Upcoming Events

C4I University Interdisciplinary Colloquium: "Brokering Power and Access: Case Studies of Gender and Seed Systems" with Dr. Krista Isaacs
March 13, 2020
12:00 – 1:00 PM
Spartan Rooms, International Center

Please join us on 3/13/2020 for the next installment in the University Interdisciplinary Colloquium with Dr. Krista Isaacs, Assistant Professor of International Seed Systems in the Department of Plant, Soil, and Microbial Sciences. Coffee and refreshments provided, stay after for Coffee with C4I!

Discussions From The Borderlands, Michigan State University’s 2020 Philosophy Conference
March 13, 2020
2:00 – 3:30 PM: Los Americanx Portraiture Session
3:30 – 4:00 PM: Los Americanx Talk
Wells Hall B310


Announcing a C4I Visiting Fellow Lecture: Dr. Thomas Reydon
March 13, 1:30-3:00, South Kedzie 530

Join us for a lecture from C4I Visiting Fellow Dr. Thomas Reydon (Institute of Philosophy, Leibniz Universität Hannover) titled "How to tell genuine evolutionary explanations from merely good stories."

Abstract
Evolutionary explanations are not only common in the biological sciences, but also widespread outside biology. What makes them so flexibly applicable is the fact that they do not have any necessary ingredients – for example, selection is a core aspect of evolution, but evolution without selection is common too. The flip side of this flexibility is that evolutionary stories are just a little too easy to come up with. So, how can we tell a genuine evolutionary explanation from just a good story? I propose that we can do this by acknowledging that evolutionary explanations are composite explanations consisting of two kinds of explanations, one processual and one historical, that must work in tandem to show how the phenomenon under consideration is the product of its evolutionary past.

Announcing a OVPRI/C4I Interdisciplinary Research Forum:
NIH and NSF Funding for the Arts & Humanities

We invite you to the OVPRI/C4I Interdisciplinary Research Forum, "NIH and NSF Funding for the Arts & Humanities", which will take place Thursday, March 19, from 3:00-6:00 pm in the Kellogg Conference Center. To register, please visit: https://vp.research.msu.edu/event/nih-and-nsf-funding-arts-humanities

This Interdisciplinary Research Forum is intended for artists and humanists who are interested in exploring or expanding funded research, as well as scientists who are interested in working with artists and humanists. This is an opportunity for researchers and scholars who understand the importance of the arts and humanities for work on complex projects to get together and explore possible collaborations.

Featured speakers will be:
Kristin Arola, Writing, Rhetoric, and American Culture (WRAC)
Robyn Bluhm, Philosophy and Lyman Briggs College
Bill Hart-Davidson, Associate Dean of Graduate Studies, College of Arts & Letters, and WRAC
Natalie Phillips, English
Kyle Whyte, Philosophy and Community Sustainability

Please join us and learn about how to successfully pursue funded research that leverages the power of the arts and humanities!

Announcing a Spring 2020 Presentation and Discussion:
"Global Learning for All: Making the Case, Creating the Environment, and Connecting with the Future" with Dr. Dawn Michele Whitehead (AAC&U)

This will take place on Friday, March 13, from 12:00-1:30 pm in Erickson 252.

Other News and Events

Announcing a CFP for Public Engagement of Science: Defining and Measuring Success Conference. Poster abstracts of 200-300 words and a 1-2 page CV are due to Prof. Heather Douglas (doug1239@msu.edu) by 3/16/2020.

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