INAUGURAL ANTHROPOCENE SYMPOSIUM

PEOPLE, POLITICS & THE ENVIRONMENT IN THE ANTHROPOCENE

NOV. 2
9:30 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.

CWY 2ND FLOOR ROTUNDA

The concept of the Anthropocene is immersed in politics at many scales, from global political discourse to community decision-making. Due to the dynamics of modern geopolitics, neoliberal policies, and a long history of ecological imperialism, the effects of climate change and other anthropogenic impacts on the Earth and Earth system disproportionately impact people and places with less political and economic power. The science of the Anthropocene itself is situated within a complicated political context, as research may influence policy or be exploited for political purposes. In this event, sponsored by the Institute for the Advanced Study of Culture and the Environment and the Anthropocene Working Group, students, post-doctoral scholars, and faculty from across the University present research connected to this theme, looking at the interplay between the Anthropocene and politics. The keynote speaker, Dr. Christian Parenti, focuses on the environmental history of state involvement in American economic development, from the earliest days of the republic onward.

“DISASTER SOVEREIGN: The Political Economy of Government as an Environment Making Institution.”

SPEAKER
CHRISTIAN PARENTI
From John Jay CUNY

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Schedule at a Glance

9:30 am Social and Coffee CWY 2nd Floor Rotunda
9:50 am Morning Session CWY 206
10:50 am Break
12:00 pm Lunch CWY 2nd Floor Rotunda
1:00 pm Afternoon Session CWY 206
2:30 pm Posters and Reception CWY 2nd Floor Rotunda

Morning Session

9:50 am Opening Remarks
Dr. Greg Herbert, Director of the Anthropocene Working Group

10:00 am USF Provost Global Change in a Dynamic World Post-Doctoral Fellow
Population Growth, Environmental Impact, and Moral Tragedy
Dr. Trevor Hedberg, Department of Philosophy, USF

10:50 am Break

11:00 am Keynote Speaker
Disaster Sovereign: The Political Economy of Government as an Environment Making Institution
Dr. Christian Parent, Department of Economics, John Jay College, CUNY

12:00 pm Lunch and Poster Presentations

Afternoon Session

1:00 pm The Logic of Domination in the Anthropocene
M. Laurel-Leigh Meierdiercks, Department of Philosophy, USF

1:15 pm Shifting definitions of waste in the Anthropocene: evidence from Tampa
Kevin Martyn, School of Geosciences (Geography), USF

1:30 pm Vulnerability and Power: exploring the confluence of politics and climate change in Coretz, FL
Justin Winn, Department of Applied Anthropology, USF

1:45 pm Imagining Better Futures: Empathy and the Anthropocene in Octavia Butler’s Parable of the Sower
Megan Stowe, Department of English, USF

2:00 pm Greening Kant in the Anthropocene
Zachary Vereb, Department of Philosophy, USF

2:15 pm Socio-Political Challenges to the Mitigation of Anthropogenically Degraded Soils
Anthony Tricario, Department of Applied Anthropology, USF

2:30 pm Posters and Reception