

**The Twenty-Seventh Annual Meeting of the  
International Merleau-Ponty Circle**

**ECOLOGY**

**September 19-21, 2002  
Conference Director: Prof. William Hamrick  
Saint Louis, Missouri  
Conference Program**

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## Wednesday, September 18

7-9 p.m.: Registration and drinks (cash bar) available in the hotel bar and restaurant area

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## Thursday, September 19

All day sessions will be held at the Missouri Botanical Garden, Spink Pavillion. Vans will leave the hotel for the Garden at 8.00 a.m.

### **8.30-9.00 a.m.: Registration & Coffee, etc.**

Registration continues throughout the day except during lunch.

### **9.00-9.15 a.m.: Welcome Remarks**

**David J. Werner**, Chancellor, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

**9.00-9.30 a.m.: Dr. Peter Raven**, Director, Missouri Botanical Garden  
"Sustainability and Diversity"

### ***I. The Vulnerability of Flesh***

**9.30-10.15 a.m.: Jocelyn Dunphy-Blomfield**, Monash University, Australia: "Harmony in a Dislocated World"  
**Moderator: Nancy Barta-Smith**, Slippery Rock University

**10.15-11.00 a.m.: Virginia Moreira**, Universidade de Fortaleza, Brazil: "Ecology in the Multiple Contours of Psychopathology"  
**Moderator: Susan Poppe**, Concordia College

### **Break**

**11.15-12.00 p.m.: Robert Kirkman**, Georgia Institute of Technology  
"A Little Knowledge of Dangerous Things: Human Vulnerability in a Changing Climate"  
**Moderator: Lawrence Hass**, Muhlenberg College

### **Lunch**

### ***II. Ethics, Ecology, and Embodiment***

**1.30-2.15 p.m.: John White**, Franciscan University of Steubenville  
"Lived Body and Ecological Value Cognition"  
**Moderator: David Hilditch**, Webster University

**2.15-3.00 p.m.: Sally Fischer**, Warren Wilson College  
"Social Ecology and the Flesh"

### **Break**

**3.00-3.45 p.m.: Steven Rosen**, City University of New York  
"Reinhabiting the Lifeworld: Ecology, Reversibility and Self-Reversal"

**8.00-9.30 p.m.: Invited Speaker--David Abram**, Glorieta, NM  
"Tumbling Between Worlds"  
The Carriage Room, Best Western Inn at the Park  
**Moderator: William S. Hamrick**, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

Reception follows shortly afterwards in the Carriage Room.

## **Friday, September 20**

All sessions will be held at St. Louis University, The Knights' Room of Pius XII Library. One van will leave the hotel at 8.15 a.m. and return to make a second trip at 8.35. Those who want to walk can make it in about 30 minutes.

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### *III. Nature, Culture, and 'Wild' Being*

**9.15-10.00 a.m.: Maurita Harney**, Swinburne University of Technology, Australia: "Merleau-Ponty, Ecology, and Biosemiotics"

**Moderator: John Sanbonmatsu**, University of Illinois at Chicago

**10.00-10.45 a.m.: Kenneth Liberman**, University of Oregon

"An Inquiry into the Intercorporeal Relations of the Earth and Humans"

**Moderator: Susan Bredlau**, State Univ. of New York at Stony Brook

### **Break**

**11.00-11.45 a.m.: Gail Weiss**, The George Washington University

"Urban Flesh"

**Moderator: David Koukal**, University of Detroit Mercy

### **Lunch**

### *IV. Aesthetics and Ontology*

**1.15-2.00 p.m.: Patricia Locke**, St. John's College, Annapolis

"The Liminal World of the Northwest Coast"

**2.00-2.45p.m.: Marc Van den Bossche**, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgium: "An Aesthetics of Environment: Consequences of Merleau-Ponty's Embodied Ontology"

**Moderator: Greg Fields**, Southern Illinois Univ. Edwardsville

### **Break**

**3.00-4.30 p.m.: Invited Speaker--Ed Casey**, State University of New York at Stony Brook: "Borders and Boundaries: Edging Toward the Environment"

**Moderator: Michael Barber**, Saint Louis University

### **Break**

**4.45-5.30 p.m.: Martin C. Dillon**, Binghamton University

"The Ontology of Ecology"

**Moderator: Galen Johnson**, University of Rhode Island

## **Saturday, September 21**

Van service and meeting locations as on Friday

**8.30-9.00: Registration & Coffee, etc.**

## *V. Transversality/Ecosophy*

**9.45-10.30 a.m.:** **Hwa Yol Jung**, Moravian College  
"Merleau-Ponty's Transversal Geophilosophy"  
**Moderator: Tim Adamson**, Iowa Wesleyan University

### **Break**

**10.45a.m.-12.15 p.m.:** **Invited Speaker--Carol Bigwood**, York University, Canada: "Logos of the Eco (Home) in the Feminine: an approach through Heidegger, Irigaray, and Merleau-Ponty"  
**Moderator: Suzanne Cataldi**, Southern Illinois Univ. Edwardsville

Business Lunch: Bannister House, Saint Louis University

**2.15-3.45 p.m.:** **Panel Discussion of Glen Mazis' Earthbodies**  
**Speakers: Patrick Burke**, Seattle University; **Helen Fielding**, University of Western Ontario  
**Invited Respondent: Glen Mazis**, Pennsylvania State University Harrisburg

**3.45-4.30 p.m.:** **Randall Johnson**, Private practice in psychiatry, Chapel Hill, NC: "A Cartography for Ecology: Flesh/Truths/Ecosophy"

**4.30-5.45 p.m.:** **Duane Davis**, University of North Carolina Asheville  
"Umwelt and Nature in Merleau-Ponty's Ontology"  
**Moderator: Frank Macke**, Mercer University

### **7.30 p.m.: Conference Banquet**

We will depart in vans from the hotel at 6.30 p.m., board the riverboat Tom Sawyer