

**11<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Luce Irigaray Circle: “Thresholds of Sexual Difference”**  
**May 20-22, 2022**  
**Atlanta Administration and Conference Center (AACC)**  
**Mercer University**  
**Atlanta, GA 30324**

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**Friday, May 20, 2022**

Dual Format Conference with virtual and in-person presentations

\*--indicates on-site (in Atlanta) presentation/attendance

<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
Ongoing 1pm-5pm	Conference Check-in Registration Desk: *Rachael Orbeta, Emory University (USA)	AACC Atrium (2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor)
2:00pm	Shuttle leaves Marriott Century Center Hotel for Mercer University	Marriott Century Center
2:15pm-2:30pm	Welcome Conference Director: Wesley Barker, Mercer University (USA)	AACC #245
2:30pm-3:30pm	<b>*Keynote 1: George Yancy</b> , Samuel Candler Dobbs Professor of Philosophy at Emory University (USA) — <i>The Violence of Whiteness: Irigarayan Wonder</i>  Presider: *Ruthanne Crapo Kim, Penn State University (USA)  <i>Zoom Moderator: *Wesley Barker, Mercer University (USA)</i>	AACC#245
3:30pm-3:40pm	<b>Break</b>	AACC Atrium
3:40pm-5:40pm	<b>Concurrent Sessions (120 min)</b>  <u>Panel 1: Place</u> Moderator: *Sabrina Hom, Georgia College (USA) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Elizabeth Presa</b>, Victorian College of the Arts (AUS)—<i>Fire Garden: Giving form to jouissance</i></li> </ul>	Panel 1 AACC #243

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Belinda Eslick</b>, The University of Queensland (AUS)—A philosophy of the living: Luce Irigaray as ecofeminist</li> <li>• <b>Michelle Boulous Walker</b>, <i>The University of Queensland</i> (AUS) — “Nature, Obligation and Transcendence: Reading Luce Irigaray with Mary Graham”</li> <li>• <b>Rebecca Hill</b>, RMIT University (AUS)—<i>Place Thinking: Re-reading Irigaray with Neidjie and ‘Country’</i></li> </ul> <p><u>Panel 2: Irigaray in Conversation</u> Moderator: *Sarah Lee, DePaul University (USA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• *<b>Joe Larios</b>, Emory University (USA)—<i>Irigaray’s Feminine Imaginary</i></li> <li>• <b>Ginger Guin</b>, Fordham University (USA)—<i>Myth, Feminist Physis, and the Philosophic Logos: Irigaray’s Engagement with the Ancients</i></li> <li>• <b>Annie Sandrussi</b>, Macquarie University (AUS)—<i>The Unthought as Methodology: Luce Irigaray’s Deployment of Heidegger’s Historicity of Thinking</i></li> <li>• <b>William Alden Robert</b>, Syracuse University (USA)—<i>Mystéréthiques</i></li> </ul>	Panel 2 AACC #245
5:00pm-5:10pm	<b>Coffee Break</b>	AACC Atrium (2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor)
5:45pm-7:05 pm	<p><b>Special Pedagogy Panel (80 min)</b> Facilitator: *<b>Gail Schwab</b>, Hofstra University (USA) Panelists: <b>Nathan Pickles</b>, University of Queensland (AUS); <b>Shaireen Rasheed</b>, Long Island University (USA); <b>Fabiane Ramos</b>, Flinders University (AUS); <b>Laura Roberts</b>, Flinders University (AUS)</p> <p><i>Zoom Moderator: *Wesley Barker, Mercer University (USA)</i></p>	AACC #243
7:10	Shuttle leaves Mercer for Marriott Century Center	
7:10-8:10	<b>Opening Reception</b> (wine and hors d’oeuvres)	Marriott Dining Room
	Dinner with friends in Atlanta	

**Saturday, May 21, 2022**

Ongoing 9am-5pm	Conference Check-in Registration Desk: *Rachael Orbeta, Emory University (USA)	AACC Atrium (2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor)
7:00am-8:30am	Continental Breakfast at hotel	Marriott Century Center
8:45am	Shuttle leaves Marriott Century Center Hotel for Mercer University	
9:00am-10:20am	<p><b>Concurrent Sessions (80 min)</b></p> <p><u>Panel 3: Embodied Becomings</u> Moderator: *Sabrina Hom, Georgia College (USA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Jennifer Carter</b>, Stonybrook University (USA)—<i>Luce Irigaray’s Understanding of Touch as a Passage Toward Overcoming the Subject-Object Logic of Sight</i></li> <li>• <b>*Jena Jolissaint</b>, South University (USA) —<i>Boys do (Mimi)cry: Boylesque as Irigarayan Productive Mimesis</i></li> <li>• <b>Christian Hoekema</b>, (GER) —<i>Ruben and Irigaray- sex and sexuality</i></li> </ul> <p><u>Panel 4: Sensible-Transcendental</u> Moderator: *Rachel Jones, George Mason University (USA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Rebekah Pryor</b>-(AUS) <i>Motherly: Transcending thresholds and surface treatments (virtual)</i></li> <li>• <b>Vilja Alanko</b>, University of Helsinki (FIN)--<i>Mothers and daughters becoming divine: sensible transcendental in the light of late antique lives of holy women</i></li> <li>• <b>Sarah Simms</b>—<i>Grief, Belief, and Mastery: Irigaray and the Threshold of Death</i></li> </ul>	<p>Panel 3 AACC #243</p> <p>Panel 4 AACC #245</p>
10:20am-10:30am	<b>Coffee and Refreshments Break</b>	AACC Atrium (2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor)
10:30am-11:50am	<p><b>Concurrent Sessions (80 min)</b></p> <p><u>Panel 5: Decolonial Philosophy</u> Moderator: *Sabrina Hom, Georgia College (USA)</p>	<p>Panel 5 AACC #243</p> <p>Panel 6 AACC #245</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>*Ruthanne Crapo Kim</b>, Pennsylvania State University (USA)—<i>Jouissance: Finding Woman’s Pleasure in the Caribbean</i></li> <li>• <b>*Emily Anne Parker</b>, Towson University (USA)—<i>On the Democracy of the Polis</i></li> <li>• <b>*Rachel Jones</b>, George Mason University (USA)—<i>Born of métissages’: Decolonizing Difference with Irigaray, Maximin, and Cavarero</i></li> </ul> <p><u>Panel 6: Thresholds of Relation</u> Moderator: *Jena Jolissaint, South University (USA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>*Emily Holmes</b>, Christian Brothers University (USA)—<i>Cultivation of/at the Threshold: From Soil to Breath in a Time of Climate Crisis</i></li> <li>• <b>Robyn Lee</b>, University of Alberta (CAN)—<i>Milk Debt and the Sacrifice of Women</i></li> <li>• <b>*Marianne Savard</b>, University of Ottawa (CAN)—<i>Taking Luce Irigaray’s cultivation of relational subjectivities a few decolonizing steps further in the context of Canadian settler colonialism</i></li> </ul>	
11:50am-12:00pm	<b>Coffee Break</b>	AACC Atrium (2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor)
12:00pm-1:10pm	<p><b>Author Meets Critics (70 min)</b>— Fanny Söderbäck’s <i>Revolutionary Time: On Time and Difference in Kristeva and Irigaray</i> (SUNY, 2019)  Presider: *Jena Jolissaint, South University (USA)  Panelists: <b>*Emily Anne Parker</b>, Towson University (USA); <b>Athena Colman</b>, Brock University (CAN)  Responding: <b>Fanny Söderbäck</b>, DePaul University (USA)</p>	AACC 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor #245
1:10pm-1:50pm	<p><b>Boxed Lunch</b>  <b>(*Executive Board Business Meeting AACC #243)</b></p>	<p>AACC Atrium (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)</p> <p>Exec. Board Meeting Rm#243</p>
1:50pm-3:00pm	<p><b>Concurrent Sessions (80 min)</b></p> <p><u>Panel 7: The Coming of Flesh: Between Two at the Threshold of Sexual Difference</u></p>	<p>Panel 7 AACC #243</p> <p>Panel 8 AACC #245</p>

	<p>Moderator: Emily Holmes, Christian Brothers University (USA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>*Cheryl Lawler, St. Louis Psychoanalytic Institute (USA)</b>—<i>In the Beginning Was The Relation: The Divine as Ternary Enabling Field</i></li> <li>• <b>*Phyllis Kaminski</b>, professor emerita, St. Mary's College (USA)—<i>Divining the Future: (Re)thinking the Matter of God in Cosmic and Human Relations</i></li> <li>• <b>*M.D. Murtagh</b>, Duke University (USA)—<i>Between Two Universes: Of Twice Born Beings, Secondary Revisions [après-coup], And Inter/Transsexual Angels</i></li> </ul> <p><u>Panel 8: Practicing with Irigaray</u></p> <p>Moderator: *Rachel Jones, George Mason University (USA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sean Ambrose</b>, Seattle University (USA) — <i>Decolonizing a Body by Breath: Listening to the Fire Within, to Move in Love with Other</i></li> <li>• <b>*Sarah Lee</b>, DePaul University (USA)—The Non-linear Time of Trauma: Thinking Sexual Violence and Culture through Irigarayan Time</li> <li>• <b>Michelle Forrest and Linda Wheeldon</b>, (CAN)—<i>Teaching Acts of Uttering</i></li> </ul>	
3:00-3:15	<b>Coffee Break</b>	AACC Atrium
3:15 pm-4:45pm	<p><u>Panel 9: Revisiting Ontology and the Ethics of Difference (90 minutes)</u></p> <p>Moderator: *Wesley Barker, Mercer University (USA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>James Sares</b>, Stony Brook University (USA)-- <i>The Ontological Negativity of Sexual Difference, Genealogical and Horizontal</i></li> <li>• <b>Toby Anne Finlay</b>, York University (CAN)—<i>Trans Ontology and the Matter of Sexual Difference</i></li> <li>• <b>Bon Mott</b>, University of Melbourne—<i>Performance Artist—Let there be rock, LTBL Venice</i></li> </ul>	Panel 9 AACC #243
4:45pm -5:15pm	<b>Walk Break and Transition to TDR (golf cart available) Coffee at TDR</b>	Trustees Dining Room

5:15pm -6:15pm	<p><b>*Keynote 2: Lynne Huffer</b>, Samuel Candler Dobbs Professor of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies at Emory University (USA)—<i>Mysterics: Extinction and Emptiness</i></p> <p>Presider: *Emily Anne Parker, Towson University (USA)</p> <p><i>Zoom Moderator: *Wesley Barker, Mercer University (USA)</i></p>	Trustees Dining Room A
6:15pm -7:30pm	<b>Irigaray Circle Banquet</b>	Trustees Dining Room B
7:30 pm	Shuttle Leaves Mercer for Marriott Century Center	

### Sunday, May 22, 2022

7:00am-8:30 am	Continental Breakfast at hotel	Marriott Century Center
9:00am	Shuttle leaves Marriott Century Center for Mercer University	
9:10am-10:30am	<p><b>Concurrent Sessions (80 min)</b></p> <p><u>Panel 10: Ethics</u> Moderator: *Sabrina Hom, Georgia College (USA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Athena Colman</b>, St. Catharines at Brock University (CAN)—<i>Mad for Lynne Huffer</i></li> <li>• <b>Daryl Wakunick</b>, University of Western Ontario (CAN)—<i>Constructing Accessible New Worlds and Values: On Difference in Ability and Political Inclusion</i></li> <li>• <b>Sasha Biro</b>, Marist College (USA)—<i>Irigaray and an Ethics of Hospitality</i></li> </ul> <p><u>Panel 11: Law and Politics</u> Moderator: *M.D. Murtagh, Duke University (USA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Laura Roberts</b>, Flinders University (AUS)— <i>Practicing sexual difference and Feminising Politics: From the philosophy of Luce Irigaray to the political platform Barcelona en Comú</i></li> <li>• <b>*Yvette Russell</b>, University of Bristol Law School (UK)—<i>Decolonising sexual violence: Erotic transformation as revolutionary politics</i></li> <li>• <b>*Stephen Seely</b>, University of Bristol Law School (UK)—<i>What Do Sexuate Rights Have to Do with</i></li> </ul>	Panel 10 AACC #243 Panel 11 AACC #245

	<i>Sexual Minorities in Africa? A Cosmotechanical Perspective</i>	
10:20am-10:30 am	<b>Coffee Break</b>	AACC Atrium (2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor)
10:30am-11:30am	<b>Burke Prize Award Lecture: Sarah Hickmott</b> , Durham University (UK)— <i>Towards a Music Which is Not One: Reading Jean-Luc Nancy with Irigaray</i>  Presider: Mary Rawlinson, Stony Brook University (USA)  <i>Zoom Moderator: *Jena Jolissaint, South University (USA)</i>	AACC #245
11:30am-11:40am	<b>Coffee Break</b>	AACC Atrium (2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor)
11:40am-12:40pm	<b>Keynote 3: Kristin Sampson</b> , Professor of Philosophy, University of Bergen (Norway)— <i>Thresholds of Difference and Nature</i>  Presider: *Rachel Jones, George Mason University (USA)  <i>Zoom Moderator: *Wesley Barker, Mercer University (USA)</i>	AACC #245
12:40-1:45pm	<b>Brunch and Closing Remarks</b>	AACC Atrium(2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor)

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**For Dinner Friday Night: List of Sharon's Favorite Dining Recommendations (within 10 minutes of campus):**

**Batavia (Indonesian)**

3640 Shallowford Road  
Doraville, GA 30340

**Café Bombay (Indian)**

2615 Briarcliff Road  
Atlanta, GA 30329  
404-320-0229

**Canton House (Chinese Cantonese)**

4825 Buford Highway  
Chamblee, GA 30341  
770-936-9030

**El Rey Del Taco (Mexican)**

5288 Buford Highway  
Doraville, GA 30340  
770-986-0032

**Lan Zhou Ramen (Chinese--Ramen Noodle)**

5231 Buford Highway  
Doraville, GA 30340  
678-691-2175

**Mamak (Malaysian)**

5150 Buford Highway, A-170  
Doraville, GA 30340  
678-395-3192

**Northern China Eatery (Chinese Szechuan)**

5141 Buford Highway #C  
Doraville, GA 30340  
770-458-2282

**Petite Violette (French)**

2948 Clairmont Road  
Atlanta, GA 30329  
404-634-6268

**Pho Bac (Vietnamese)**

4897 Buford Highway, Suite 106  
Chamblee, GA 30341  
770-986-4273

**Sokongdong Tofu House (Korean)**

5280 Buford Highway  
Atlanta, GA 30340  
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5000 Buford Highway  
Chamblee, GA 30341  
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