

Democratic Affections



Film, Philosophy, and Religion in the Thought of Stanley Cavell

February 14-15, 2019

University of California, Santa Barbara

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Dominique Jullien (Comparative Literature, French and Italian)

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Speakers:

Thomas A. Carlson, UCSB

Joshua Foa Dienstag, UCLA

Pierre Fasula, Université de Paris 1

Russell Goodman, University of New Mexico

Espen Hammer, Temple University

Sandra Laugier, Université de Paris 1

Paola Marrati, Johns Hopkins University

Andrew Norris, UCSB

Tyler Roberts, Grinnell College

William Rothman, University of Miami

Kay Young, UCSB

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**Thursday, February 14
Annenberg Conference Room
Social Sciences and Media Studies, 4315**

8:45 Opening Remarks

John Majewski, UCSB, Michael Douglas Dean of Humanities and Fine Arts

9:00 Session I

Andrew Norris, UCSB

“The Mood of the World”

Respondent: Eric Ritter, Philosophy, Vanderbilt

Espen Hammer, Temple University

“Moods and Experience in Cavell”

Respondent: Luke McCracken, Religious Studies, UCSB

11:00 Session II

William Rothman, University of Miami

“*Pursuits of Happiness*: Cavell in Transition”

Respondent: Chip Badley, English, UCSB

Russell Goodman, University of New Mexico

“Cavell and the Transcendentalists”

Respondent: Christopher Morales, Religious Studies, UCSB

1:00 Lunch for Participants

2:00 Session III

Kay Young, UCSB

“Listening to Cavell”

Respondent: Alex Lebrun, Philosophy, UCSB

Sandra Laugier, Paris I

“Cavell, Film, and Moral Education”

Respondent: Felicity Stone-Richards, Political Science, UCSB

Joshua Foa Dienstag, UCLA

“What is the Democratic Mood?”

Respondent: Caleb Miller, Political Science, UCSB

7 pm Screening

The Lady Eve, followed by a Q&A with Sandra Laugier and William Rothman

UCSB Carsey-Wolf Center, SSMS 4429

Friday, February 15

Center for Humanities and Social Change

Robertson Gym 1000A

9:00 Opening Remarks

David Cavell

9:30 Session IV

Tom Carlson, UCSB

“Religious Receptions and Democratic Futures:

A Learning of the Heart from Emerson to Cavell”

Respondent: Samantha Copping Kang, Religious Studies, UCSB

Tyler Roberts, Grinnell College:

“*Walden* as ‘Scripture’: Cavell, Religion and the Language of Criticism”

Respondent: Eva Braunstein, Religious Studies, UCSB

11:30 Session V

Pierre Fasula, Paris I

“The Expression of Passions and its Political Implications”

Respondent: Sherri Lynn Conklin, Philosophy, UCSB

Paola Marrati, Johns Hopkins University:

“The Reasons of Emotions”

Respondent: Tim Snediker, Religious Studies, UCSB

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