

THE BIG

NO

APRIL 27-29, 2017

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Welcome and General Information

The Center for 21st Century Studies is pleased to welcome you to our conference, The Big No, at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. The plenary speakers and breakout sessions will consider various types of 21st century refusals.

Registration

Conference registration will be held outside of Room 175 in Curtin Hall, 3243 N. Downer Ave.

Welcome Reception

We have organized a welcome reception on Thursday, April 27, at Sala Restaurant (2613 E. Hampshire St.), one block away from the conference venue. There will be complimentary hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar.

Event Locations

All of the plenary talks will take place in Curtin 175. The breakout sessions will occur in various Curtin Hall classrooms: please see the schedule for specific room assignments. Coffee will be served in the lobby outside Curtin 175. Lunch (for paid registrants) will take place in Curtin 181.

AV and Media Needs

Each breakout session will have a graduate student technology/media assistant. They will arrive 15 minutes before the panel is scheduled to begin. Please direct questions to them.

Printing Services

Printing stations are available in the library and the student union. You will need to purchase a printing card at the print location. Instructions and a map included.

Shuttle Service and Transportation

We will provide a shuttle bus from the Hyatt Regency Milwaukee Downtown to the conference each morning, returning to the hotel in the evening.

Thursday, 2:30 pm: the shuttle will pick up in front of the hotel

Thursday, 7:15 pm: the shuttle will pick up in front of Sala Restaurant, where the opening night reception will be held.

Friday, 8:45 am: the shuttle will pick up in front of the hotel

Friday, 5:30 pm: the shuttle will pick up at the traffic circle in front of Curtin Hall on Downer Ave.

Saturday, 8:15 am: the shuttle will pick up in front of the hotel

Saturday, 6:15 pm: the shuttle will pick up at the traffic circle in front of Curtin Hall on Downer Ave.

	<u>Depart Hyatt</u>	<u>Depart Campus</u>
Thursday, April 27:	2:30 pm	7:15 pm (Sala)
Friday, April 28:	8:45 am	5:30 pm (Curtin)
Saturday, April 29:	8:15 am	6:15 pm (Curtin)

If you miss the shuttle bus, you can take a taxi, Uber, or Lyft. If you are driving, please consult the UWM Parking and Transit website for parking information at www4.uwm.edu/parking/.

Twitter Hashtag: #c21bigno

Conference Schedule

Thursday, April 27

All events today will take place in Curtin Hall 175, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, 3243 N. Downer Ave.

- 2:30pm **Registration Opens**
Coffee
- 3:30pm **Welcome**
Johannes Britz
Provost, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, UWM
Conference Introduction
Kennan Ferguson
Director, Center for 21st Century Studies, UWM
- 4:00-5:30pm **Plenary: Frank B. Wilderson III**
University of California, Irvine
Introduced by Gregory Jay (UWM)

"Violence and the Limits of Redemption"
- 5:30-7:15pm **Reception**, Sala Restaurant, 2613 E. Hampshire St.

Friday, April 28

- 9:00-9:30am **Breakfast/coffee**
Curtin 175
- 9:30-11:00am **Breakout Session 1**
3 concurrent panels
NO END
Curtin Hall 108
Panel Chair: Ann Mattis
William Paris (Penn State University)
"Refusing the Progress of Time: Black Grief and Critical Consciousness"
Sam Law (University of Chicago)
"Narco-State's Scandalous Secret: Ayotzinapa and the Refusal of Death"
- NO SOCIETY**
Curtin Hall 118
Panel Chair: Andrew Kincaid
Theodore Martin (UC-Irvine)
"Antisocial: A Literary History"
Tero Karppi (SUNY Buffalo)
"Disconnect. Contesting Social Media"
Kieran Aarons (DePaul University)
"Destituent Pledge"

NO BODIES

Curtin Hall 939

Panel Chair: William Bristow

Nicholas Anthony Eppert (New York University)

"Against Conscious Experience: Towards an Immanent Praxis of the Mind-Body Gap"

Joseph Giardini (Johns Hopkins University)

"Separation and Withdrawal: Refusal in Diane di Prima and Phyllis Webb"

Cameron Kunzelman (Georgia State University)

"No Further Interaction: Video Games that Refuse"

11:00-11:15am **Break**

11:15-12:45pm **Plenary: Joshua Clover**

Curtin 175

University of California, Davis

Introduced by Rachel Buff (UWM)

"No without Ontology: Absorption and Coloniality"

12:45-2:00pm **Lunch** (paid registrants only)

Curtin 181

2:00-3:30pm **BREAKOUT SESSION 2**
3 concurrent panels

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Curtin Hall 108

Panel Chair: Erica Bornstein

Sophia Goodfriend (University of Chicago)

"Anxious Itineraries: Affect, Negation, and Belonging on Birthright Israel"

Jenny Kehl (UW-Milwaukee)

"The Disruptive Power of *No* in Water Privatization:

A Study of Resistance, Refusal, and Post-Capitalist Remunicipalization"

Calina Ciobanu (United States Naval Academy)

"Julian Barnes and the Function of Dystopian Literature in Dystopian Times"

NO CONNECTIONS

Curtin Hall 118

Panel Chair: Jennifer Johung

Derek Maus (SUNY Postdam)

"Percival Everett's *I Am Not Sidney Poitier* and the Pitfalls of Racial Representation"

Andrew Culp (University of Texas, Dallas)

"Between Non-Standard Philosophy and Afro-Pessimism: A Survey"

Jeremy R. Smith (New York University)

"Red Stars in the Black Universe: A Non-Philosophical Lesson in Democracy"

NO SPACE

Curtin Hall 939

Panel Chair: Jocelyn Szczepaniak-Gillece

Kai Parker (University of Chicago) and **Ray Noll** (University of Chicago)

"Freedom as Non-Movement: Race, Religious History,
and Carceral Ethnography in Chicago"

Hannah Hopewell (Auckland University of Technology)

"Refusal, Minimum Procedures and Creative Powerlessness
in Writing the Everyday Urban"

Kris Klotz (Penn State University)

"Construction of Political Subjects: Disidentification in Honneth and Rancière"

3:30-3:45pm **Break**

3:45-5:15pm

Curtin 175

Plenary: Katerina Kolozova

Institute of Social Sciences and Humanities–Skopje and
University American College–Skopje
Introduced by Carolyn Eichner (UWM)

"Auto-Acceleration of Capitalism through Dematerialization: A
Non-Marxist and Feminist Perspective"

Saturday, April 29

8:30-9:00am

Curtin 175

Breakfast/coffee

9:00-10:30am

Curtin 175

Plenary: Ariana Reines

Independent poet, playwright, translator
Introduced by John Koethe (UWM)

"No, Father: A Vocation Talk"

10:30-10:45

Break

10:45-12:15pm

Breakout Session 3
3 concurrent panels

NO COPY

Curtin Hall 108

Panel Chair: Tasha Oren

Andrew Lison (University of Kansas)

"Post-Historical Media: Negation and Digital Convergence"

Sparkles Stanford (Boston College)

"Rethinking Copyright as a Space of Refusal"

Joyce Latham (UW-Milwaukee)

"#roguerangers and the Right of Public Employees to Speak"

NO LAW

Curtin Hall 118

Panel Chair: Nadine Kozak

Marcus Paul Bullock (UW-Milwaukee)

"Justice Antonin Scalia Says *No* to Poetry and Philosophy: How the Law Has Been Changed by the Obergefell versus Hodges Decision on Marriage Equality of June 2015"

Marcus Filippello (UW-Milwaukee)

"Seeking a Normal Administrative Life? How a Subtle Refusal Impacted Dahomean Prisoners and Exposed the Banality of French Colonial Rule"

Supriya Karudapuram (American University)

"From AmeriCAN 2 AmeriCAN'T: From the Myth of the Free Market to Freeing the Market as Trump's—OH NOOOOO!—Ill-Begotten Legacy"

NO TRUTH

Curtin Hall 939

Panel Chair: Ivan Ascher

Bill Martin (DePaul University)

"Making a "non-" of Christianity, Marxism, and Buddhism: Engaging Badiou and Laruelle"

David L. Seim (UW-Stout)

"Refusing To Be Thwarted: Mad Science and the Denial of Validity of Failure"

12:15-1:30pm **Lunch** (for paid registrants only)
Curtin 181

1:30-3:00pm **Breakout Session 4**
3 concurrent panels

NO EDUCATION

Curtin Hall 108

Panel Chair: Nan Kim

Lisa Cerami (Nazareth College of Rochester)

"The Collegiate *No*: Teaching Resistance in an Election Year"

Xin Huang (UW-Milwaukee)

"Decolonizing Feminist Knowledge Production: Anglophone Privilege and the Gesture of Refusal"

NO OBJECT

Curtin Hall 118

Panel Chair: Nathaniel Stern

Andrew Strombeck (Wright State University)

"Gary Indiana, Richard Serra, and the Creative Economy of 1980s New York"

Prayas Abhinav (Indus University)

"Refusing to Make Art, But Not to Being Artistic"

Philip Sayers (University of Toronto)

"Barthes' Politics and the Yes-No Paradigm"

Tony Yanick (University of Glasgow) and **Anne-François Schmid** (MINES ParisTech)

"Unseeing Delta *No*: The *Insu* Operator and the Contemporary Object"

NO ALIEN

Curtin Hall 939

Panel Chair: Peter Paik

Housten Donham (University of Arizona)

“The Mindless Void: The Antisociality of H.P. Lovecraft”

Anna Mirzayan (Western University)

“Curating the Clone: Unreadable Aesthetics in Sci-Fi Horror”

A.P. Pettinelli (University of Chicago)

“Towards an Alien Camera: Cephalopodic Aesthetics
& the (Non)Human in Parreno’s Alien Seasons”

3:00-3:15pm

Break

Curtin 175

3:15-4:45pm

Plenary: François Laruelle

Curtin 175

Collège international de philosophie and Université Paris Nanterre
Introduced by Gerry Canavan (Marquette University)

“The Big and the Small No”

4:45-5:00pm

Break

Curtin 175

5:00-6:00pm

Concluding Roundtable Discussion

Curtin 175

Plenary Speakers and Kennan Ferguson

Conference Organizing Committee

Kennan Ferguson (Director, Center for 21st Century Studies)

Ali Sperling (Deputy Director, Center for 21st Century Studies)

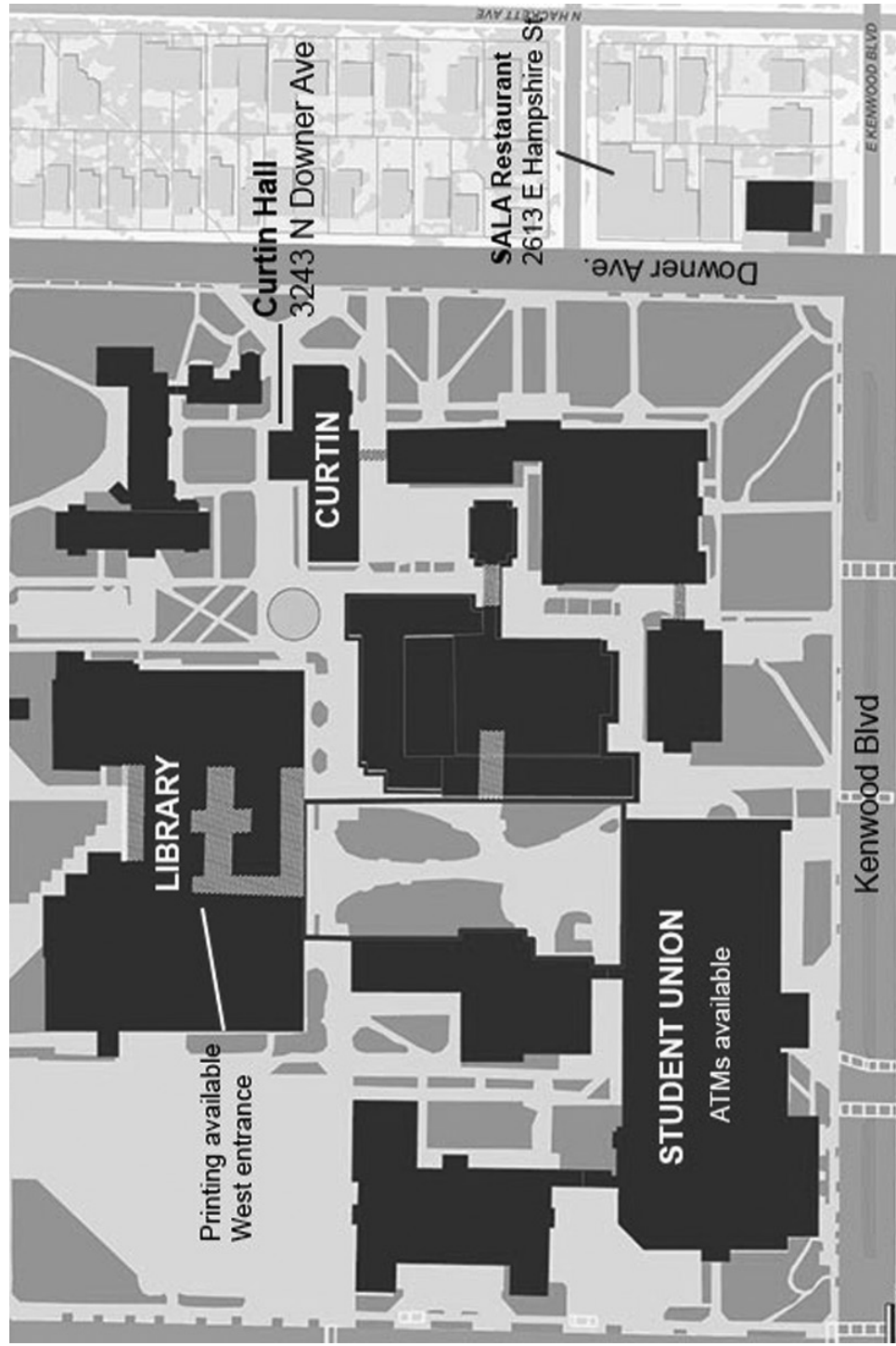
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