**Wednesday, November 8, 2023**

**2023** Conference on ***Bodies of Belief: Somaesthetics of Faith and Liberation***

**9:30 - 10:00AM: Registration**

**10:00 – 10:15AM: Welcome**

 Richard Shusterman and Kenneth Holloway,

 Center for Body, Mind, and Culture,

 Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL

**Session 1: Creation and Transformation: Session Chair - Brian McConnell, FAU, Visual Arts and Art History**

10:15-11:00: “Edgar Allan Poe’s Materialist Aesthetics of the Cosmos,”

**Jane Irish and Crispin Sartwell, Dickinson College, Carlisle, PA**

**11:00-11:15 AM Break**

11:15-12:00: “Designing for Somaesthetic Transformation: Lessons learned from Astronauts’

 Liberating Earth Gaze,”

 **Dag Svanæs, Norwegian University of Science and Technology,**

 **Trondheim, Norway**

**12:00-1:15 PM Lunch**

**Session 2: Caregiving, Decolonization, and Cultural Adoption: Session Chair – Véronique Côté, FAU, Director of University Galleries**

1:15-2:00: "The Body as Form: Betrayal, Anxiety and Social Protest in Katherine Anne Porter's

 'Flowering Judas,'"

 **Diane Richard-Allerdyce, Union Institute and University, Cincinnati, OH**

2:00-2:45: **“**Voicing Difference, Dancing Objects: an exploration of Ainu aesthetics as a means of

 effecting decolonizing action in North American museums,”

 **Mark Watson, Concordia University, Montreal, Canada**

**2:45-3:00 PM Break**

3:00-3:45: “Somaesthetics in Hyperculture and the Politics of Cultural Adoption,”

 **Myron Jackson, Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, NC**

**3:45-4:00 PM Break**

**Session 3: Prophetic Bodies: Session Chair – Kenneth Holloway, FAU, History**

4:00-5:00: “The Body of the Prophet: Heschel, Cassirer, and the Rise of Ethical Religion,"

 **Randy Auxier, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL**

**5:00-5:30 PM: Reception**

**Thursday, November 9**

**Session 4: Somaesthetics of Ethics, Protest, and Queering: Session Chair – FAU, Katharina Rynkiewich, Anthropology**

9:30-10:15: “Somaesthetics, Foucauldian Aesthetics of Existence, and Living Ethically as White,”

 **Chris Voparil, Union Institute and University, Cincinnati, OH**

10:15-11:00: “Developing a Smartphone Interface Using the Principles of Humanistic Buddhist

 Caregiving,”

 **Miaolung Shih, University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, TX**

**11:00-11:15 AM: Break**

11:15 AM- 12:00: “Gender Queering and the Somatic Art of Breaking Binary,”

 **Mark Tschaepe, Prairie View A & M University, Prairie View, TX**

**12:00 PM-12:30: Concluding Discussions**

**12:30 Lunch**