**ARST@RSA**

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“Science & Social Justice”

From the disposal of toxic substances to the Tuskegee Syphilis Experiments, scientific practices have been implicated in abetting social injustice and inequalities. Yet, scientific practices were instrumental in making some of these problems visible and exigent in the first place, and people consistently turn to science as a resource for argument and a resource for identity creation in the face of inequity. The intersection of science and social justice calls for critical interrogation by rhetorical scholars. The theme of “Science and Social Justice” opens a space for conversations and inquiries about how science—broadly understood to include scientific, medical, technological and environmental concerns—has played a role in ongoing oppression and resistance to oppression based on race, class, gender, sexual orientation, ability, disease condition, etc.

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| 8:00-9:00 | **REGISTRATION** |
| 9:00-10:20 | **Justice, Food & Health**  “What’s in a Name? The Diabetics’ Civil Wars”   * Lora Arduser, University of Cincinnati   “Stuffed and Starved: The Biopolitics of Food Justice”   * Kathleen Hunt, University of Utah   “Medical and Scientific Practices in Toronto Forest and Open Air Schools”   * Patty Kelly, University of British Columbia |
| 10:20-10:30 | **Break** |
| 10:30-11:50 | **Environment & Bioethics**  **“**Significant Ghosts:Mapping the Rhetorical Landscape of Agent Orange”   * Sarah-Beth Hopton, University of South Florida   “Bioethics as a Way of Life: Van Rensselaer Potter and the Global Bioethos”   * Janelle Johnson, University of Wisconsin-Madison   “Language, Scientific Rhetoric and the Atrazine Wars”   * Carol Reeves, Butler University |
| 11:50-1:00 | **LUNCH** (on your own) |
| 1:00-2:20 | **Theorizing Gender and the Neurosciences**  “How Good Brain Science Gets That Way: Studying the Rhetorical Production of Sexed and Gendered Brains”   * Jordynn Jack, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill   “The Brain, Gendered Advice, and Neuro-Claims in Popular Magazines”   * David Gruber, City University of Hong Kong   “Rethinking Minds, Bodies, and Language: Relational Causality and/in Rhetoric Studies”   * Chris Mays, Illinois State University |
| 2:20-2:30 | **Break** |
| 2:30-4:00 | **Roundtable on ROST, Social Justice & Community Engagement**   * Leah Ceccarelli, University of Washington (chair) * Danielle Endres, University of Utah * John Jackson, University of Colorado-Boulder * John Lynch, University of Cincinnati * Lisa Meloncon, University of Cincinnati * J. Blake Scott, University of Central Florida |