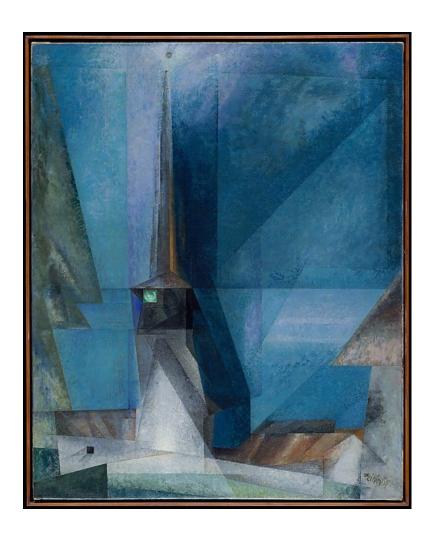
## University at Albany, April 17-18, 2015

# Rethinking Sovereignty

# Conference Program



Keynote Speakers:
Gregg Lambert,
Syracuse University
Kalpana Seshadri,
Boston College

April 17: Rockefeller Institute 411 State Street

April 18: Downtown Campus 135 Western Avenue (200 Milne)

## Friday

9:00 - 9:30 9:30 - 9:45	Coffee / Breakfast Opening Remarks Randall Craig, Chair of English, University at Albany Julie Novkov, Chair of Political Science, University at Albany
9:45 - 11:15	Panel 1: Sovereignty and Aesthetics Chair: Natalie Amiama, University at Albany Walter Johnston, Williams College "Achilles' Marble Heel: Anaesthetic Autonomy in Kleist's Penthesilea" Craig Carson, Adelphi University "Sovereign Spectacles: From Monarchy to Liberal Democracy" Anjuli Raza Kolb, Williams College "A So-Called Viral Sovereignty: Global Health, International Law, and Figures of Speech"
11:15 - 11:30	Coffee
11:30 - 1:00	Panel 2: Human Rights Chair: Glyne Griffith, University at Albany Jon Mandle, University at Albany "State Sovereignty and Human Rights" Kristen Hessler, University at Albany "Maternal Mortality as a Human Rights Issue" Kamiar Alaei, University at Albany "A Human-Rights Based Approach to Health"
1:00 - 2:00 2:00 - 3:30	Panel 3: Derrida and the Death Penalty Chair: Alice Long, Shanghai University Katie Chenoweth, Princeton University "Everybody Must Get Stoned: Calculating the Death Penalty with Derrida" Kir Kuiken, University at Albany "'Bidding Up' on the Question of Sovereignty: Derrida Between Kant and Benjamin" David Wills, Brown University "The Future Anterior of Blood"
3:30 - 4:00 4:00 - 5:30	Coffee  Keynote Address: Gregg Lambert, Syracuse University "On the Principles of Vitalpolitik: Between 'Raw' and 'Cooked' Capitalism"

### Saturday

9:00 - 9:30	Coffee
9:30 - 9:45	Opening
9:45 - 11:15	Panel 4: Unsettling the Body Politic
	Chair: Torrey Shanks, University at Albany
	Asma Abbas, Bard College at Simon's Rock
	"Provincializing Sovereignty; Or, Why I Must Always Look Up the Meaning of Sovereignty"
	Barbara Sutton, University at Albany
	"Clandestinity, Abortion, and Women as 'Bare Life'"
	Fanny Söderbäck, Siena College
11:15 - 11:30	"Rethinking Sovereignty through Transnational Surrogacy" Coffee
11:30 - 1:00	Panel 5: Rethinking Agamben
,	Chair: Richard Barney, University at Albany
	Kathleen Biddick, Temple University
	"Messianic Archives: Agamben among the Medieval Rabbis"
	Richard Barney, University at Albany
	"Bio-Economic-Politics, or, the Logic of Revolutionary
	Sovereignty"
	Kevin Attell, Cornell University
	"Sovereignty on Trial"
1:00 - 2:00	Lunch
2:00 - 3:30	Keynote Address: Kalpana Seshadri, Boston College
	"Resituating Sovereignty: Toward a Posthuman Economics"
3:30 - 4:00	Coffee
4:00 - 5:30	Concluding Roundtable
	Chair: Ilka Kressner, University at Albany
	Kevin Attell, Cornell University
	Peter Breiner, University at Albany
	Gregg Lambert, Syracuse University
	Morton Schoolman, University at Albany
	Kalpana Seshadri, Boston College

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