

The Acadia Graduate Program in Social and Political Thought Presents:

Passing Through Catastrophe? Aesthetics, Alienation, and Apocalypse

May 15-17, 2015

Panel 1: Alienation and the Place of Belonging	Saturday May 16th, 9:00AM
Cameron Brown Acadia University	
Alienating Citizenship	
Danielle Rodrigue-Todd Acadia University	
Cosmopolitanism and the State of Exception	
Lingyin Shen University of Toronto	
Esperanto not as a substitute? --Liu Shipei: Voicing for Chinese agency out of cultural hegemony in an anarchist landscape imbued with national essence	
Panel 2: Ethics, Corruption and Movement	Saturday May 16th, 10:00AM
Douglas Armour Acadia University	
Decline of the Middle Classes' Political Power: Politicians and their bubble	
Kerry O'Niell McMaster University	
The Moral Obligations of the Developed World	
Francesca Ekwuyasi Saint Mary's University	
Labour Migration and Human Trafficking: A Gendered Analysis	
Panel 3: Consuming and Performing Identity	Saturday May 16th, 11:00AM
Samantha Chow Ryerson University	
Eat It, Multiculturalism	
Janice Feng University of Victoria	
Judith Butler's Politics of Livability: Drag, Resignification, and Vulnerability	
Amy Robinson Acadia University	
The Humanizing Aesthetic Poetry of Michael Field, Julia Augusta Webster, and A. Mary	
Panel 4: Faculty Panel	Saturday May 16th, 1:30PM
Now or Never: Catastrophe & The Ivany Report	
Dr. Andrew Biro Acadia University	
Dr. Rachel Brickner Acadia University	
Dr. James Brittain Acadia University	
Dr. Geoffrey Whitehall Acadia University	
Panel 5: Migrating Crisis	Saturday May 16th, 2:45PM
Emily Lutz Acadia University	
Space in Critical Theory: Examining Public Space and Engagement	
Kyla Sankey Acadia University	
Land, Labour and Alienation for Colombia's New Peasant Movements	
Lyndsay Sprado Acadia University	
The Poor Need Not Apply: Hegemonic Catastrophe of International Student Recruitment to Canadian Citizen	

Panel 6: Faculty Panel	Saturday May 16th, 3:45PM
Passing Through Catastrophe	
Dr. Andrew Biro Acadia University	
Global Climate Change: Mitigating Catastrophe, Adapting for Autonomy	
Dr. Geoffrey Whitehall Acadia University	
Living Through Catastrophe: Immunity, Dramatization and Counter-Actualization	
Dr. Laurie Dalton Acadia University	
Object Lessons and Language: Touring Through Castrophe of Place	
Panel 7: Society, Culture, and Technology	Saturday May 16th, 4:55PM
Sonja Sapach University of Alberta	
Democracy Through a Mathematical Database of Unconscious Desires?	
Diego Garcia Acadia University	
On Production and Discipline	
Stephanie Bethune Acadia University	
Mechanical Marx	
Keynote Speaker	Saturday May 16th, 6:00PM
Dr. Michael Dillon	Lancaster University
The Catastrophe of Thought: Political Spirituality contra Political Theology	
Panel 8: Aesthetics Apocalypse	Sunday May 17th, 8:45AM
Harrington Critchley University of King's College	
Reflections in the Waters	
Lauren Hooper Acadia University	
Images of Thought: Resilience Thinking as the Catastrophic Imaginary	
Hillary Drummond Universiteit Leiden	
Closing the Circle: Exploring the Cultural Agency of Independent Booksellers	
Panel 9: Beyond Catastrophe?	Sunday May 16th, 9:45AM
Adam Foster Acadia University	
A Politics of Happiness	
Phillip Homburg University of Sussex	
Symbol, Sign and Fetish	
Michael Laurence Western University	
Speed the Collapse? Some thoughts on and for an Accelerationist Politics	