

Daily Schedule  
 ENGL 3116-003 Topics in Advanced Theory  
 Posthuman Media

+I will add to and clarify this schedule as needed throughout the semester.  
 +Verbal instructions from me always supersede this document.  
 +Consult Text List for where to obtain readings.  
 +All readings are due on the day they are listed. It is up to you to obtain the texts in question, either through the means I have provided or on your own.

**Introduction: The Limits of (Human) Thought**

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|    | Tuesday 23<br>August  | intro to class                                                                                                                                                                         |
| W1 | Thursday 25<br>August | Foucault: Preface to <i>The Order of Things</i><br>Thacker: "Life and the Living" (just pp 1 - 3)<br>Lyotard: "Can Thought Go On Without a Body?"<br><b>Discussion thread 1 begins</b> |

**Part I: "Nature"**

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| W2 | Tuesday 30<br>August     | Parikka: Introduction to <i>Insect Media</i>                                                                                                |
|    | Thursday 1<br>September  | Butler: <i>Imago</i> (parts 1 - 2)                                                                                                          |
| W3 | Tuesday 6<br>September   | Butler: <i>Imago</i> (part 3)                                                                                                               |
|    | Thursday 8<br>September  | Deleuze: "Ethology: Spinoza and Us"<br><b>Discussion thread 1 ends</b><br><b>Discussion thread 2 begins</b>                                 |
| W4 | Tuesday 13<br>September  | Uexküll: from <i>A Foray into the Worlds of Animals and Humans</i><br>Burroughs: from <i>Junky</i>                                          |
|    | Thursday 15<br>September | Agamben: <i>The Open</i> (pp 1 - 47)                                                                                                        |
| W5 | Tuesday 20<br>September  | Agamben: <i>The Open</i> (pp 49 - 92)                                                                                                       |
|    | Thursday 22<br>September | Guattari: from <i>The Three Ecologies</i>                                                                                                   |
| W6 | Tuesday 27<br>September  | Morton: from <i>Ecology Without Nature</i> & from <i>The Ecological Thought</i>                                                             |
|    | Thursday 29<br>September | Heidegger: "The Thing"<br>Harman: "Heidegger on Objects and Things"<br><b>Discussion thread 2 ends</b><br><b>Discussion thread 3 begins</b> |
| W7 | Tuesday 4<br>October     | Grosz: "The Thing"                                                                                                                          |
|    | Thursday 6<br>October    | Bennett: "The Force of Things"                                                                                                              |
| W8 | Tuesday 11<br>October    | DeLanda: from <i>A Thousand Years of Nonlinear History</i>                                                                                  |
|    | Thursday 13<br>October   | Thacker: "Life and the Living" (pp 3 - 24)<br><b>Midterm paper due</b>                                                                      |

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**Part II: "Culture"**

W9	Tuesday 18 October	Johnston: Introduction to <i>The Allure of Machinic Life</i>
	Thursday 20 October	Thacker: "Networks, Swarms, Multitudes, Part Two" & "Biophilosophy for the 21st Century" <b>Discussion thread 3 ends</b> <b>Discussion thread 4 begins</b>
W10	Tuesday 25 October	Dawkins: from <i>The Selfish Gene</i> Burroughs: from <i>The Third Mind</i>
	Thursday 27 October	Parikka: "Contagion and Repetition: On the Viral Logic of Network Culture"
W11	Tuesday 1 November	Stiegler: "Theories of Technical Evolution"
	Thursday 3 November	Agamben: "What is an Apparatus?" <b>Discussion thread 4 ends</b> <b>Discussion thread 5 begins</b>
W12	Tuesday 8 November	Tiqqun: from <i>This is Not a Program</i>
	Thursday 10 November	McLuhan: from <i>The Gutenberg Galaxy</i>
W13	Tuesday 15 November	Flusser: from <i>Does Writing Have a Future?</i>
	Thursday 17 November	McLuhan: "The Gadget Lover: Narcissus and Narcosis" <b>Discussion thread 5 ends</b> <b>Discussion thread 6 begins</b>
W14	Tuesday 22 November	<b>No class: fall break</b>
	Thursday 24 November	
W15	Tuesday 29 November	Flusser: from <i>Into the Universe of Technical Images</i>
	Thursday 1 December	Burroughs: <i>The Cut Ups</i>
W16	Tuesday 6 December	Daston & Galison: "Seeing is Making: Manufacture"
	Thursday 8 December	Barad: "The Ontology of Knowing"
Post	Tuesday 13 December	<b>Discussion Thread 6 ends</b> <b>Final essay due by 12.00 to my mailbox in 101 Hellems</b>