The Nature of the Reveries
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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 Chair: John C. O’Neal, Hamilton College
(Dwight Lounge)
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
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 (1st 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 Réveries as Truth or Fable
(Dwight Lounge)
Chair: Catherine Gallouët, Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Mira Morgenstern, City College of New York, “‘Sidebar: Rousseau, the Réveries, and the Paradox of Nature.’”
Rémy Hildebrand, Comité Européen Jean-Jacques Rousseau, Switzerland, “Réflexions de Jean-Jacques à Bossey: source des Réveries?”
Ourida Mostefai, Boston College, “Vérité de la nature et nature de la vérité dans les Réveries.”

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 Réveries.”
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.”
Russell Prather, Northern Michigan University, “‘Garlands among the Ingredients of an Enema’: Multiple Selves in Rousseau’s Réveries.”
**12:30-2:00 p.m.** Lunch, The Hub, Bristol Campus Center (1st 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.”
**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
**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, Eels 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 (1st floor)