



HUMANITIES INSTITUTE AT STONY BROOK PRESENTS



# HISTORIES OF THE FUTURE

## HUMANITIES FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

presents

Thursday, September 29, 2016 at 4 pm, 1008 Humanities

### TOWARDS AN OIL INVENTORY

**Jennifer Wenzel**, *Columbia University*

In the spirit of Edward Said and Antonio Gramsci, this talk will trace the presence (and absence) of oil in our lives, so that we might “know ourselves” in relation to oil and our attachments to it. What if oil now informs our understanding of what it means to be human?

**Jennifer Wenzel** is a scholar of postcolonial studies and environmental and energy humanities and Associate Professor English and Comparative Literature at Columbia University. She is the author of *Bulletproof: Afterlives of Anticolonial Prophecy in South Africa and Beyond* and co-editor (with Imre Szeman and Patricia Yaeger) of the forthcoming book, *Fueling Culture: 101 Words for Energy and Environment*.



Thursday, November 17, 2016 at 4 pm, 1008 Humanities

### PHOTOGRAPHING PEOPLE IN NATURE

**Lucas Foglia**, *Photographer*

This talk will focus on art, activism and climate change, and how to share stories with the world.

**Lucas Foglia** grew up on a family farm in New York and currently lives in San Francisco. His photographs are exhibited and collected internationally. He has authored two books, and works for magazines including *National Geographic* and the *New York Times Sunday Magazine*.



Foglia, Lucas. *Jewett Elk Feedground, Merna, Wyoming 2010*



Foglia, Lucas. *Coal Storage, TS Power Plant, Newmont Mining Corporation, Dunphy, Nevada 2012*

Background Image: Supri Supri for Reuters. A worker walks in between oil barrels at Pertamina's storage depot in Jakarta January 26, 2011.

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