



Friday, April 4, 2025

4pm Collections Tour (McGovern Historical Center, Texas Medical Center)

Please gather at 3:45pm at the Intercontinental Hotel lobby for shuttle transfer

(Rice faculty and students: please make your own travel arrangements)

6pm Opening Reception, Fondren Library, Lovett Lounge, 3rd floor

Saturday, April 5, 2025

8:30-9am Breakfast. Humanities Building lobby (next to Fondren Library)

9:00-9:15am Welcome/Housekeeping

(All sessions held in Fondren Library, Kyle Morrow Room, 3rd floor)

9:15-10:45am Session I: Into the Field

Chair: Susan Lindee, University of Pennsylvania

“Folly’s Bloom: Recentering the Center of Botanical Encounters in the North American Interior”

Saffron Hooper Sener, Harvard University

"Children of Patagonia": George Gaylord Simpson, Wildlife, and the Scarritt Expedition (1930–1931)”

Gabriel Vanzo Rodrigues, University of Florida

Knowledge Exchanges in the Driest Desert on Earth: The Atacama Desert Expedition, 1853 – 1860

Felipe Vilo Muñoz, University of Texas at Austin

10:45-11:00pm Coffee Break

11:00-12:30pm Session II: Of the Body

Chair: Nathaniel Comfort, Johns Hopkins University

“Lamarck in the Colonies: Hygiene, Evolutionism, and French Colonialism in the Nineteenth Century.”

Caden Testa, University of Oklahoma

“Hermann Rahn, Environmental Physiology, and the Afterlives of Sea Women’s Physiological Data.”

Alice Hong, Princeton University

“A Variety of Values: Bacterial Variation and Typhoid Vaccine Improvement in the Interwar Period”

Kyoryen Hwang, Johns Hopkins University

12:30-1:30pm Lunch

1:30-3:00pm Session III: Languages of Life

Chair: David Munns, John Jay College, CUNY

“A Worm of One’s Own”

Angela Yu, University of California, Berkeley

“Illusions of Progress and Decline in Colonial India: Evolution and Degeneration in the Works of Pramatha Nath Bose, c. 1910-1930”

Goutham Sukumaran, University of Oklahoma

“The Linguistic View of Life: Eric H. Lenneberg’s Modern (Re)Synthesis”

Max Fennell-Chametzky, Stanford University

3:00-3:30pm Coffee Break

3:30-5:00pm Session IV: Realizing Biology

Chair: Megan Raby, University of Texas

“‘Specimen of Reality’ – Irenäus Eibl-Eibesfeldt and Aggression in the Kalahari”

Cécile Hauser, LMU Munich

“Analogues in film and rock, glass and bone: The rise of taphonomy through seismic and fieldwork photography in 1920s Texas”

Ana Maria Gomez Lopez, TU Delft

“From ‘The’ Human Genome to the Study of Human Genome Variation: People, Patents, and Infrastructures”

Matthew Tontono, Arizona State University

5pm-7pm

Collections Tour, Woodson Research Center

Fondren Library (Special Collections), Fondren Library, 1st floor (near circulation desk)

Closing Reception, Fondren Library, 3rd floor, Lovett Lounge