

Images of Nature

How can artists, scientists and engineers collaboratively respond to rapidly changing knowledge about our natural environment and its processes? This exhibition features artifacts that provide possible answers to this question, created by interdisciplinary student groups at Purdue University in the Spring semester 2011. Funded by a grant of the National Science Foundation and supported by Prof. Shannon McMullen, Prof. Fabian Winkler (Electronic and Time-Based Art) and David Braun (Interim Director of Purdue's Envision Center for Data Perceptualization) the exhibited works show many different approaches to creating new "Images of Nature": from prosthesis research and movement performance to DIY greenhouse design, perception in virtual reality spaces and explorations of human nature. The exhibition will be accompanied by a panel discussion about "Images of Nature," during which N. Katherine Hayles, a professor at Duke University whose interests focus on digital humanities, electronic literature, literature, science and technology, science fiction and critical theory will join an interdisciplinary group of Purdue faculty on April 22, 2011. A catalog documenting the exhibition and the panel discussion will be published in Fall 2011. The "Images of Nature" project closes with an interdisciplinary summer program for high school youth at Purdue from July 10-17, 2011.

Exhibition location: 661 Main St., Lafayette, IN 47901

Opening Reception: Friday, April 15, 2011 6-9pm, 661 Main St.

The exhibition will run from April 15 to April 29, 2011.

Panel Discussion: A panel discussion about the exhibition with Prof. N. Katherine Hayles, (Duke University) and Purdue faculty will be held at the Envision Center at Purdue University, Friday, April 22, 2011 at 4pm.

Organizers:

- Shannon C. McMullen, PhD. (Assistant Professor of Visual and Performing Art, program in Electronic and Time-Based Art, project PI)
- Fabian Winkler (Assistant Professor of Visual and Performing Art, program in Electronic and Time-Based Art, Co-PI)
- David Braun (Interim Director, Purdue Envision Center for Data Perceptualization, project senior staff and co-instructor "Images of Nature" course)

Participating Students:

- Adam Alspaugh, senior, Selling and Sales Management, School of Health and Human Sciences
- Mara Battiste, graduate student, program of Electronic and Time-Based Art, Department of Art&Design
- Micah Bowers, graduate student, program of Electronic and Time-Based Art, Department of Art&Design
- Jordan Cleland, graduate student, program of Electronic and Time-Based Art, Department of Art&Design
- Monica Farrar, graduate student, Studio Art, Department of Art&Design
- Anna-Karin Gavert, graduate student in Landscape Architecture program, Uppsala University, Sweden and currently exchange student in Purdue's Department of Horticulture & Landscape Architecture
- Paige Grable, senior, program in Environmental Health Science, School of Health Sciences
- Yagiz Mungan, graduate student, program of Electronic and Time-Based Art, Department of Art&Design
- Lauren Myers, senior, program in Interdisciplinary & Multidisciplinary Engineering, College of Engineering
- Aaron Nemeč, graduate student, program of Electronic and Time-Based Art, Department of Art&Design
- Adam Quear, senior program in Landscape Architecture and Design, Department of Horticulture & Landscape Architecture
- Timothy Rogers, graduate student, Department of Computer Graphics Technology, College of Technology
- Torsten Schreiber, senior, program in Interdisciplinary & Multidisciplinary Engineering, College of Engineering

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- The downtown Lafayette space for the "Images of Nature" exhibition has been provided at no cost by David Sorg/Frontier Communications.

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