2008 ASLE Off-Year Symposium

The Keyboard in the Garden
An Interdisciplinary Conference on Literature and Mediated Nature

27–29 June 2008
Delaware Valley College
Doylestown, PA

Conference Program

Friday, June 27, 2008

5:00-6:30 Opening reception
Levin Dining Hall

6:45-7:15 Opening remarks and Welcome
Mandell Hall, Room 114

7:15-8:15 Keynote Address
Annie Merrill Ingram, Davidson College
Mandell Hall, Room 114

Saturday, June 28, 2008

7:00-8:15 Breakfast
Levin Dining Hall

8:30-9:45 Paper Session A
Feldman Hall, Room 122

A-1 “Gardens, Parks and Other Edens”

Steve Mercier, Chair
Chuck Hussung, St. Louis University High School
“The Square: Five County Courthouses in Central Missouri, and their Surroundings”

Rory Wallace, Emily Carr Institute of Art and Design
“Country in the City: Parks, Politics, and Postcards”

Laura White, Binghamton University
“Imagining the Postcolonial Garden in Mda’s Ways of Dying”

Steve Mercier, Marist College
“Edenic Images in United States Nature Writing”

A-2 “(Eco)feminist Gardens”

Marin Braco, chair
Helen Bralesford, University of Nottingham
“A Moving Picture: Image and Illustration as Environmental Strategy in Terry Tempest Williams’s Leap”

Zeynab Soltanazadeh, Macquarie University
“Rethinking Garden”
Christine Marie Battista, Binghamton University
“American Eve: The Garden as Metaphor for Eco-Patriarchy”
Marin Braco, Marywood University
“The Framework of Ecofeminism in the Landscape of Art and Literature”

10:00-11:15 Paper Session B
B-1 “Creative Voices” Feldman Hall, Room 114
Tom Murphy, chair
Fred MacVaugh, University of Nebraska at Omaha
“The Puzzle of Place”
Megan Simpson, Penn State Altoona
“’Trail’: A Creative/Critical Inquiry”
Rick Van Noy, Radford University
“A Natural Sense of Wonder”
Tom Murphy, Mansfield University of Pennsylvania
“The Tree of Hope”

11:30-12:45 Lunch Levin Dining Hall

1:00-2:15 Paper Session C
C-1 “Romantic Ecologies” Feldman Hall, Room 114
Kevin Hutchings, chair
Katey Castellano, James Madison University
“Romantic Ecology and Pessimism: Or, Fearing the Enlightenment Garden”
Andrew Hazucha, Ottawa University
“’The Farm-Yard Must Be Moved’: Jane Austen, Humphry Repton, and Landscape Design in Mansfield Park”
Marc Hudson, Wabash College
“Thoreau’s Garden and His Dwelling at Walden”
Kevin Hutchings, University of Northern British Columbia
“The Garden of Love’: Ideology and Ecology in Blake’s Songs”

C-2 “Constructing a Sense of Place” Feldman Hall, Room 122
Jessica Wilson, Chair
Ann E. Michael, DeSales University
“Compost Heaps: The Microbiological and Metaphorical in Steve Tobin’s ‘Earth Bronzes’ Sculptures”
Jericho Williams, West Virginia University
“From Leftover to Liminal: Thomas Pynchon’s Revamping of the Delaware Wedge in Mason & Dixon”
Jessica Wilson, University of Iowa
“From the Nearest Far Away: Landscaping Paradise”

2:30-3:45 Paper Session D
D-1 “A Most Poetic Garden” Feldman Hall, Room 122
Brian Lutz, chair
Ian Marshall, Penn State Altoona
“Border Crossings: Haiku on the Appalachian Trail”
Lisa Giles, University of Maine
“’Who Loves a Garden Loves a Greenhouse Too’: Roethke’s Early Poems”
Mary Pinard, Babson College
“Voice(s) of the Poet-Gardener: Alice Oswald’s Poems of Acoustic Encounter”
Brian Lutz, Delaware Valley College
“The Tamed Wilderness”

4:00-5:00 Paper Session E
E-1 “Cultivating the Sense of Place” Feldman Hall, Room 122
Daniel G. Payne, chair
Rob Emmett, University of Wisconsin-Madison
“An Ethics of Gardening, and Ethics of Writing”
Alison Cummings, Southern New Hampshire University
“Poems for Our Climate”
Daniel G. Payne, SUNY College at Oneonta
“Henry Beston’s Herb Garden”

E-2 “American Voices” Feldman Hall, Room 114
Jason R. Gallagher, chair
Joseph C. Murphy, Fu Jen Catholic University
“The Genius Revisited: Willa Cather and the Spirit of Place Tradition”
Marnie Sullivan, Mercyhurst College
“Reconstructing Rachel Carson: Woman of Vision, of Science, of Action”
Jason R. Gallagher, University of Nebraska-Omaha
“Eiseley’s Lincoln and the Natural World: From Pioneers to Pioneer Park”

5:45-7:15 Banquet Levin Dining Hall
7:15-9:15 Entertainment Levin Dining Hall

Presented by members of the Bucks County Folk Song Society
Steve Begley
John Fox
Sharon Abbott
Bert Coffman
Easily A Muse
Nick Winter
Steve Stanislaw

Sunday, June 29, 2008

7:30-8:30 Breakfast Levin Dining Hall
8:30-9:00 Dorm checkout South Hall
9:15-9:30 Field Trip departure Main Parking Lot