

Workshop Program

Toxicity, Waste, Detritus

Organizers: Gabrielle Hecht (UMich) and Pamila Gupta (WiSER)

July 7-8, 2016 | Durban, South Africa
Preliminary Program

July 7

Panel I: Detritus Politics

Anne Berg (UM), [*Toxic Politics*](#)

Nick Caverly (UM), [*Detroit's dust*](#)

Sharad Chari (Wits), [*Detritus as a Different Politics*](#)

Mehita Iqani (Wits), [*Reading Cape Mongo*](#): Towards an examination of the links between consumer culture, media and waste

Edgar Taylor (UM/Wits), [*Toxic Archives*](#)

Panel II: Fluid Toxics

Jatin Dua (UM), [*Toxic Ships/Toxic Waters*](#)

Pamila Gupta (Wits), [*Toxic Island Futures*](#)

Jennifer Lee Johnson (Purdue), [*Thick Skins: An Ethnographic Exploration into Transmogrified Detritus*](#)

Charne Lavery (Wits), [*Blank oceans, bitter depths*](#)

Meg Samuelson (UCT), [*Mapping a littoral geography of detritus and waste; and, a toxic love story titled 'My surfboard will survive the ocean'*](#)

July 8

Panel III: Urban Ruination

Claudia Gastrow (Wits), *Toxic Cities and Sickly States*

Gabrielle Hecht (UM), *"Making War in Secret for the Future": Sacrificial South African Topographies*

Mucha Musemwa (Wits), *History of Environmental Crimes in Gauteng, South Africa*

Panel IV: Wasting People

Robyn d'Avignon (UM), *Native Waste: Genealogies of Extraction in French West Africa*

Josh Reno (Binghamton), *The Necropolitical Matter of Black Lives: Race, Human Waste, and Cold War America*

Lucia Saks (Independent), *Toxic Intoxications: A story of gardens and plants in the Cape of Good Hope*

Lynn Thomas (Washington), *Skin Lighteners and Mercury Toxins*

Jennifer Wenzel (Columbia), *Surplus People, Recycled Forms: Global/Apartheid*