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DEBT Conference

Conference Program
April 29 - May 1, 2010

Curricular Guide: speaker info, abstracts, suggested readings, representative publications

Thursday, April 29
Milwaukee Art Museum
700 Art Museum Drive

5:00 pm **Welcome (and speaker registration)**
Chipstone Decorative Arts Galleries, lower level

6:15 pm **Theaster Gates, Jr.**
[Performance and lecture](#) related to the exhibition, "To Speculate Darkly"
Lubar Auditorium
Co-sponsored by the Chipstone Foundation

Friday, April 30
Curtin 175
3243 N Downer Ave

12:30 pm **Welcome**, Dean Richard Meadows, Merry Wiesner-Hanks, and Peter Y. Paik

1:00 - 2:30 pm **The Economics of Debt**
Richard D. Wolff, "Consumer Debt and the Economic Crisis"
Elaine Lewinnek, "The Cost of the American Dream: Historic Perspective on the Housing Crisis"
Joel Magnuson, "Looking Beyond the Recession"
John S. Heywood (Economics, UWM), moderator

2:45 - 4:15 pm **The Ecology of Debt**
Gerry Canavan, "Debt, Theft, Permaculture: Justice and Ecological Scale"
Genese Sodikoff, "Lazarus Effects: The Spectral Ecology and Political Economy of Extinction Debt in Madagascar"
Julianne Lutz Warren, "Placing Debt"
Erica Bornstein (Anthropology, UWM), moderator

4:30 - 6:00 pm **Keynote**
Michael A. Gillespie

Saturday, May 1
Hefter Conference Center
3271 N Lake Drive

10:30 am **Coffee and continental breakfast**

11:00 am - 12:30 pm **The Ethics of Debt**
Eleanor Courtemanche, "Unintended Consequences from Dickens to Hayek"
Kennan Ferguson, "Debt's Moral"
Stephen Gardner, "How Debt Replaces Guilt: Social Order vs Sacred Order"
William Bristow (Philosophy, UWM), moderator

12:30 pm - 1:30 pm **Lunch**

1:30 pm - 3:00 pm **The Demons of Debt**
Morris Berman, "Is Debt the New Karma? Why America Finally Fell Apart"
Mary Poovey, "Demonizing Debt, Naturalizing Finance"
Jason Puskar (English, UWM), moderator

3:15 pm - 4:45 pm **The Futures of Debt**
Michael Tratner, "The Resurrection of an Economic God: Keynes Becomes Postmodern"
Donald D. Hester, "China and the United States: The Bonds of Debt"
Steven Shaviro, "The 'Bitter Necessity' of Debt: Neoliberal Finance and the Society of Control"
Tracey Heatherington (Anthropology, UWM), moderator

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm **Closing Discussion**



[Map/Directions](#): Curtin Hall, Hefter Conference Center, Kenilworth Square Apartments



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