

THE MELLON RESEARCH INITIATIVE  
*Environments & Societies:  
History, Literature, and Justice*

Winter 2013 Colloquium Series  
Wednesdays 4-6pm, 126 Voorhies Hall  
University of California, Davis

The colloquium seeks to build **cross-disciplinary** collaboration in the environmental humanities and humanistic social sciences to undertake a broad rethinking of human-nature interactions that are critical to **meeting the environmental challenges of our era**. Colloquium participants should plan to download and read the discussion paper one week before the colloquium at <http://environmentsandsocieties.ucdavis.edu/upcoming-events/>.

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**January 23**      **“American Studies, Ecocriticism and Citizenship: Thinking in the Local and Global Commons” and “Source of Life: Avatar, Amazonia, and an Ecology of Selves”**  
Joni Adamson  
English & Environmental Humanities, *Arizona State University*

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**January 30**      **“Shadow-Boxing: Empty Blows and Practice Steps from Wordsworth to Benjamin”**  
Anne-Lise François  
English & Comparative Literature, *Univ. of California, Berkeley*

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**February 13**      **“Forgetting Oil”**  
Stephanie LeMenager  
English, *Univ. of California, Santa Barbara*

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**February 20**      **“Call the Pulsing Home: Poetry Sound, Acoustic Ecology”**  
Jonathan Skinner  
English & Comparative Literature, *Univ. of Warwick*

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**February 27**      **“Boom and Bust on Contested Ground”**  
Traci Brynne Voyles  
Ethnic & Women’s Studies, *Loyola Marymount University*

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