

PACT 2012 PROGRAM

The Elemental

Volcanoes National Park, Hawaii

Hosted by the University of Hawai`i at Hilo Philosophy Department

September 27-29, 2012



Thursday, September 27th

Meet in the **Koa Room** (by the registration desk)

5:30-5:45: Blessing and welcome from organizers and Philosophy Department Chair John Cheng

5:45-7:15: Session 1: Re-framing the elemental

Moderator: Celia Bardwell-Jones (University of Hawai`i-Hilo)

Dorothea Olkowski (University of Colorado-Colorado Springs), “The Elemental – From the Body of Earth to Capitalism”

Tim Freeman (University of Hawai`i-Hilo), “The Promise of Art in Nietzsche and Heidegger”

7:30-8:30: Session 2: Plenary

Moderator: Chris Lauer (University of Hawai`i-Hilo)

David Macauley (Penn State-Brandywine), “Elemental Aesthetics: On the Imagination and Beauty of the Sensuous World”

8:30-10:00: Reception

Friday, September 28th

All Friday presentations are in the **Koa Room**.

9:00-10:30: Session 3: The Rupture of the Elemental: Hermeneutics and Hölderlin

Moderator: Jason Wirth (Seattle University)

Brian Treanor (Loyola Marymount University), "Carnal Hermeneutics and Elemental Transformation"

Peter Warnek (University of Oregon), "Fire from Heaven: Hölderlin's Elemental Tragedy and the Inimitable As Such"

10:45-12:15: Session 4: Engaging Physics

Moderator: Elizabeth Sikes (Seattle University)

Julia Sushytska (University of Redlands), "Knowable Matter of the Elemental: Ancient Greeks and Contemporary Physics"

Bernard Freydberg (Duquesne University), "Mathematical and Elemental Coordinates: The Role of Imagination"

1:45-3:15: Session 5: Elemental Ethics

Moderator: Marjolein Oele (University of San Francisco)

David Kangas (CSU Stanislaus), "The Elemental in Levinas"

Jason Winfree (CSU Stanislaus), "Wonder and the Elemental: Suffering Beyond Ethics"

3:30-6:00: Session 6: Wild Times with Gary Snyder

Moderator: Tim Freeman (UH Hilo)

Jason Wirth (Seattle University), "Painting Mountains and Rivers: Gary Snyder, Dogen, and the Sutra of the Wild"

Elizabeth Sikes (Seattle University), "Wild and Organic: Gary Snyder's Ecological Mind"

Josh Hayes (Santa Clara University), "Back on Fire: Gary Snyder, Heraclitus, and the Play of the Elemental Logos"

7:00-10:00: Dinner (Thai food) and art exhibition at the Ni'aulani Gallery of Volcano Art Center in Volcano village

Saturday, September 29th

9:00-10:30: Session 7: Dis-organizing the Elemental (**Koa Room**)

Janae Sholtz (Alvernia University), "From Earth to Cosmos: Shattering Elemental Logic"

Arun Iyer (Seattle University), "Grounded in the Abyss: The Instability of the Elemental in Heidegger and Foucault"

10:45-12:15

Session 8A: Environmental Interventions (**Koa Room**)

Moderator: Ronald Sundstrom (University of San Francisco)

Sam Talcott (University of the Sciences), “Thinking Human and Environment with Bachelard's Elemental Poetics”

Gerard Kuperus (University of San Francisco), “On Fire: The Right of Radical Environmentalism”

Session 8B: Literature and Judgment (**Lehua Room**)

Moderator: Mariah Partida (University of Hawai`i-Hilo)

Peter Milne (Seoul National University), “The Secret of Reflection: Lyotard's Elemental”

Paulette Kidder (Seattle University), “Interdependent Elements of Satire and Transcendence in Bulgakov's *The Master and Margarita*”

1:30-3:00

Session 9A: Decomposing Plato and Aristotle (**Koa Room**)

Moderator: Jessica Lerma (University of Hawai`i-Hilo)

Holly Moore (Luther College), “Elemental Logic in the *Republic* and Later Dialogues”

Marjolein Oele (University of San Francisco), “From the Elements to Ethics: An Aristotelian Deconstruction of the Four Elements and Their Role in Our Human Rise and Fall”

Session 9B: Recovering Fluidity with Irigaray, Nietzsche, and Kierkegaard (**Lehua Room**)

Moderator: Benjamin Browning (University of Hawai`i-Hilo)

Celia Bardwell-Jones (University of Hawai`i-Hilo), “The Ship at Sea: Rethinking Fluidity and Technology”

Chris Lauer (University of Hawai`i-Hilo), “Irigaray and Kierkegaard on the Fluid Between”

3:15-4:45: Session 10A: Presocratic Intimations (**Koa Room**)

David Jones (Kennesaw State University), “Herakleitos and Eternity's Game: Entering the Nearness of Fire's Tropai”

Mike Shaw (Utah Valley University), “Aether and the Elements in Empedocles”

3:15-4:15: Session 10B: Introduction to Hula Dancing (**Lehua Room**)

Danielle Meijer

5:15-6:30: Session 11: Plenary (**Overlooking Kilauea**)
Moderator: Gerard Kuperus (University of San Francisco)

Peter Steeves and Danielle Meijer (DePaul University), “O, Rocks! Tell Us in Plain Words”

7:00-midnight: Pit fire and barbecue at Tim Freeman’s house in Volcano village

Midnight: Visit to caldera

Sunday, September 30th

9:30-noon: walking tour of Kilauea Iki trail