Biocolonialism: Perspectives from the Humanities  
Moortown Room, Weetwood Hall, University of Leeds, 22-23 May 2019

Programme

Wednesday 22 May

08.30-9.15 Registration and coffee

9.15-9.30 Welcome

9.30-11.00 Keynote lecture  
Debra Harry, University of Nevada, Reno  
‘Indigenous Peoples and Biocolonialism: An On-Going Site of Contestation’

11.00-11.30 Coffee break

11.30-13.00 Panel 1: Framing Indigenous Knowledges

Sheila Collingwood-Whittick, Independent Scholar  
Contemporary Life-Sciences and Traditional Indigenous Knowledge

Graham Dutfield, University of Leeds  
Viewing Indigenous Knowledge, Innovations and Landscapes through the Lens of Historical Geography: Implications for International Law

13.00-14.00 Lunch (Woodlands Suite)

14.00-15.30 Panel 2: Museums and Indigenous Treasures

Julie Adams, British Museum  
At the Limits of Science: Curating the God A’a

Clare Barker, University of Leeds  
“A Universe of Stolen Things”: Indigenous Repatriation Fictions and the Biopolitics of the Museum

15.30-16.00 Coffee break
16.00-17.30 **Panel 3: Longevity and Futurism in Biocolonial Fictions**

Shital Pravinchandra, Queen Mary University of London  
Biocolonialism as Life Science; Longevity as Ethics: Ann Patchett’s *State of Wonder*

René Dietrich, University of Mainz  
Biocolonialism and Indigenous Futurism in Cherie Dimaline and Louise Erdrich

19.00 Conference dinner (Woodlands Suite)

**Thursday 23 May**

09.00-11.30 **Panel 4: Biocolonialism and Indigenous Health**

Michelle Keown, University of Edinburgh (via Skype)  
“For the Good of Mankind”: Biocolonialism and Indigenous Ecopoetics in Indigenous Pacific Women's Writing

[short break after Michelle’s paper]

Sarah Blacker, Technical University of Munich  
On Settler Colonial Public Health

Anna Kemball, University of Edinburgh  
Biocolonial Pregnancies: Louise Erdrich’s *Future Home of the Living God*

11.00-11.30 Coffee break

11.30-13.00 **Panel 5: Labs and Biobanks**

Lara Choksey, University of Exeter  
Ghosts in the Lab: Molecular Life, Sacred Ground, and Decolonial Praxis

Tess Lanzarotta, Yale University  
“Blood is Thicker Than Politics.” Biomedical Research, Indigenous Rights, and the Birth of a Bioeconomy in Cold War Alaska

13.00-14.00 Lunch (Woodlands Suite)

14.00-15.00 Closing remarks and discussion