

TransCanada Institute Presents **NEW REALISMS**

FOR THE REALITIES OF THE 21ST CENTURY

A one-day colloquium featuring writers and scholars addressing new literary forms and how our concept of realism, like our concept of the literary, is long overdue for renovation, reconstruction, and fresh shoots.

Organized by Larissa Lai & Smaro Kamboureli



Daniel Heath Justice

Associate Professor of English (Aboriginal Literatures)
University of Toronto

Author of the Indigenous fantasy trilogy *The Way of Thorn and Thunder—Kynship, Wyrwood, and Dreyd*

Friday, January 28, 2011
TransCanada Institute
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Larissa Lai

Assistant Professor of Canadian Literature
University of British Columbia

Author of the novels *When Fox Is a Thousand* and *Salt Fish Girl*



angela rawlings

Award-winning Author and Poet
Toronto

Author of *Wide Slumber for Lepidopterists*



Ato Quayson

Professor of English,
Director, Centre for Diaspora and Transnational Studies
University of Toronto

Author of, among other titles, *Aesthetic Nervousness: Disability and the Crisis of Representation*



Aritha van Herk

Professor of English
University of Calgary

Author of many novels and essayist

Colloquium Program

10:00-11:00

Readings by Daniel Heath Justice, Larissa Lai, angela rawlings

11:30-12:30

Panel I: New Realities / Writing New Realisms

- Daniel Heath Justice, "All Realism is Escapist: Interventions of the Fantastic"
- angela rawlings, "EAR KNOWS THROAT / HERE NORTH WROTE:"

An interrogation through sound and text of the imagined Real"

2:45-4:15

Round Table:

New Realisms: Canadian Writing After the 20th Century
Daniel Heath Justice, Larissa Lai, Ato Quayson, angela rawlings, Aritha van Herk

4:30-5:15

Reading by Aritha van Herk

5:15-6:30

Reception

1:30-2:30

Panel II: Realisms & The Politics of Representation

- Ato Quayson, "Magical Realism and Disability in the Canadian Context: Robert Kroetsch and Timothy Findlay"
- Aritha van Herk, "The Practical Text"

Light lunch and refreshments will be served.

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