

FINAL PROGRAM

The Idea of Place, May 5-7 2017

University of Alberta Tory Building and Centennial Centre for Interdisciplinary Science

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Please Register at Tory Building, Room 1-061

FRIDAY

Pre-Conference Activities

1:00pm to 2:00pm, Walk through the *In Toxic v.2 Intermedia Research Creation Exhibition* at the Intermedia Research Studio (Tory Building, Room 1-063) and *The Idea of Place Art Exhibition* (Tory Building, Room 1-058)

Both Exhibitions will be open throughout the span of the conference

In Toxic is an intermedia research creation exhibition that was part of the Intermedia Research Studio's 2017 symposium, *Toxic Media Ecologies: Critical Cultural Practices in the Age of Alternative Facts* held at the Department of Sociology, University of Alberta on April 7-8th, 2017. The research creation exhibition, *In Toxic*, opened at the contemporary visual culture gallery Latitude 53 on April 7th, 2017. *In Toxic v.2* is a special remount for the Ideas of Place Conference of some of the intermedia research creation probes from *Toxic Media Ecologies*.

The Idea of Place Art Exhibition features "The Room of the Elements," an installation by Sarah C Louise and "Green Line," a painting by Rhonda Harder Epp. "The Room of the Elements" is a space of rest, reflection, and escape. Entering this tent-like structure and listening to a soundscape, visitors are invited to explore the forces of nature in the midst of the city context. "Green Line" explores the relationship between the arbitrariness of political divisions and their messy, heart-rending realities. The five panels of the painting focus on the severe consequences of these divisions and in what ways they impact the lives of communities and their members.

2:00pm to 4:30pm, Trip to the Marshall McLuhan House by Marco Adria (University of Alberta), Chelsea Boos (ArtsHab Edmonton), and Stuart McKay (McLuhan Family)

- 2:00pm: pick up for bus ride to McLuhan House at Tory Building, North Entrance at Saskatchewan Drive (or alternatively meet 2:30pm at McLuhan House, 11342 64 Street)
- 2:00pm to 2:30pm: Edmonton History Talk during the bus ride to McLuhan House
- 2:30pm to 4:00pm: Visit of McLuhan House, including Tetrad workshop and McLuhan history scavenger hunt
- 4:00pm: Leaving McLuhan House with drop off at Coast Edmonton Plaza Hotel, 10155 105 Street

7:00pm to 9:00pm, Opening Plenary Session and Welcome Reception at *Latitude 53 - Contemporary Visual Culture* (10242 106 Street)

- Welcome Reception includes a buffet with snacks and a cash bar for drinks

Welcome: Rob Shields & Mickey Vallee.

Keynote Speaker: Will Straw (McGill University), *Place, Justice and the Night*

After 9:00pm, Drinks with friends at various locations ([Edmonton Maps](#))

SATURDAY

8.00am to 8.45am, Registration and Morning Welcome Coffee & Snacks, at Tory Building, Room 1-061

8.45am, Formal Welcome to Treaty 6 by Rob Shields on the lawn in front of Tory Building, North Entrance at Saskatchewan Drive

9.00am to 10.15am, SESSION 1: Sensing, Imaging, Recording

Sensing: in Tory Building, Room 1-090, chaired by Sharon Wohl

Narciss M. Sohrabi, *Iranian Religious Place in Search of Public Space: between Democracy, Tradition and Modernity*

Sharon Wohl, *Sensing the City: Legibility in the context of mediated spatial terrains*

Eric Tebby, *Mapping the urban frontier*

Imaging: in Tory Building, Room 1-091, chaired by Alberto Zambenedetti

Brittney Roy, *Gateway to the Mighty Peace Country*

Axel Pérez Trujillo Diniz, *Behold a Pile of Dirt! The Pantanal Wet Plains in Manoel de Barros*

Alberto Zambenedetti, *Emplacing Time: Photography, Location, and The Cinematic Moment*

Monica Toledo Silva, *Embodied Landscapes in Audiovisual Narratives*

Recording: in Tory Building, Room 1-105, chaired by İpek Oskay

- This session includes the opening of the exhibition *SesOl.org: Interactive Open Archive Sound Map*
- This exhibition will be open for participants to explore from 9:00am to 4:50pm on both Saturday, 6th of May, and Sunday, 7th of May
- This exhibition is located at Tory Building, Room 1-105

Bryan Pijanowski, Kristen M Bellisario and Maryam Ghadiri, *The Purdue University HEMA Lab Soundscape Ecology Project*

Joe Patitucci, *The MIDI Sprout Project and Plants FM*

Gürkan Mıhçı, *Using Soundwalk Methodology in Place Branding Projects*

İpek Oskay, *On the politics of Commons: Sesol.org [Be the voice of] The Islands of Istanbul Commons Sound Map*

10.15am to 10.30am, Small Break

10.30am to 11.45am, SESSION 2: Returning, Arriving, Transforming

Returning: in Tory Building, Room 1-090, chaired by Ondine Park

Ondine Park, *The Ambivalent Production of Space, Time and the Body in Feeling Wrong*

Jori De Coster, *Enabling a Place in the Future*

Christine Daigle, *Our Posthuman Entanglement: Feeling/being out of Place*

Matthias Wölfel & Andreas Sieß, *Genius Loci in the Virtual*

Arriving: in Tory Building, Room 1-091, chaired by Kristof Van Assche

Danika Jorgensen-Skakum, *Raising the Dead: Invoking Queer Spirit(s) in the Late Anthropocene*

Andriko Lozowy, *Arriving at Displacement*

Mischa Patel, *A Place to Die: Location and the Anxiety of Death*

Kristof Van Assche & Monica Gruzmacher, *Reconfiguring Scale in Struggling Local Governance*

Transforming: in Tory Building, Room 1-093, chaired by Yun-Csang Ghimn

Yun-Csang Ghimn, “Are we DP’d?” *Indigenous understandings of (Dis)Placement, narrated by Textbook Revision*

Rafico Ruiz, *Siting Melting Ice: Greenland and the Production of Climate Data*

Jeffrey Stepnisky, *From Carnival to Conflict: Atmosphere and Action on Ukraine's Maidan*

Wilissa Reist, *Because its 2015”: Assessing Portrayals of Voters During the 2015 Canadian Federal Election*

11.45am to 2.00pm, Lunch and ‘Active Sessions’

Choose and register for one of the following active sessions

- Grab a quick lunch prior to the active sessions at *The New Deli* food truck, located at Tory Building, North Entrance at Saskatchewan Drive and available from 11.45am to 2.00pm
- Meet your tour guide at the suggested times and locations
- Enjoy your interactive walk discovering some of Edmonton’s unique neighbourhoods and sites

ACTIVE SESSIONS

Michael Granzow, *Tour of Garden Spaces and Old Strathcona Farmers Market: Exploring the Relationship between Urban Agriculture and Place*

- Meet Michael Granzow at 12.00pm at Tory Building, East Entrance near the large red sculpture

- Weather and walk appropriate attire is suggested as the walk will take place outside
- This walking tour includes a stop for lunch at the Old Strathcona Farmers Market inviting participants to taste local produce
- Find out more about this event on our website: <https://theideaofplace.com/active-sessions/>
- Register for this event: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/tour-of-garden-spaces-and-old-strathcona-farmers-market-tickets-34305067380>

Rob Shields, *Walk to Rossdale Burial Site: Exploration of Edmonton's Ambivalent Relationship to its Indigenous and Colonial Past*

- Meet Rob Shields at 12.15pm at Tory Building, North Entrance at Saskatchewan Drive
- Weather and walk appropriate attire is suggested as the walk will take place outside
- Find out more about this event on our website: <https://theideaofplace.com/active-sessions/>
- Register for this event: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/the-idea-of-place-active-session-walk-to-rossdale-burial-site-tickets-34294037389>

Kevin Jones & Vanessa Zembal, *Whyte Ave Walk: Reconnecting Past, Present and Future through Landscape Approaches to Urban Change in Edmonton*

- Meet Vanessa Zembal at 11:50am at Tory Atrium near Second Cup
- Please be on time as this event involves taking a bus from campus at 12.00pm
- Please note that there will not be much time to grab lunch during the walk – best is to eat before attending the walk
- Attendees are required to supply their own transit passes for this session (\$3.50 for a one way ticket, best to have exact change prepared)
- Weather and walk appropriate attire is suggested as the walk will take place outside
- Find out more about this event on our website: <https://theideaofplace.com/active-sessions/>
- Register for this event: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/the-idea-of-place-active-session-3-whyte-ave-walk-reconnecting-past-present-and-future-through-tickets-34261507090?aff=eac2>

2.00pm to 3.15pm, SESSION 3: Consuming, Sustaining, Conserving

Consuming: in Tory Building, Room 1-090, chaired by Adriana Boffa

Adriana Boffa, *Engaging Place Differently: Affective Becomings of a Mall Parking Lot*

Ian Fitzgerald, *From Mall Multiplexes to Suburban Megaplexes: The "Rural" Megaplex Experience*

Kateryna Pashkovska, *Consuming Mothers: from Women's Agency to Firmer Social Fabric*

Elena Siemens, *Welcome to Dismaland: Consuming Pleasure in the Postmodern World*

Sustaining: in Tory Building, Room 1-091, chaired by Andrejs Kulnieks

Eva Bogdan, *Room for rivers and voices: A comparison of the Room for the River approaches in Alberta and The Netherlands*

Kathryn Lennon, *Public Space Activation with Youth in Vancouver's Chinatown*

Bushra Abbasi & Mohammad Reza Bemanian, *Realization of sustainable human relations in Iranian traditional and contemporary urban plaza*

Andrejs Kulnieks, Dan Roronhiakewen Longboat, & Kelly Young, *Tramping the Imperishable: A Curriculum of Merging Orality and Literacies through Indigenous and Environmental Education*

Conserving: in Tory Building, Room 1-093, chaired by Tonya Davidson

Janice Victor, Linda Goulet, Lacey Eninew, & Warren Linds, *Land, life, and fish: CulturalContinuity in a First Nations community*

Tonya Davidson, *Retouching Monuments: The Politics of Monument Conservation, Defacement, and what is left unbuilt*

Arlene Oak, *Building in the future perfect: An existing structure prompts an imagined place*

Kristine Kowalchuk & Eric Gormley, *What Would Jane Jacobs Do?: Protecting Public Space in the Dark Age*

3.15pm to 3.30pm, Small Break

3.30pm to 4.45pm, SESSION 4: Dwelling, Dreaming, Imagining

Dwelling: in Tory Building, Room 1-090, chaired by Sara Dorrow

Natalie Kononenko, *Stories of the Unquiet Dead: Ukrainian Graveyards as the Locus for Negotiating Ritual Change*

Sara Dorow, *The Mobile and the Municipal: Oil Sands Work Camps as (part of) Place*

Alexandra Florea, *Rimetea- the imagined and the real village*

Dreaming: in Tory Building, Room 1-091, chaired by Sourayan Mookerjea

Sourayan Mookerjea, *Subaltern counter-environments and the theory and praxes of commoning*

Prayas Abhinav, *The Capacity of Digital Space*

Zsolt Miklósvölgyi, *In the Very Depth of the Night”: The Libidinous Geographies of Parallel Stories by Péter Nádas*

Janine Muster, *Exploring the Need for Dystopian Spaces in Tove Jansson’s Moominvalley*

Imagining: in Tory Building, Room 1-093, chaired by Alexandre Emboaba Da Costa

Alexandre Emboaba Da Costa, *The work of anti-racist activism in the Brazilian pluricultural state*

Rasoul Aliakbari, *From Perso-centrism to Trans-regionalism: A Thousand and One Nights as a Contested Space in Iran*

Rebecca Cormier, Connor McDonald, Max Turner, Kai Keewatin, John Leung, & Hannah Song, *First Nations Housing Proposal*

4.45pm to 5.00pm, Small Break

5.00pm to 6.30pm, Keynote Speaker in Centennial Centre for Interdisciplinary Science, Lecture Theatre 1-440

Leonie Sandercock (UBC), *Film and Indigenous Connection to Place: Revitalizing Culture, Catalyzing Healing*

After 6.30pm, Night Time Activities (dinner, drinks with friends, exploring Edmonton’s nightlife, etc. see [Edmonton Maps](#))

SUNDAY

8.30am to 9.00am, Morning Welcome Coffee & Snacks, at Tory Building, Room 1-061

9.00am to 10.15am, SESSION 5: Building, Moving, Creating

Building: in Tory Building, Room 1-090, chaired by Kyle Whitfield

Adham Abulnour, *Revalidating Organic Unity*

Kyle Whitfield, *Individual and community impacts on place: What are the implications for those living with a life threatening illness in a rural community*

Jeongwon Gim, *Postmodern Eclecticism as the Site of Liminality: Understanding Mass Housing Facades in East Asia*

Moving: in Tory Building, Room 1-091, chaired by Gareth Jones

Gareth Jones, *Widdershins Osaka: Assembling Inter-medial Urban Narratives through Community Walking Practices*

Lara Pinchbeck, *With Disabilities, Living*

Patti Pente & Nikki Rotas, *Altered Perspectives of Place through GPS Drawing*

Karly Coleman, *These are the places in your neighbourhood: Bicycling and attachment to place*

Creating: in Tory Building, Room 1-093, chaired by Will Van Arragon

Mohadeseh Mahmoudi, *Role of urban open spaces on immigrants' life*

Matthew Tiessen, *Creating Escape Places in Toronto's Don River Valley: pursuing flow-states, "holey spaces," and ephemeral infrastructure in the contemporary metropolis*

Fahim Hossain, Ragnhild Lund, & Tatek Abebe, *Informal Play Areas: Children's opportunities to play in the poor urban context of Dhaka city*

Will Van Arragon & Shannon Stunden Bower, *Contested Places on the North Saskatchewan*

River: Remaking Edmonton's River Valley Communities and Mackinnon Ravine, 1960s-1980s

10.15am to 10.30am, Small Break

10.30am to 11.45am, SESSION 6: Lining, Spacing, Surrounding

Lining: in Tory Building, Room 1-090, chaired by Megan Strickfaden

Axel Pérez Trujillo Diniz & Jérémie Pelletier-Gagnon, *Colonizing Memes: Toward a Framework for Cyberplaces*

Achinthya Bandara, *Identity, habitats and linguistic re-imagining of post-war Sri Lanka*

Petra Kuppinger, *Marginalized Creativity in the Global City*

Megan Strickfaden, Jasmien Herssens & Janice Rieger, *Mappings Spatial Movements and Memories*

Spacing: in Tory Building, Room 1-091, chaired by Joost Van Loon

Joost Van Loon, *Companions in a Joyful Society: Encounters of the Strangeness Within*

Adam Belton, *Hegemonic myths in storied space and practiced place*

Pradeep Sangapala, *A decisive moment in Sri Lankan postcolonial spatial thinking: the making and the impact of Anuradhapura new town planning project of 1949*

Surrounding: in Tory Building 1-093, chaired by Mickey Vallee

Drew Bush & Renee Sieber, *Landscapes of Change: How Student Experiences in The Natural World Impact Learning of Climate Science and Policy*

David Selsky, *Taking Pictures of a Tidal Wave: Sedentarism, Colonialism, Hypernormalization*

Titash Choudhury, *Contested Nature: Energy Development and Biodiversity Conservation in Arunachal Pradesh, Himalayas*

11.45am to 12.30pm, Break for Lunch

- Grab lunch either at *The New Deli* food truck, located at Tory Building, North Entrance at Saskatchewan Drive and available from 11.45am to 2.00pm or at the Student Union Building Food Court (SUB), 8900 114 Street

11.45am to 12.20pm, Midi Sprout & Plants Interactive Performance with Ipek Oskay, Tory Building, Room 1-105

- Enjoy witnessing this unique Interactive Performance while enjoying your lunch. See <https://theideaofplace.com/midi-sprout/> for details.

12.30pm to 2.00pm, Keynote Speaker in Centennial Centre for Interdisciplinary Science, Lecture Theatre 1-440

Xin Wei Sha (Arizona), *Conditions of Place: Movement, Rhythm, & Textural Care*

2.00pm to 3.15pm, SESSION 7: Writing, Sounding, Performing

Writing: in Tory Building, Room 1-090, chaired by Odile Heynders

Louise Harrington, *Navigating Shady Spaces in Conflict Literature*

Odile Heynders, *European Scenarios: Imaginary Places and Representative Identities*

Paulina Mickiewicz, *The Library of 2114*

Mansoureh Modarres, *Women's Writings/Women Re-writing (Social Spaces)*

Sounding: in Tory Building, Room 1-091, chaired by Jim Morrow

Samuel Thulin, *Accidental Sonic Geography: A Point in the Desert*

Mickey Vallee, *The new soundscape cartographers*

Rémy Bocquillon, *Soundlapse– the taking place of silence between failure and new beginning*

Megan Strickfaden, Nicole Gaudet, Steven Hope & Janet Fast, *Spatial Meanings through a Village of Imagery*

Performing: in Tory Building, Room 1-093, chaired by Rob Shields

Michael Schillmeier, *Demented Spaces (by skype)*

Kerryn Drysdale, *When Scenes Fade and Places Matter*

Kateryna Barnes, *The Canadian “North”: Manufacturing a National Identity Using Imagery from Robert Service’s Poetry*

Kalea Turner-Beckman, *Yarn Bombing for Social Change*

3.15pm to 3.30pm, Small Break

3.30pm to 4.45pm, SESSION 8: Resisting, Becoming

Resisting: in Tory Building, Room 1-091, chaired by Jobb Arnold

Jesse Thomas, *“N’Awlins Has Two Speeds- Slow and Mildew”: The City Presented as a Site of Resistance to American Cultural Hegemony*

Jobb Arnold, *Front Lines and Villages: Mobilizing Populist Forces on Affective Edges*

Sahera R Bleibleh, *Women’s Sense of Place and the Reconstruction of Resilient Social Space (by skype)*

Becoming: in Tory Building, Room 1-093, chaired by Justine Lloyd

Marko Zivkovic, *Botanizing the Belgrade Asphalt*

Justine Lloyd, *Species of Spaces: Rhetorical, Dialogic, Precarious*

Ken J. Caine, *Place, Power, and Indigenous Youth Environmental Knowledge*

4.45pm to 5.00pm, Small Break

5:00pm to 6:30pm, Closing Keynote in Centennial Centre for Interdisciplinmidary Science, Lecture Theatre 1-440

Rob Shields (founding editor of *Space & Culture*) with Co-Editors of *Space & Culture*, Joost Van Loon, Justine Lloyd, Michael Schillmeier; convened by Mickey Vallee

After 6:30pm, Post-conference dinner with friends (see [Edmonton Maps](#))