

RESPONDING TO THE NATURAL WORLD

A CONFERENCE IN HONOR OF JOHN KNOTT

APRIL 7TH & 8TH, 2006
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

FRIDAY, APRIL 7TH
3222 ANGELL HALL

9:00 INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

SIDONIE SMITH, Chair, U-M Department of English

9:10 KEYNOTE ADDRESS

JOHN ELDER (Middlebury College)
"The Ecosystem of Meanings in Robert Frost's 'Spring Pools'"

10:15-12:00 SCHOLARLY PANEL

T.S. McMILLIN (Oberlin College)
"The Meaning of Rivers"

RANDALL ROORDA (University of Kentucky)
"Antinomies of Participation in Wilderness"

LAUREN LA FAUCI (University of Michigan)
"Regions of Hopeless Disorder": Swamp and Racial Discourse in Nineteenth-Century America"

2:00-3:00 POETRY READING

DAVID BAKER (Denison University)
"Midwest Ecologues and Other Poetry"

UMMA, APSE, 1ST FLOOR

3:30-5:00 PHOTOGRAPHS

EMMET GOWIN (Princeton University)
"Changing the Earth and Other Experiences"

7:30-9:00 READING

JOY WILLIAMS
"One Acre"



FREDERICK KENSSETT, FRANCONIA NOTCH, NEW HAMPSHIRE (1871)

SATURDAY, APRIL 8TH
RACKHAM BUILDING
EAST CONFERENCE ROOM

10:00-11:45 SCHOLARLY PANEL

THOMAS HALLOCK (University of Mississippi)
"Immortality and the Archive; or, Finding Life in the Art of William Bartram"

KENT RYDEN (University of Southern Maine)
"Regional Nature and the Nature of Regions"

ROCHELLE JOHNSON (Albertson College)
"Susan Fenimore Cooper's Historicized Picturesque"

12:00-1:00 READING

JANISSE RAY
"How Clear-Cut Does It Have to Be? Language, Community & the Politics of Wholeness"

2:30-4:00 TOUR OF NICHOLS ARBORETUM BY ITS DIRECTOR, ROBERT GRESE

MEET AT URBAN ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER
AT THE HISTORIC 1837 BURNHAM HOUSE
1610 WASHINGTON HEIGHTS
ENTRANCE TO ARBORETUM NEAR U-M MEDICAL CENTER

In case of rain, there will be a virtual tour indoors

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