

“Geographies of Risk”
An Interdisciplinary Conference
Department of Spanish, Italian, and Portuguese
School of Languages, Literatures & Cultures
University of Illinois

September 23-24, 2010

Thursday, September 23

9:00 – 9:30 am - **Welcoming remarks**

Silvina Montrul, Head, SIP
Diane Musumeci, Associate Dean, LAS
Mariselle Meléndez, Associate Professor and Associate Head, SIP
Alvan Bregman, Associate Professor, Rare Book & Manuscript Library

LOCATION: The Rare Book and Manuscript Library
346 Main Library, 1408 West Gregory Drive, Urbana

9:45 – 11:00 am - PANEL I. **Risky Animals and Human Management**

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CHAIR: **Javier Irigoyen-García** (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

1. “Risk and the Geography of Skin”
Peggy McCracken (University of Michigan)
2. “Animality and Prophylaxis in Medieval Italian Literature”
Eleonora Stoppino (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)
3. “Risk Management in the Southern Andes: The Case of Charles Ledger’s Alpacas at Laguna Blanca, 1857-1858”
Marcia Stephenson (Purdue University)

11:00 – 11:15 am – Coffee Break

11:15 am – 12:30 pm - PANEL II. **Biopolitics of Risk**

This session is co-sponsored by Strategic Initiative: Social Dimensions of Environmental Policy (SDEP): School of Earth, Society and Environment, and Beckman Institute for Advanced Science and Technology

LOCATION: Lucy Ellis Lounge, Foreign Languages Building, room 1080,
707 South Mathews Avenue, Urbana

CHAIR: **Mariselle Meléndez** (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

1. "Fear and Risks in the Viceroyalty of Peru: Reactions to Earthquakes and Revolutions"
Charles F. Walker (University of California - Davis)
2. "Mobile Bodies, Risky Subjects and the Securitized Citizen: Citizenship as Biopolitics"
Kim Rygiel (Wilfrid Laurier University)
3. "Risking Lives to Protect Life: Community, State and Life in the Italian Political Tradition"
Emanuel Rota (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

12:30 – 1:45 pm – **Lunch Break**

2:00 – 3:00 pm - **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

"Living on the Edge: Geographies of Risk in Postmodern Travel"
Gabriela Nouzeilles (Princeton University)

Respondent: **Ericka Beckman** (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

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3:00 – 3:30 pm - Coffee Break

3:30 – 4:45 pm - PANEL III. **The Eye at Risk**

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CHAIR: **Robert Rushing** (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

1. "From Risky Seeing to Controlled Looking: Shifting Visual Culture Practices in Eighteenth-Century New Spain"

Magali Carrera (University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth)

2. “Losing Your Mind Through Your Eye: Visual Hallucination as a Game of Risk in the French *Fin-de-Siècle*”

Andrea Goulet (University of Pennsylvania)

3. “Risks of Interpretation: filming Trauma and Memory in Documentary Film”

Julián Gutiérrez-Albilla (University of Southern California)

Friday, September 24

8:30 – 9:00 am – Coffee

9:00- 10.30 am - PANEL IV. **Risk and the Realms of the Literary**

LOCATION: Lucy Ellis Lounge, Foreign Languages Building, room 1080,
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CHAIR: **Dara E. Goldman** (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

1. “Realist Safety”

Elaine Freedgood (New York University)

2. “Risky Translations”

Wail Hassan (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

3. “Narratives of Risk and Crises of the State in *La Virgen de los Sicarios*”

José M. Rodríguez-García (Duke University)

4. “Theorizing Risk in *O Presidente Negro*”

Antonio Luciano Tosta (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

10:30 – 11:00 pm - Coffee Break

11:00– 12:15 pm - PANEL V. **Transnationalism and the Conceptualization of Risk**

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CHAIR: L. Elena Delgado (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

1. “When Non-Risk becomes Risky: The Case of Terrorism Envy”
Joseba Zulaika (University of Nevada - Reno)
2. “A Landscape of Risk: Brazilian Immigrants in the United States”
Maxine L. Margolis (University of Florida)
3. “Exile, Emigration and Immigration: Dangerously Wandering Through the Age of Globalization”
Michael Ugarte (University of Missouri-Columbia)

12:15 – 1:30 pm – **Lunch Break**

2:15 – 3:15 pm - **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

“The Confine of Risk: Towards the Recovery of Social Understanding”
Iain Wilkinson (University of Kent)

Respondent: **Jesse Ribot** (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

3:15 – 3:30 pm – **Closing Remarks**

L. Elena Delgado (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

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