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■ LISTENING TO TRAUMA

A Conference in Celebration of the
20th Anniversary of Cathy Caruth's
Unclaimed Experience

Thursday, April 27 - Goldwin Smith Hall, *Room 142*

4:30pm **Opening Lecture**

Amy Ziering, "Sexism, Lies and Videotape - Derrida, Trauma, Trump and Me"

Followed by a reception in the Pale Fire Lounge

7:30pm Film screening of *The Hunting Ground* at Cornell Cinema

Friday, April 28 - A.D. White House, *Guerlac Room*

10:00am **Breakfast**

10:30am - 12:30pm **Opening Roundtable: "Unclaimed Experience 20 Years On"**

Cathy Caruth (Cornell), Ronald Mendoza-de Jesús (University of Southern California), Andrea Mendoza (Cornell), and Nasrin Olla (Cornell)

12:30pm **Lunch**

1:00pm - 2:30pm **Globalisation and Trauma**

Jennifer Ballengee (Towson University), "Aporias: Refugees, Trauma, Comparative Literature"

David Kelman (California State University, Fullerton), "Trauma and Comparison, or the Age of the World Relay"

2:30pm - 2:45pm **Coffee**

2:45pm - 4:45pm New Approaches to Trauma

María del Rosario Acosta López (De Paul), “Grammars of Listening”
Arnika Fuhrmann (Cornell), “Buddhist Melancholia: Trauma, Agency, and Pleasure in a Southeast Asian Transmedia Archive”
Brett de Bary (Cornell), “Politics of the Stammer, Poetics of Sound: Lee Chonghwa and the Inheritance of Colonial Memory”

4:45pm - 6:45pm Modes of Listening

Jeannie Suk Gersen (Harvard), “Traumatic Socratic”
Mee-Ju Ro (Cornell), “Contested Forms of Testimony: The Limitations of Reported Speech”
Petra Schweitzer (Shenandoah University), “Trauma: The Call for Memory”
Followed by a reception

Saturday, April 29 - A.D. White House, *Guerlac Room*

10:00am Breakfast

10:30am - 12:00pm Traumatic Archives

Françoise Davoine (L'École des hautes études en sciences sociales), “Listening to Trauma: Resisting the Banalization of Evil”
Elizabeth Wijaya (Cornell), “ ‘Confess, Say You Are a Marxist’: On Recent Political Cinema in Singapore”

12:00pm Lunch

12:30pm - 2:30pm The Climate of Trauma

Avery Slater (University of Toronto), “Traumatic Ecology: Unwakenings”
Aaron Sachs (Cornell), “The Trauma of Climate Change and the Trauma of Modernity”
Ruoji Tang (Cornell), “The Wounded Earth”

2:30pm - 2:45pm Coffee

2:45pm - 4:45pm Literature and Trauma

Ulrich Baer (NYU), “ ‘Time does not Console...’: Rainer Maria Rilke’s Letters of Condolence”
Ji Hyun Lee (Cornell), “Traumatized Time: Modernist and Science Fiction War Novels”
Jared Stark (Eckerd College), “ ‘La cosa incredibile’ (*Inferno* 13.50): Trauma and the Right to Die”

Closing Remarks

Cathy Caruth (Cornell)

Followed by a reception

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