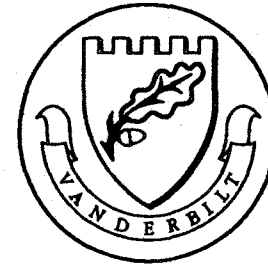


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All sessions will be held in 118 Sarratt Student Center

Thursday, October 19

- 3:00 **Welcoming remarks:**
Charles E. Scott, Director, Center for the Humanities
- 3:05-4:00 **General Lecture I:**
Tzvetan Todorov, Ecole des Hautes Etudes, Paris:
"The Canon of the Enlightenment and its Perversions"
Moderator: Jean Bethke Elshtain
- 4:15-6:00 **Section I: "The Politics of Discipline"**
Michael Shapiro, University of Hawaii/Manoa:
"Dissolving the Political Economy Canon:
The Smithian Narrative at the End of Modernity"
Jay Clayton, Vanderbilt University:
"Interdisciplinary Culture in a Postmodern Society"
Nancy Armstrong, University of Minnesota:
"The Inducement to Discipline"
Moderator: Jay Clayton
- 6:15 General Reception (Humanities Center)
- 7:30 Dinner (Rand Hall, Faculty Dining Room)

Friday, October 20

- 8:00 Breakfast (123 Sarratt)
- 9:00-10:00 **General Lecture II:**
Jean Bethke Elshtain, Vanderbilt University:
"Thinking Traditions: Reflections on the Present/Past"
Moderator: Laurence Lerner
- 10:15-12:00 **Section II: "Limits and the Possibilities of Thought"**
Rodolphe Gasché, SUNY-Buffalo:
"Standard Limitations"
Idit Dobbs-Weinstein, Vanderbilt University:
"Heidegger's Radically Pregnant Silence about Spinoza:
Decanonizing Heidegger's 'Recanonizing' Spinoza"
Michael Hodges, Vanderbilt University:
"Pragmatism and Post-Ontological Thinking"
Moderator: Michael Hodges
- 12:30 Lunch (Branscomb, Private Dining Room)
- 2:00-3:45 **Section III: "Reading Cultural Politics"**
H.-J. Schulz, Vanderbilt University:
"In Combat the Muses are Silent: The Relationship of
Politics and Literature in Early German Marxism"
James Der Derian, University of Massachusetts/Amherst:
"Terrorism in Theory: The Matter and Method of
Political Madness"
Duncan Earle, Vanderbilt University:
"The Anthropologist and the Politics of Representation:
Reading Rites and Roles in a Mayan Refugee Fiesta"
Moderator: Duncan Earle
- 4:00-5:00 **General Lecture III:**
George Marcus, Rice University:
"A Broad(er)side to the Issue of Canon"
Moderator: Jay Clayton
- 7:00 Cocktails and Dinner Buffet, Humanities Center
(Speakers only)

Saturday, October 21

- 8:00 Breakfast (123 Sarratt)
- 9:15-11:00 **Section IV: "Literary Genre and the Genre of Literature"**
Timothy Bagwell, Great Books Foundation, Chicago:
"The Genre of Literature: Imagination and the
Middle Voice"
Paul Hernadi, University of California/Santa Barbara:
"When Is Literature and What Difference Does It Make
Whether You Know It"
Laurence Lerner, Vanderbilt University:
"Private Feelings, Public Forms"
Moderator: Timothy Bagwell
- 11:15-12:15 **General Lecture IV:**
Elizabeth Fox-Genovese, Emory University:
"War or Accommodation: Feminism's Challenge to
the Canon"
Moderator: Idit Dobbs-Weinstein
- 12:30 Lunch (Humanities Center)