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Gulf Coast Connections 2023

Apr. 21st and 22nd, 2023
an in person gathering at
The Moody Center for the Arts

The Center for Environmental Studies is proud to announce our second Gulf Coast Connections. On April 21st and 22nd, scholars, non-profit leaders, artists, and architects from across the Gulf Coast will gather on Rice's campus to learn from each other and foster new collaborations. This gathering offers conversations around pedagogy, arts engagement, architecture and design, and environmental history. Throughout, there will be regular opportunities to connect with each other.

Attendance is free and open to the public. Questions? [Email westont@rice.edu](mailto:westont@rice.edu).

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Friday, April 21st

12:30PM-2PM: Opening Lunch and Meet and Greet

2PM-3:30PM: Eco-Pedagogy: What Do Graduate Students Need Now?

- Joseph Campana, Director of the Center for Environmental Studies (Rice University)
- Sylvia Dee, Assistant Professor of Earth, Environmental, and Planetary Sciences (Rice University)
- Kelly McKisson, PhD Candidate English (Rice University)
- Laura McKinney, Director of Environmental Studies (Tulane University)
- Ryan McBride, Director of the Mellon Graduate Program in Community Engaged Scholarship (Tulane University)

3:30-4:00PM: Coffee Break

4:00-5:30PM: From Sea to Shore: Gulf Coast Histories and Futures

- Randal Hall, Professor of History (Rice University)
- Jack Davis, Professor of History (University of Florida)
- Jen Brown, Associate Professor of History (Texas A&M University Corpus Christi)
- Thomas Blake Earle, Assistant Professor in the Department of Liberal Studies (Texas A&M University Galveston)
- Kevin Smiley, Assistant Professor of Sociology (Louisiana State University)

5:30-9PM: Drinks/Dinner

Saturday, April 22nd

9:00-Noon: Field Trip to Alief Art House

Noon-1:00PM: Catered Lunch at Moody Center for the Arts

1:00PM-2:30PM: Arts Engagement: Building New Audiences for Environmental Work

- Denise Frazier, Assistant Director of the Center for the Gulf South (Tulane University)
- Fred Schmidt-Arenelas, Core Fellow at the Museum of Fine Arts Houston
- Matt Manalo, Director of the Alief Art House
- Kathy Randels, Artistic Director of Artspot Productions
- Ronald Jones, Freelance Artist
- Ayanna Jolivet Mccloud, Executive Director Bayou City Waterkeeper

2:30PM-3:00PM: Coffee Break

3:00PM-4:30PM: Rethinking the Public: Designing Sustainable Spaces

- Brittany Utting, Assistant Professor of Architecture (Rice University)
- Luis Matias Barajas Saldaña, Lecturer in Architecture (Rice University)
- Ophelia Mantz, Co-Founder at Z4A&Z4Z4, Assistant Professor and Director of Material Research Center (University of Houston)
- Marcelo Lopez-Dirandi, Assistant Professor of Architecture (Texas A&M University)
- Daniel Jacobs, Co-Founder HOME-OFFICE and Adjunct Professor of Architecture (University of Houston)

4:30-5:00PM: Coffee, Wine, and Cheese Break

5:00-6:30PM: Thinking with Bees, a lecture and arts presentation by Joseph Campana and Kurt Stallmann

7PM: End of Conference Dinner and Reception