

HASS Earthweek Festival

Sensibilities Symposium – Artists and Living Systems, Animals and Plants

An artist/art historian and philosopher offer insight into art + biology, challenging us to re-imagine and re-think the lives of plants and animals.

Art historian and artist, **Dr. Steve Baker**, Emeritus Professor of Art History at the University of Central Lancashire, England, and author of *Artist|Animal* (University of Minnesota Press, 2013) will give a talk, ***“The redescription of the world,”*** about artists working with animals, and how the work of language and the work of material animal form might find productive common ground without one diminishing the other in the case of art that engages with questions of animal life.

Philosopher/art critique, **Dr. Monika Bakke**, Associate Professor, Philosophy Department, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznan, Poland, and author of *Bio-transfigurations: Art and Aesthetics of Post-humanism* (2010) will give a talk, ***“And the plant responded,”*** about plant behavior and intelligence which is no longer only the concern of plant biologists, but also of philosophers and artists who explore the necessity of human-plant relations, allowing the public to see where and how far we can go with plants under existing ethical frameworks.

**Tuesday, April 22, 2014
6:30 PM - 9:00 PM
RPI EMPAC Studio Two
Volmer Fries
Distinguished Lecture**

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