



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 Duffield, 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 Eco-poetics 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