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### UW-Madison - The Center for the Humanities - What is Human? Fall 2009 Conference

**The Center for the Humanities** proudly presents: What is Human? Fall 2009 Conference

October 1, 2009 @ 7:00 pm to October 3, 2009

Microbial Sciences, Pyle Center, Chazen Museum of Art

A three day event exploring the transformations and genealogies of the human from a multidisciplinary perspective. The conference will trace two overlapping lines of inquiry: one devoted to biotechnology, bioethics, and biopolitics (tissues, stem cells, genomics, IVF, the making of the human body) and the other to neuroscience, neurotechnology, and neuroethics (creativity, sovereignty, identity, emotion, plasticity, the making of the human mind and brain).

Participants will include:

Jay Clayton

William R. Kenan, Jr. Professor and Chair,  
Department of English  
Vanderbilt University

Evelyn Fox Keller  
Professor of the History and Philosophy of Science,  
Emerita  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Ian Hacking  
Emeritus Professor of Philosophy  
University of Toronto and College de France

Jennifer Michael Hecht  
Poet, Historian, Philosopher, and Author  
The New School

Marco Iacoboni

Associate Professor, Neuropsychiatric Institute  
Director of the Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation  
Lab

Ahmanson Lovelace Brain Mapping Center  
David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA

Deborah Jenson  
Professor of French  
Duke University

Jenny E. Sabin and Peter Lloyd Jones  
Founders of LabStudio  
Institute for Medicine & Engineering, School of  
Design, Nonlinear Systems  
The University of Pennsylvania

Please click [HERE](#) for a complete list of speakers

Please click [Here](#) to Register. Registration is FREE and open to the public, but required.

Center for the Humanities, University of Wisconsin - Madison  
218 Memorial Library, 728 State Street, Madison WI 53706  
tel: 608-263-3412

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\*The Robert F. & Jean E. Holtz Center for Science and Technology Studies Graduate Student Research Travel Grants Fall/Winter 2009 – 10\*

Web: <http://sts.wisc.edu/>

*We are now accepting proposals for consideration*

Travel grants of up to a maximum of \$1,000 will be offered to graduate students working on STS-related research for travel to research sites or to present papers in professional conferences this fall. Some preference will be given to those with a PhD minor in STS, but all students with STS-related dissertations are encouraged to apply. For research-related expenses, grants may be used for travel to ethnographic research sites, for interviews and collaborative work, or for access to archival collections and specialized libraries. Travel must be completed by January 18, 2010.

\*Applicants are to submit the following materials:\*

- 1) A description of the travel to be undertaken (whether for a conference or travel to research site) and its relation to the student's research. No more than two pages. Include one paragraph in the proposal explaining how their work fits with and adds to science and technology studies.
- 2) A short statement from the student's graduate adviser endorsing the proposed research travel (email is OK)
- 3) A current c.v.
- 4) An itemized cost estimate for travel costs, food and lodging. Expenses must be reasonable, and in no case can exceed state reimbursement limits. (See <http://www.uwsa.edu/fadmin/fppp/fppp36.htm>.)
- 5) \*\_Deadline for applications is Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009\_\*  
<<http://www.uwsa.edu/fadmin/fppp/fppp36.htm.%29>> \*

Applications should be sent to:\*

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Holtz Center for Science and Technology Studies

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Institute on the Environment (IonE) at the University of Minnesota – Two postdoc programs

The new Institute on the Environment (IonE) at the University of Minnesota has several immediate openings for two postdoc programs: the Global Renewable Energy Leadership Fellows and the North Star Fellows.

The Global Renewable Energy Leadership Fellows postdoctoral positions are intended to support work on finding solutions to our international energy challenges, particularly those in developing countries. This is part of the Initiative for Renewable Energy and the Environment (IREE), a signature program of the Institute.

The North Star Fellowship positions will support cutting-edge, stakeholder-driven research on effective sustainability solutions, as part of the new NorthStar Consortium -- a unique collaborative of corporate, nonprofit, government and university partners. This is also part of the new Initiative for Sustainable Enterprise (iSE) at the Institute, which is focused on finding real-world sustainability solutions, in collaboration with the private, non-profit and government sectors.

For more information, visit: <http://environment.umn.edu/about/employment.html>.

Applications are due September 1, 2009.

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## University of Manitoba - Research Chair in Watershed Systems

<http://www.geog.umanitoba.ca/dept/cag/jobs.htm#L825>

The University of Manitoba invites applications and nominations for a Research Chair in Watershed Systems. The Chair will lead and coordinate research aimed at improving water quality in Manitoba and focus on the processes and management practices that will reduce non-point contamination of water within Lake Winnipeg's watershed. The province of Manitoba has committed \$1.25 million over five years, through the Manitoba Research and Innovation Fund, to support the proposed research chair. The successful candidate will serve as Chair for a five year period beginning January 1, 2010 or soon thereafter. In addition, a tenure-track or tenured appointment at an academic rank of Associate Professor or Professor, commensurate with qualifications and experience, will be granted. The departmental affiliation of the Chair holder will be determined by his/her particular academic/research expertise. Applicants with expertise in land-water interface dynamics related to the complex physical, chemical and biological processes affecting water quality are encouraged to apply.

The University has comprehensive expertise in the water area with active research programs encompassing aquatic and wetland ecosystems, land management and nutrient leaching, water infrastructure, climate, weather events, water quality, contaminant dispersal, water pollution control, waste water treatment, water policy and ice dynamics. The bulk of the University's research efforts in this regard are currently concentrated in the faculties of environment, earth, and resources; agricultural and food sciences; engineering; and science. Each of these units have extensive leading-edge research infrastructure capable of supporting work in this area.

The Research Chair will play a leadership role in coordination and communication of multi-disciplinary water research within the University and with other research partners. In carrying out their activities, the chair will work collaboratively with key stakeholders and research agencies (government, NGOs, boards/councils, research consortia, etc.).

The qualifications of the Chair will include:

- Ph.D. in science, engineering or related disciplines with international recognition in the field of watershed systems, as evidenced by a strong publication record in high impact journals and the acquisition of national or international peer-reviewed grants and contracts;
- demonstrated teaching excellence, including supervision of highly qualified personnel;
- superior history of successfully coordinating researchers and building productive multi-disciplinary research teams from a variety of institutions and/or organizations; and
- demonstrated ability to communicate science to a range of stakeholders, including the general public, clearly and effectively.

The selection and appointment of the Chair will be conducted in accordance with University policy on Chairs and Professorships.

The University of Manitoba encourages applications from qualified women and men, including members of visible minorities, Aboriginal peoples and persons with disabilities. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority. Application materials, including letters of reference, will be handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (Manitoba). Please note that curriculum vitae may be provided to participating members of the search process.

Deadline for applications to position number 09793 (including curriculum vitae and the names of three references and contact information) is October 1, 2009.

Please send applications to:

Dr. Digvir Jayas

Vice-President (Research) and Chair of the Search Committee,

207 Administration Building

University of Manitoba

Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3T 2N2

or by e-mail to Digvir Jayas [igvir\\_jayas@umanitoba.ca](mailto:igvir_jayas@umanitoba.ca)

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McGill University - Department of Geography and the McGill School of Environment - Assistant Professor in Urban Ecology/Sustainability

<http://www.geog.uvic.ca/dept/cag/jobs.htm#L826>

Applications are invited for a joint tenure-track position at the Assistant Professor level in the Department of Geography and the McGill School of Environment in Urban Ecology/Sustainability beginning on July 1, 2010. Urbanization is one of the primary processes responsible for global transformation of ecosystems and landscapes. Over half of the world's inhabitants now live in cities and the environmental footprint of urban areas extends well beyond the physical fraction of the Earth's surface they occupy. Cities themselves are complex ecosystems: they have inorganic and organic components; they provide habitat for distinct assemblages of species; they consume and transform energy and resources; they generate waste; and they are intricately connected to natural systems. At the same time, urbanization removes inhabitants from the immediate experience of supporting ecological systems making the concept of sustainability more virtual than visceral. As cities expand, their populations increasingly dwell in locations vulnerable to changes in the global environment and urban-based producers and consumers account overwhelmingly for the world's fossil fuel consumption and greenhouse gas emissions. A grand challenge of our times is to build knowledge of how urban places can be transformed to support human development in ways that sustain bio-physical environments, knowledge that is of critical importance given the current trajectory of global climate change.

The person who fills this position will conduct research that contributes to our understanding of how complex urban systems respond to, and in turn drive, environmental perturbations across scales from the local to global. The person would have expertise in ecology and sustainability, and in innovative approaches to achieving a sustainable interface between the urban setting and the non-urban environment.

This position will provide an important addition for undergraduate and graduate programs offered by the School of Environment (<http://www.mcgill.ca/mse/>) and the Department of Geography (<http://www.geog.mcgill.ca/>), and has the potential to contribute to programs in Sustainability Science and Urban Systems. There would also be potential interactions with other Departments with interests in the environment, such as Biology, Natural Resource Sciences, and the School of Urban Planning.

Such a position would be consistent with the inter-disciplinary Environment theme elaborated in the McGill 'White Paper': [http://www.mcgill.ca/files/provost/Strengths\\_and\\_Aspirations\\_June\\_2006.pdf](http://www.mcgill.ca/files/provost/Strengths_and_Aspirations_June_2006.pdf). It is also consistent with the greater attention to 'sustainability' that has been adopted by McGill.

Applicants must possess a Ph.D. or expect to graduate by summer 2010, and have demonstrated excellence in research, teaching and communication. Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. The successful candidate may be nominated for a Canada Research Chair in the NSERC area.

McGill University is committed to equity in employment and diversity. It welcomes applications from indigenous peoples, visible minorities, ethnic minorities, persons with disabilities, women, persons of minority sexual orientations and gender identities and others who may contribute to further diversification. All qualified applicants are encouraged to apply; however, in accordance with Canadian immigration requirements, priority will be given to Canadian citizens and permanent residents of Canada.

Candidates should ensure that their curriculum vitae, statements of teaching specializations and research interests, up to three reprints, and letters from three referees are sent to the following address. The review of applications will begin November 1, 2009 and applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

Dr. Tim Moore, Chair, Department of Geography

Dr. Marilyn Scott, Director, McGill School of Environment

McGill University, Room 705, 805 Sherbrooke St. West

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