AGENDA

Thursday, October 4, 2007 (423 & 429 ILR Conference Center)

3:30 – 4:00  Registration and Coffee

4:00 – 6:00  Session 1: Knowledge in Contention

“Welcome,” Beta Mannix (Robert S. Harrison Director, Institute for the Social Sciences, Cornell)

“Opening Remarks and Objectives,” Ron Herring (Government, Cornell)

Perspectives: Social Movements and Science Studies
Sarah Soule (Sociology, Cornell)
Stephen Hilgartner (Science & Technology Studies, Cornell)

Opening Panel: Knowledge Politics – What is at Stake?
Ken Roberts (Government, Cornell)
Durba Ghosh (History, Cornell)
Kathleen Vogel (Science & Technology Studies, Cornell)

6:00  Public Reception

7:00  Dinner for Team and Program Participants (Statler Hotel, Rowe Room)

Friday, October 5, 2007 (423 & 429 ILR Conference Center)

8:30  Continental Breakfast

9:00 – 10:30  Session 2: Scientists and Movements

Chair: Ken Roberts (Government, Cornell)

“Risk Communication in Software Engineering: From ‘Activism’ to ‘Professional Responsibility,’” Rebecca Slayton (Science, Technology & Society, Stanford)

“Where Did All the Trans Fats Come From? The Unintended Consequences of Science-based Social Movements,” David Schleifer (Sociology, New York University)

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“Treatment Activism in South Africa: Contestations Over Liberal Rights, Drugs, and Babies,” Manjari Mahajan (Science & Technology Studies, Cornell)

Discussant: Stephen Hilgartner (Science & Technology Studies, Cornell)

10:30  Break
Friday, October 5, 2007--Continued

11:00 – 12:15  Session 3: Claiming and Contesting Expertise  
Chair: Janice Thies (Crop and Soil Sciences, Cornell)  

“Think Tanks in America: Four Avenues of Theory and their Connections,” Tom Medvetz (Institute for the Social Sciences, Cornell)  

“Citizen Science and Environmental Quality: Community Empowerment through Information,” Brian Mayer (Sociology, University of Florida)  

Discussant: Park Doing (Bovay Program in Engineering Ethics, Cornell)  

12:15 – 1:30  Lunch  

1:30 – 3:30  Session 4: Knowledge, Identity, and the Politics of Representation  
Chair: Becky Givan (Collective Bargaining, Cornell)  

“Politics of Elicitation: Contention and Public Deliberation in Techoscientific Disputes,” Javier Lezaun (Law and Science, Amherst College)  

“AIDS and Postcolonial Politics: Acting Up on Science and Immigration in France,” Michael Bosia (Political Science, Saint Michael's College)  

“‘Innocent Citizens,’ ‘Spokespersons,’ and ‘Lay-experts’: Constructing Publics and Their Knowledges in Public Engagement Exercises,” Ulrike Felt (Social Studies of Science, University of Vienna)  

3:30 – 4:00  Break  

4:00 – 5:30  Session 5: Discussion of Future Research Agendas (part 1)  
Chair: Stephen Hilgartner (Science & Technology Studies, Cornell)  

Presenters: Stephen Hilgartner, Paul Robbins, David Schleifer, Brian Mayer, Andrew Jamison, and Javier Lezaun. Each presenter has 3 minutes to summarize his or her pre-circulated future-oriented statement. Open discussion will follow.  

5:30  Adjourn  

6:30  Visiting speakers meet at Statler Hotel Lobby for a ride or walk to dinner. See Mapquest directions.  

7:00  Dinner for Team and Program Participants  
Madeline’s Restaurant, 215 E. State St., Ithaca, NY, 14850 (607-277-2253)  

Saturday, October 6, 2007 (423 & 429 ILR Conference Center)  

8:30  Continental Breakfast  

9:00 – 10:30  Session 6: Discussion of Future Research Agendas (part 2)  
Chair: Ron Herring (Government, Cornell)  

Presenters: Ron Herring, Rebecca Slayton, Ulrike Felt, Michael Bosia, David Kneas, Tom Medvetz, Manjari Mahajan. Each presenter has 3 minutes to summarize his or her pre-circulated future-oriented statement. Open discussion will follow.  

10:30  Break
11:00 – 12:00  Session 7:  Local Knowledge, State Knowledge, and Development
Chair: Steven Wolf (Natural Resources, Cornell)

“Contingency, Legibility, Complexity: The Contradictions of Indian Wildlife Conservation,” Paul Robbins (Geography & Regional Development, University of Arizona)

“The Post-Equilibrium Shift: Social Science Perspectives on the Practices and Theories of Ecology and Environmental Policy,” David Kneas (Forestry & Environmental Studies, Yale University)

Discussant: Susan Spronk (International and Comparative Labor & ISS, Cornell)

12:00 – 1:00   Lunch

1:00 – 3:00  Session 8:  Contending Approaches to Knowledge in the Genetic Engineering Debate
Chair: Michael Lynch (Science & Technology Studies, Cornell)

Film: Bullshit (first 37 min.)

“Vandana Shiva: The Hybrid Imagination in Action,” Andrew Jamison (Development & Planning, Aalborg University)

“Dead Sheep in Andhra: The Suicide-Seed Coalition, Brokers and Authenticity Rents,” Ron Herring (Government, Cornell)

Discussant: Kyoko Sato (Institute for the Social Sciences, Cornell)

3:00   Break

3:30 – 4:30  Session 9:  Concluding Discussion
Chair: Janice Thies (Crop and Soil Sciences, Cornell)

“What have we learned? Next steps?”

4:30   Adjourn

Saturday, October 6, 2007--Continued

6:30  Visiting speakers meet at Statler Hotel Lobby for a ride or walk to dinner. See Mapquest directions.

7:00  Dinner for Team and Program Participants
Ron Herring’s home, 208 Kline Road, Ithaca, NY, 14850, 607-272-8246.