

2023 Yale Plant Humanities Symposium Schedule

Saturday, April 8

Humanities Quad 134

320 York Street

8:45 Breakfast

9:15-9:25 Opening remarks

9:30-11:00 Panel 1

Roundtable: Experimental Approaches to Plant Humanities

Chair: Lucas Mertehikian (Dumbarton Oaks)

Yota Batsaki (Dumbarton Oaks)

Matthew Battles (Harvard University)

Vanessa Sellers (New York Botanical Garden)

Rosetta S. Elkin (Pratt Institute)

11:15-12:45 Panel 2

Indigeneity, Migration, and Empire

Chair: Hannah Rachel Cole (RITM and Environmental Humanities, Yale University)

Paul Burow (Yale University), "Nut Pine and the Art of Flourishing in the Anthropocene"

Abigail Fields (Yale University), "Listening for the Olive Trees' Jazz: For an Indigenous Eco-poetics in the Works of Samira Negrouche"

Elaine Savory (New School), "'A Good Thing Spring Up': The Breadfruit's Complex Caribbean Story, Empire and After"

12:45-1:45 Lunch

1:45-3:15 Panel 3

Lively Plants, Flourishing Plants

Chair: Camila Marcone (Medieval Studies, Yale University)

Jill Campbell (Yale University), "Imagining Plant Lives: Erasmus Darwin and John Clare"

Randy Laist (Goodwin University), "Communicating with Plants: Adventures in Phytosemiosis"

Lucas Mertehikian (Dumbarton Oaks), "The Quiet Science? Borges' Anti-Botany"

Oswald Schmitz (Yale University), "Outlines of a Natural Philosophical Evolutionary Account of Plant Flourishing"

3:30-5 Panel 4

New York Botanical Garden Humanities Institute Panel

Chair: Kassidi Jones (English, Yale University)

Claire Bunschoten (NYBG Mellon Research Fellow in Food Humanities)

Nailah Garard (NYBG Mellon Summer Research Intern in Oral Histories)

Audrey Jenkins (NYBG Mellon Research Fellow in Food Humanities)

Samrah Shoaib (NYBG Humanities Institute Program Manager)

5-6:30 Wine and cheese reception