

# The Wolfe Institute

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*The Ethyle R. Wolfe Institute for the Humanities,  
in cooperation with the Robert L. Hess Scholar-In-Residence Planning Committee,  
presents*

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## Slow Violence, Inequality and the Environmentalism of the Poor



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*Slow Violence and the Environmentalism of the Poor* has received four prizes: an American Book Award; the 2012 Sprout Prize from the International Studies Association for the best book in environmental studies; the 2012 Interdisciplinary Humanities Award for the best book to straddle disciplines in the humanities; and the 2013 biennial ASLE Award for the best book in environmental literary studies. *Slow Violence* was also selected by *Choice* as an outstanding book of 2011.

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**Monday, March 14 - Thursday, March 17, 2016**  
**Brooklyn College Campus**  
**Events open to the public**

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## Program of Events March 14 to March 17, 2016

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### Monday, March 14th, 2016

#### *Apartheid & Memoir*

Discussion with undergraduate students enrolled in  
Anthropology 2215: Anthropology of Race (Katie Rose Hejtmanek);  
English 3193: Contemporary Literary Criticism & Theory (Moustafa Bayoumi).  
**9:30 to 10:45 a.m., Penthouse, Student Center**

#### *True Cost, a Documentary Film by Andrew Morgan*

A screening of the documentary of the environmental and labor costs in the fashion industry.  
**12:15 to 2 p.m., Occidental Lounge, Student Center, fifth floor**

#### *Victoria's Big Secret: The Environmental Footprint of the Fashion Industry*

Discussion with undergraduate students enrolled in  
Business 3160: Fashion Marketing (Veronica Manlow);  
History 3472: American Dreams and Realities (Jocelyn Wills)  
History 4006: U.S. Cultural History (Christian Warren).  
**2:15 to 3:30 p.m., Occidental Lounge, Student Center, fifth floor**

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### Tuesday, March 15th, 2016

#### *Speculative Nonfiction*

Discussion with undergraduate students enrolled in  
Television and Radio 2726W: Television and Radio Journalism (John Anderson);  
English 4105: Seminar in American Literature & Culture (Joseph Entin).  
**11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., Jefferson-Williams Lounge, Student Center, fourth floor**

#### *Visualizing New York History: A Presentation by Eric Sanderson and Visionmaker NYC*

Workshop with students enrolled in  
History 3476: Cities and Nature in American History (Michael Rawson).  
**3:40 to 4:55 p.m., Jefferson-Williams Lounge, Student Center, fourth floor**

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### Wednesday, March 16th, 2016

#### *Military, War, and the Environment: Ecologies of the Aftermath*

Discussion with undergraduate students enrolled in  
English 3167: Transnational America (Moustafa Bayoumi);  
Philosophy 3309: Environmental Ethics (Michael Menser);  
American Studies 3212: 1960s in Crisis (Jocelyn Wills).  
**11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., Penthouse, Student Center**

#### *Robert L. Hess Memorial Lecture*

Slow Violence, Inequality and the Environmentalism of the Poor  
**5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Woody Tanger Auditorium, Brooklyn College Library, first floor**

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### Thursday, March 17th, 2016

#### *How to Melt a Glacier in 3 Minutes: Telling Stories of Environmental Change*

Roundtable discussion with Namulundah Florence, Michael Menser, and Christian Warren.  
**12:15 to 2 p.m., Maroon Room, Student Center, sixth floor**

#### *Bosses of the Biosphere? Earth Mastery, Plutocracy, and Environmental Justice*

Discussion with undergraduate students enrolled in  
Sociology 2101: Classical Social Theory (Lawrence Johnson);  
Sustainability 2001W: Urban Sustainability Theory (Tammy Lewis).  
**2:15 to 3:30 p.m., Gold Room, Student Center, sixth floor**

#### *Commodifying of Sacred Spaces*

Discussion with graduate students enrolled in  
Sociology 7341X: Race and Ethnicity (Lawrence Johnson).  
**6:30 to 8 p.m., State Lounge, Student Center, fifth floor**