

Sensing the Unseen

Sensing the Unseen: Introduction

September 17 3:00–5:00 PM

Constance Classen, Concordia University
The History of the Senses

David Howes, Concordia University
How Many Senses are There?

Discussants
Noel Jackson, MIT
Caroline Jones, MIT

The Elusive: Listening

October 22 2:30–5:00 PM

Steven Feld, University of New Mexico
Acoustemologies

Hillel Schwartz, Independent Scholar
*Cross Polytopes & Octaphons More Agreeable:
Toward A Taxonomy of Sounds All Around But Not Quite There*

Discussants
Wayne Marshall, MIT
Jimena Canales, Harvard

The Unaccounted: Measuring

November 12 2:30–5:00 PM

Kim Fortun, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Measuring Exposure Science

Sarah Igo, Vanderbilt University
Knowing Citizens

Discussants
Alain Pottage, London School of Economics
David Kaiser, MIT

The Occult: Governing

December 3 2:30–5:00 PM

Adam Ashforth, University of Michigan
*Spiritual Insecurity in the Democratic State:
A Relational Realist Approach*

Erik Mueggler, University of Michigan
Rule and Mystery in the Poetics of Death

Discussants
Mark Auslander, Brandeis
Mary Steedly, Harvard

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