

# *The Nature of the Reveries* *La Nature des Rêveries*

## **A colloquium on Jean-Jacques Rousseau's *Rêveries du promeneur solitaire* (1782)**

### **PROGRAM**

***Thursday, June 9***

***1:00-4:45 p.m.***

Registration, Eells Residence Hall

***5:00 p.m.***

**SESSION 1**

***(Dwight Lounge)***

Chair: *John C. O'Neal*, Hamilton College

Welcoming remarks: *David C. Paris*, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty, Hamilton College

Opening plenary address: *Dorothy Johnson*, University of Iowa, "Rousseau and Landscape Painting in France"

***6:00 p.m.***

***(Emerson Gallery)***

Reception and viewing of the exhibit "Nature as Refuge: from Rousseau's Cascade to Central New York's Trenton Falls"

***7:30 p.m.***

***(Eells Residence Hall)***

Dinner

***Friday, June 10***

***7:30-8:45 a.m.***

Breakfast, Eells Residence Hall

***9:00-10:30 a.m.***

**SESSION 2**

Visions of Nature  
(Dwight Lounge)

Chair: *Ourida Mostefai*, Boston College  
*John C. O'Neal*, Hamilton College, "Nature as Refuge in Rousseau's *Rêveries du promeneur solitaire*."  
*Michel Termolle*, Hautes Etudes P.H.O., Belgium, "Comprendre la nature, la nature pour comprendre."  
*Pamela Gay-White*, Alabama State University, "Nature as Movement, Movement as Nature: *la Cinquième Promenade*."

**10:30-11:00 a.m.**

Coffee break

**11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

SESSION 3

Philosophy and Religion in the *Rêveries*

(Dwight Lounge)

Chair: *John T. Scott*, University of California, Davis  
*Philip Stewart*, Duke University, " 'Ebranlé mais non convaincu': Rousseau et les philosophes."  
*David Lay Williams*, University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point, "Platonism in Rousseau's *Rêveries*."  
*Laurence Mall*, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, " 'Dieu est juste; il veut que je souffre; et il sait que je suis innocent': le problème du mal dans les *Rêveries* de Rousseau."

**12:30-2:00 p.m.**

Lunch, The Hub, Bristol Campus Center (1<sup>st</sup> floor)

**2:00-3:30 p.m.**

SESSION 4

The Insights of Reverie in Nature

(Dwight Lounge)

Chair: *Natasha Lee*, Princeton University  
*Jason Neidleman*, University of La Verne, "Reverie's Revelations: On the Form and Substance of Rousseauian Reverie."  
*Kevin K. Inston*, University of Manchester, United Kingdom, "Reverie as a Site of Resistance, Contestation, and Transformation."  
*Byron Wells*, Wake Forest University, " 'Un spectacle plein de vie': Rousseau's Enduring Nature and Body Ephemeral."

**3:30-4:00 p.m.**

Coffee break

**4:00-5:30 p.m.**

SESSION 5

The *Rêveries* as Truth or Fable

(Dwight Lounge)

Chair: *Catherine Gallouët*, Hobart and William Smith Colleges  
*Mira Morgenstern*, City College of New York, “Sidebar: Rousseau, the *Rêveries*, and the Paradox of Nature.”

*Rémy Hildebrand*, Comité Européen Jean-Jacques Rousseau, Switzerland, “Réflexions de Jean-Jacques à Bossey: source des *Rêveries*?”

*Ourida Mostefai*, Boston College, “Vérité de la nature et nature de la vérité dans les *Rêveries*.”

**8:00 p.m.**

Dinner, Eells Residence Hall

**Saturday, June 11**

**7:30-8:45 a.m.**

Breakfast, Eells Residence Hall

**9:00-10:30 a.m.**

SESSION 6

The Highs and Lows of Nature

(Dwight Lounge)

Chair: *Philip Stewart*, Duke University

*Jeremiah Alberg*, University of West Georgia, “Unperturbed, Like God Himself.”

*John T. Scott*, University of California, Davis, “Rousseau’s Quixotic Quest for Nature in the *Rêveries*.”

*Matthew Simpson*, Luther College, “Rousseau’s Tragic Nature.”

**10:30-11:00 a.m.**

Coffee break

**11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

SESSION 7

Scientific and Medical Views of Nature and the Self

(Dwight Lounge)

Chair: *Byron Wells*, Wake Forest University

*Alexandra Cook*, University of Hong Kong, “Rousseau’s Herbarium: The Neglected Middle Term.”

*Jean-François Perrin*, Université de Grenoble 3, France, “Les opérations que font les physiciens: physique de l’homme naturel selon les *Rêveries du promeneur solitaire*.”

*Russell Prather*, Northern Michigan University, “‘Garlands among the Ingredients of an Enema’: Multiple Selves in Rousseau’s *Rêveries*.”

**12:30-2:00 p.m.**

Lunch, The Hub, Bristol Campus Center (1<sup>st</sup> floor)

**2:00-3:30 p.m.**

**SESSION 8**

The Interior and Exterior Worlds of an Outsider

(Dwight Lounge)

Chair: *Mira Morgenstern*, City College of New York

*Sylvie Romanowski*, Northwestern University, "Rousseau, un étranger pas comme les autres."

*Barbara Abrams*, Suffolk University, "Rousseau and the Outsider Outside: Nature, Objectification, and Estrangement in the *Rêveries*."

*Fiona Miller*, Colgate University, "Rousseau's Solitary Will: Force and Freedom in the *Rêveries*."

**3:30-4:00 p.m.**

Coffee break

**4:00-5:30 p.m.**

**SESSION 9**

Natural Accidents (and Natural Evil?): The Second Walk

(Dwight Lounge)

Chair: *Sally Campbell*, Concord University

*Jean-Luc Guichet*, Collège International de Philosophie, CNRS-CHPM, Paris, France, "Nature et origine: l'accident de Ménilmontant."

*Lorraine Clark*, Trent University, Canada, "Nature in the Second Walk: Accident or 'Secret Intentions.'"

**6:30-7:30 p.m.**

Cash bar, Little Pub

**8:00 p.m.**

Dinner, Eells Residence Hall

**Sunday, June 12**

**8:00-9:00 a.m.**

Breakfast, Eells Residence Hall

**9:15-10:45 a.m.**

**SESSION 10**

Comparative Readings

(Dwight Lounge)

Chair: *Laurence Mall*, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

*Zev Trachtenberg*, University of Oklahoma, "Two Walkers, One Dream? A Comparison between Rousseau and Thoreau."

*James Swenson*, Rutgers University, "Lyrical Prose."

*Carole Martin*, Texas State University, San Marcos, “Question d’espace: de la fête des vendanges à la fête aux oubliés du promeneur solitaire.”

***10:45 a.m.-11:45 a.m.***  
*(Dwight Lounge)*

Business Meeting

***11:45 a.m.***

Lunch, The Hub, Bristol Campus Center (1<sup>st</sup> floor)