

8.50-9.00 – Opening Remarks, Jeff Kavanaugh, University of Alberta [Maple Leaf Room]

9.00-10.00 – Plenary, David Hik, University of Alberta, “Ten years after International Year of Mountains: the Third Pole takes center stage” [Maple Leaf Room]

10.00-10.30 – Coffee/Tea Break [Maple Leaf Room]

10.30-12.30 – Concurrent Sessions

7.1 Performing Alpine Identity between Technology and Nature [Aurora Room]
Chair and Comment: Dianne Chisholm, University of Alberta
• Julie Rak, University of Alberta, “Rope: Mountaineering and the Gendering of Everyday Objects”
• Caroline Schaumann, Emory University, “Messner’s Mountains: From Nanga Parbat to the Reinhold Messner Mountain Museum”
• Doris Hallama, Universität Innsbruck / Swiss Federal Research Institute WSL, “Performing Safety? The Visibility and Invisibility of Security Infrastructure in the Alps: Constructing New Forms of Identity”
• John Heath, Universität Wien, “Movements in the Mountains: The Physical and Digital Performance of an Alpine Counterculture”

7.2 Cultural Landscapes [Prairie Room]
Chair and Comment: Philip M. Mullins, University of Northern British Columbia
• Judy Sterner, Alberta College of Art and Design, “The Mandara Mountains of Cameroon and Nigeria: a cultural landscape”
• Jon Johnson, University of Victoria, “Complicating the Ascent: Rethinking History, Place, and Mountaineering in the West”
• Sam Johns, University of British Columbia, “‘Malaise of Modernity,’ examining aspects of the lifestyle culture of Vancouver ‘weekend warriors’”
• Frédéric Savre, University of Aix-Marseille, “The arrival of the mountain bike in mountain areas: Crested Butte, Colorado 1978”
• Sara V. Komarnisky, University of British Columbia, “Postcards from Mexico in Alaska: Mountains, ruins, and representations”

12.30-13.30 – Lunch provided to conference registrants [Maple Leaf Room]

14.00 – Shuttle departs Lister Hall for "Seeking Mountains," an optional weekend fieldtrip to Jasper National Park

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