“Land and the American Dream”
Presented by Delaware Valley University’s Precarious Alliance series

*Session leaders and panelists are subject to change.

DAY 1
WEDNESDAY, OCT. 14, 2015

8:00–9:00 a.m.
Registration and Refreshments (Joseph F. Umosella ’63 Atrium, Life Sciences Building)
Attendees may pick up registration packets and conference materials. Coffee, juice, donuts and bagels will be provided.

9:00–9:30 a.m.
Welcome Address (Life Sciences Building auditorium)
Speaker: TBA

9:30–10:45 a.m.
“Land Development in Bucks County” (LSB Classrooms)
Today’s morning proceedings will consist of a series of discussions and panels on the history of land development in Bucks County. The diverse slate of speakers will represent a wide-range of stakeholders on the issues and challenges facing local farmers, homeowners, homebuilders, conservation agencies, environmental activists, township supervisors and zoning officers.

  Session 1: “Bucks County Housing by the Numbers” (Room TBA)
  Join us for a session that will provide: an overview of the rate at which Bucks County’s farmland has been developed, its population growth and the changing landscape of the area. You will leave with some ways to get involved and join the conversation.

  Session 2: “Bringing Stakeholders Together: A Solutions-Focused Panel” (Room TBA)
  This will be a friendly panel and discussion about the state of land development in Bucks County. The session will give voice to the various sides of this issue to promote understanding and better practices. Issues discussed will include: land conservation, the home construction industry, farming, zoning and the rate at which farms are being turned into residential housing in the area. (Room TBA)

11:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m.
“Land and the American Dream in Bucks County: Past, Present, Future” (LSB Classrooms)
Join us for a series of several roundtable conversations and panel discussions related to agriculture and land in Bucks County and the surrounding region. The diverse slate of speakers will present challenges and solutions related to farming in the area.

  Session 1: “Challenges Facing Area Farmers” (Room TBA)
How does a young person find land to farm in Bucks County? Is the price of land prohibitive? As one generation of farmers ages what challenges do they face looking for someone to pass this legacy on to?

Session 2: “Innovative ways farmers are holding on to their land in Bucks”  
(Room TBA)  
A farm turned nonprofit education center? What are the ways farmers are meeting challenges by thinking outside the box? Meet some local thought leaders.

12:15–2:00 p.m.  
Lunch and Plenary Session (Moumgis Auditorium)  
“The Future of Farming in Bucks County and Beyond” (Moderator: TBA; feat. TBA)  
This session will tie together the issues addressed in the morning sessions while providing a forum for discussion and a brief overview all of the topics discussed.

2:15–3:30 p.m.  
Undergraduate Sessions (LSB Classrooms)  
Delaware Valley University’s students will be presenting work related to the theme of the conference, “Land and the American Dream.” Stop by the sessions to hear from our undergraduate and graduate students.

Session 1: “Title TBA” (Room TBA)  
Session 2: “Title TBA” (Room TBA)  
Session 3: “Title TBA” (Room TBA)  
Session 4: “Title TBA” (Room TBA)

3:30–7:00 p.m.  
Opening Day Fair  
This festive outdoor event is free and open to the public. The parking lot, amphitheater, walking paths and quad outside of Delaware Valley University’s Life Sciences Building will be transformed into a vibrant public square exploring and celebrating the theme of this year’s conference—“Land and the American Dream”—with an assortment of live music, public speakers, information booths and local food trucks. Come early, stay late.

7:00–8:30 p.m.  
Keynote Address (LSB Auditorium)  
Speaker: TBA

8:30–9:30 p.m.  
Meet-and-Greet and Book Signing (LSB, Joseph F. Umosella ’63 Atrium )  
Featuring keynote speaker: TBA
DAY 2
THURSDAY, OCT. 15, 2015

8:00–9:00 a.m.
Registration & Refreshments (LSB Lobby)
Attendees may pick up registration packets and conference materials. Coffee, juice, donuts and bagels will be provided before the start of the day’s scheduled activities.

9:00–9:30 a.m.
Day 2 Welcome Address (LSB Auditorium)
Speaker: TBA

9:30–10:45 a.m.
Symposium Sessions (LSB Classrooms)

Session 1: “Land Conservation and Wildlife” (Room TBA)
Chairperson: Reg Hoyt, Associate Professor and Department Co-Chair, Animal Biotechnology and Conservation, Delaware Valley University
Featured Speakers:
Daniel Brauning, Wildlife Diversity Division Chief, Pennsylvania Game Commission
Additional Speakers TBA

Session 2: “Soil” (Room TBA)
Chairperson: Dr. Chris Tipping, Delaware Valley University Interim Dean of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences
Featured Speakers:
Ray Archuleta, Conservation Agronomist at the NRCS East National Technology Center, in Greensboro, North Carolina
Additional Speakers: TBA

Session 3: TBA (Room TBA)
Chairperson: TBA
Featured Speakers: TBA

Session 4: TBA (Room TBA)
Chairperson: TBA
Featured Speakers: TBA

11:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m.
Session 1: “Land and Indigenous Peoples” (Room TBA)
In its national conception and global manifestations, “The American Dream” has challenged peoples’ social relationships with the land, whether as a result of active
displacement, the commodification of land, or the introduction of modern agricultural and urbanization practices—all of which continue to rapidly transform landscapes and ecosystems. However, despite the destruction and violence “The American Dream” has exacted, particularly upon indigenous peoples, it has also contributed to processes of resistance that have led to the reclamation of traditional territories and practices, a renewed understanding of land within cultural narratives and community dynamics, and the ability to sustain thriving communities and ecosystems. With an emphasis on indigenous communities, this panel explores the connection between land, community, and collective identity.

Chairperson: TBA

Featured Speakers:

Cris Stainbrook, *Indian Land Tenure Foundation*

Daniel Salau Rogei, *Simba Maasai Outreach Organization*

Dr. Tanya Casas, *Academic Co-Director Graduate Policy Studies and Associate Professor of Sociology, Delaware Valley University*

**Session 2: “African American History: Farmers” (Room TBA)**

Chairperson: Dr. Craig Stutman, *Assistant Professor of History and Policy Studies, Delaware Valley University*

Session Description: TBA

Featured Speakers: TBA

**Session 3: TBA (Room TBA)**

Chairperson: TBA

Featured Speakers: TBA

**Session 4: TBA (Room TBA)**

Chairperson: TBA

Featured Speakers: TBA

12:15–2:00 p.m.

**Lunch and Plenary Session (Moungis Auditorium)**

“Whose Land Is It Anyway?: Farms, Fracking, and Communities in Crisis”

Moderator: Dr. Michael Stamps, *Associate Professor of English, Co-Director of The Precarious Alliance*

Featured Speakers:

Members of *No Fracking in Stokes* (North Carolina)
Seamus McGraw, Author of The End of Country: Dispatches from the Frack Zone
Members of the Upstate New York Towns Association
Additional Speakers: TBA

2:15–3:30 p.m.
Session 1: “Waste/Land: Talking Trash, Recycling, and the Earth” (Room TBA)
Chairperson: TBA
Featured Speakers:
Patti Olenick, '84, Sustainability Manager at Weis Markets
Additional Speakers TBA

Session 2: “Farming for Fuel: Biofuels” (Room TBA)
Description: TBA
Chairperson: John Urbanchuk, TITLE, Delaware Valley University
Featured Speakers: Geoff Cooper, TITLE
Additional Speakers:
Name, Title - TBA

Session 3: TBA (Room TBA)
Chairperson: TBA
Featured Speakers: TBA

Session 4: TBA (Room TBA)
Chairperson: TBA
Featured Speakers: TBA

3:45–5:00 p.m.
Session 1: “[Urban Farming]” (Room TBA)
Session Description: TBA
Chairperson: Scott Smith, Assistant Farm Manager and Horticulture Production Manager Delaware Valley University
Featured Speakers: Skip Wiener, Executive Director, Urban Tree Connection

Additional Speakers:
Name, Title - TBA

**Session 2: “[Design]” (Room TBA)**
Chairperson: Michael Fleischacker, Assistant Professor and Chair, Department of Landscape Architecture and Environmental Science

Featured Speakers:
Mark Purcell, Director of Business Development, IMC Construction
Ted Jojola, Professor in the Community & Regional Planning Program, University of New Mexico; Founder of the Indigenous Design + Planning Institute

Additional Speakers TBA

**Session 3: TBA (Room TBA)**
Chairperson: TBA

Featured Speakers: TBA

**Session 4: TBA (Room TBA)**
Chairperson: TBA

Featured Speakers: TBA

3:45–5:00 p.m.
**Break for Dinner**
*Make reservations for dinner in downtown Doylestown. A shuttle will be available for centrally located drop-offs and pick-ups.*

7:00–8:30 p.m.
**Keynote Address (LSB Auditorium)**
James Howard Kunstler

8:30–9:30 p.m.
**Meet-and-Greet and Book Signing (LSB Lobby)**
Featuring keynote speaker James Howard Kunstler

**DAY 3**  
FRIDAY, OCT. 16, 2015
8:00–9:00 a.m.
Registration & Refreshments (LSB Lobby)
Attendees may pick up their registration packets and conference materials in the lobby of LSB, enjoy some coffee and juice and donuts and bagels before the start of the day’s scheduled activities.

9:00–9:30 a.m.
Day 3 Welcome Address (LSB Auditorium)
Speaker: TBA

9:30–10:45 a.m.
Symposium Sessions (LSB Classrooms)

Session 1: “Coal and the Environmental Impacts of Mountain Top Removal (MTR)” (Room TBA)
Chairperson: Dr. Greg George, Assistant Professor of Biology, Delaware Valley University, Co-Director of The Precarious Alliance
Featured Speakers: Douglas Becker, TITLE
Additional Speakers TBA

Session 2: “The Promised Land: Jewish, Muslim, and Mormon Perspectives on Land” (Room TBA)
Chairperson: TBA
Session Description: TBA
Featured Speakers:
Dr. Bruce Richards, Assistant Professor, Chair of Dairy Science and Food Science, Nutrition and Management, Delaware Valley University
Dr. Michael Tabachnick, Professor of Physics, Delaware Valley University
Dr. Imad Benjelloun, Associate Professor, Mathematics and Physics, Delaware Valley University

Session 3: TBA (Room TBA)
Chairperson: TBA
Featured Speakers: TBA

Session 4: TBA (Room TBA)
Chairperson: TBA

Featured Speakers: TBA

11:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m.
Session 1: “Dairyland” (Room TBA)
Chairperson: Dr. Bruce Richards, Assistant Professor, Chair of Dairy Science and Food Science, Nutrition and Management, Delaware Valley University

Featured Speakers: TBA

Session 2: “From Brownfields to Greenfields” (Room TBA)
Chairperson: Charles Kleeman, Adjunct Professor, Delaware Valley University

Featured Speakers:
Elizabeth Limrick, Project Manager, Strategic Initiatives, Research and Development, New Jersey Institute of Technology
Christeen Gaffney, Chief, Brownfields and Land Revitalization Branch, US EPA, Region 3, Philadelphia, PA

Additional Speakers TBA

Session 3: TBA (Room TBA)
Chairperson: TBA

Featured Speakers: TBA

Session 4: TBA (Room TBA)
Chairperson: TBA

Featured Speakers: TBA

12:15–2:00 p.m.
Lunch and Plenary Session (Moumgis Auditorium)
Topic: TBA
Moderator: TBA
Featured Participants: TBA

2:00 p.m.
Closing Remarks (Moumgis Auditorium)
Speaker: TBA