



**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, or contact Jenny Judge, judge@rice.edu, to ask to reserve a spot on the shuttle list)*

**6pm Opening Reception**, Fondren Library, Lovett Lounge, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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: Liz Petrick, Rice 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, 1<sup>st</sup> floor (near circulation desk)

**Closing Reception**, Fondren Library, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Lovett Lounge