

# Why Things Matter

Conference Program  
[Liberal Studies Department](#)  
California State University Fullerton



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5:30 pm      Thursday 6 March 2014      Humanities 223  
Panel Discussion:      "History, Materialism and Deep Time"

## Day One

Friday 7 March 2014

All paper sessions are in SGMH 1313.  
Coffee, breakfast and lunch are in H 223.

7:45-9:00 am      Breakfast

9:00 – 10:15 am      **Session 1: Crafts and Design**

[Natalie Abell](#) and [Evi Gorogianni](#):

"Material Naturalization: On the Impact of Craftspeople and their Products in Encouraging Culture Change at Ayia Irini, Kea, Greece"

[Petya Hristova](#):

"To Lay a Thin Gold Coat over Graphite-painted Ornament: Surface Tensions, In-Meshed Materials, and Varied Levels across Archaeological Work Space"

10:15-10:30

Coffee

10:30 am – 12:00

**Session 2: What Do Objects Do?**

[Lori Weekes](#):

"Legally Material Materiality: Office Supplies and Systems in Discovery Jurisprudence"

[Emily Miller Bonney](#)

"The Agency of the Fine Grey Ware Pyxis"

**Student Responses**

12:00-1:00 pm	Lunch
<b>1:00 – 2:30 pm</b>	<b>Session 3: Material Borders</b>
Michael Kohout	"The Border as a Landscape of Encounters"
<a href="#">Barry Stiefel</a> :	"Modern (post-1800) Urbanization and the Proliferation of Jewish Eruvim"
<a href="#">Brendan Gaughen</a> :	"Place Collecting: Making Progress, Making Meaning"
2:30-3:00 pm	Coffee
<b>3:00 – 4:45 pm</b>	<b>Session 4: Material Resources</b>
<a href="#">Elizabeth Cook</a> :	" <i>To 3,000 Feet Hemlock Plank</i> : Production, Consumption, Labor and the Building of Antebellum Richmond, Virginia"
<a href="#">Adam Nazaroff</a> :	"Locating the Source: Entanglement and the Nature of Resource Exploitation"
<a href="#">Mogens Rüdiger</a> :	"The Furnace - Between Modernity and Pollution"
<b>5:00 – 6:00 pm</b>	<b>Keynote Address by <a href="#">Carl Knappett</a>:</b> <b>"Tracing Things That Matter"</b>

Reception Supper

**Day Two**  
**Saturday 8 March**  
**All paper sessions are in SGMH 1308.**  
**Coffee, breakfast, lunch and closing reception are in H 223.**

7:45-8:30 am	Breakfast
<b>8:30 – 10:30 am</b>	<b>Session 5 Materiality of the Internet</b>
<a href="#">Bradley Fidler</a> :	"Things and Objects in the Internet Backbone"
<a href="#">Jane Gruning</a> :	"Digital Objects: Conflicting Perspectives"
<a href="#">Ashley Sands</a> :	"Scientific Research Data: Volume, Infrastructure, and Management Expertise"
<a href="#">Thomas Winningham</a> :	"The Net's the Thing: Internet Infrastructure as a Limit to Free Expression"
10:30-11:00 am	Coffee

<b>11:00 – 1:00 pm</b>	<b>Session 6 Reflections on the Medium</b>
<a href="#">Daniella Perry:</a>	“Interactivity As Thing: A Love-Hate Relationship”
<a href="#">Marika Cifor:</a>	“Queer Things: Lesbian Pulp Novels and the Archives”
<a href="#">Harrison Gish:</a>	“Objectifying the Avatar: Virtual Modifications and the Database of Possibility”
<a href="#">Annaliese Pollock:</a>	“The <i>Mise en Abyme</i> of Letters and Letter-Writing in Manuscript Versions of the <i>XSXI Epistres d’Ovide</i> ”
1:00-2:30 pm	Lunch
<b>2:30 – 4:30 pm</b>	<b>Session 7 Materiality and Information</b>
<a href="#">Dawn Aveline:</a>	“No digital charisma: the material culture of Burning Man”
<a href="#">Peter Darch:</a>	“Ship Space and Database: The Co-shaping of Spatial Configurations Aboard Ocean Drilling Cruise Ships and Material Artifacts of Practice in Onshore Laboratories”
<a href="#">Robert King:</a>	“Information Matters, Too: The Effects of Informational-Entropy on Material Limits”
<b>5:00 – 6:00 pm</b>	<b>Closing Plenary Lecture: <a href="#">Hélène Mialet</a>;</b> <b>“Reading Hawking’s Presence”</b>
6:00 – 8:00 pm	Closing Reception

### Participants

Natalie Abell	University of Cincinnati
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Carl Knappett	University of Toronto
Michael Kohout	California State University, Bernardino

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