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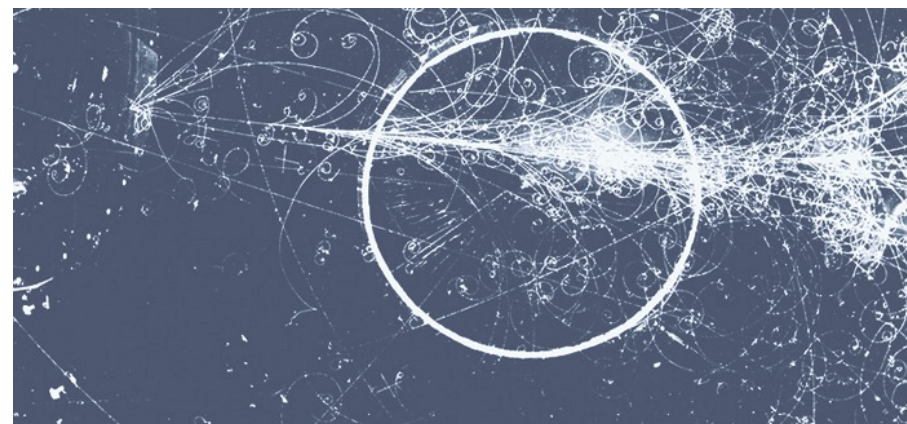
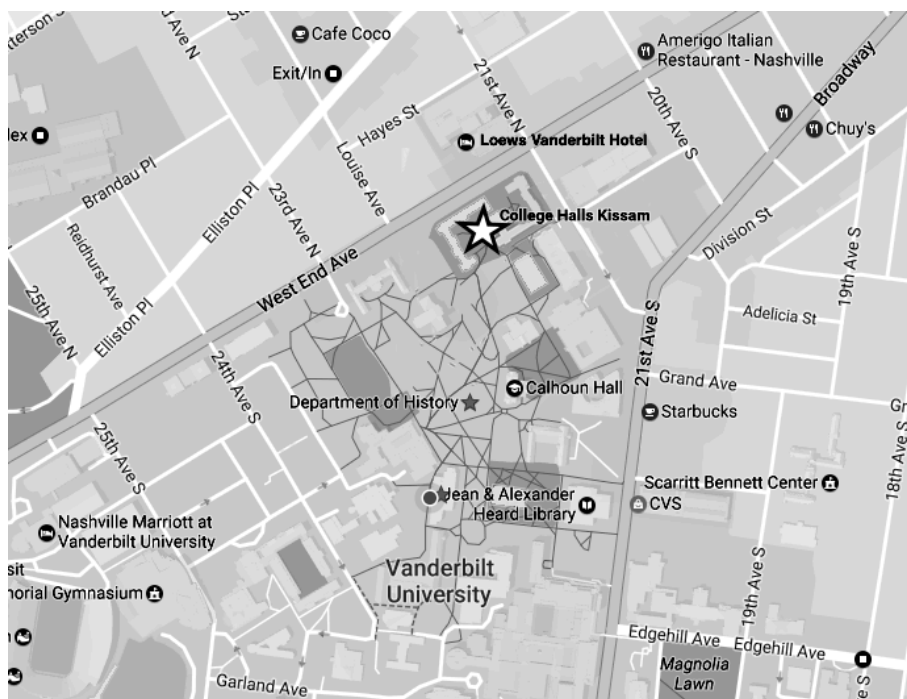
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**THE 11<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SOUTHERN  
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**Vanderbilt University · Kissam Center C216  
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FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 2017

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**7:15 PM PLENARY: DEFENDING SCIENCE: 1848 AND TODAY**

Lynn K. Nyhart · University of Wisconsin – Madison

Dr. Lynn K. Nyhart, Vilas-Bablitch-Kelch Distinguished Achievement Professor of the History of Science at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, specializes in the history of biology, particularly in modern Germany. She served as president of the History of Science Society from 2012 to 2013, and is the author of *Biology Takes Form: Animal Morphology and the German Universities, 1800-1900* and *Modern Nature: The Rise of the Biological Perspective in Germany*, which was awarded the 2009 Susan E. Abrams Prize in History of Science.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2017

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8:30 - 9:00 REGISTRATION

9:00 CONFERENCE WELCOME

9:15 - 10:45 SESSION I: HISTORY OF (AND IN) SCIENTIFIC  
DISCIPLINES  
AND EDUCATION

**Moderator:** Alistair Sponsel (Vanderbilt University)

**Karen Rader** · Virginia Commonwealth University · Science for Grown-ups: Historical Landscapes of Adult STEM Learning in the Post-War United States

**John Powers** · Virginia Commonwealth University · The History of History in the Chemistry Curriculum: A Look at the Journal of Chemical Education

**Erik Peterson** · The University of Alabama · Is the History of Theoretical Biology Cyclical?

10:45 - 11:15 COFFEE BREAK

11:15 - 12:15 SESSION II: INSTITUTIONS AND THEIR PUBLICS

**Moderator:** Adam Miller (Vanderbilt University)

**Sarah Lewin** · Mississippi State University · A Business of Death: Arsenic Abuse in 1830s Britain

**Laurel Waycott** · Yale University · 'Evolution Made Easy!' Henry Balfour and the Evolution of Decorative Art

12:15 - 1:45 LUNCH, KISSAM CENTER C210

*Free lunch with registration*

1:45 - 3:15 - SESSION III: BUILDING AND DEMARCATING  
SCIENTIFIC SPACES

**Moderator:** Pat Anthony (Vanderbilt University)

**Johnathon Speed** · Vanderbilt University · Italian and Austrian Academics on the South Tyrol Question: A Tale of Scientific Demarcation

**J'Nese Williams** · Vanderbilt University · Working in British Colonial Botanic Gardens: India and the Caribbean, 1780s to the 1830s

**Justin Shapiro** · University of Maryland-College Park · Remaking the Capital in their Own Image: Bourgeois Housing Reformers Encounter the Built Environment, 1900-1950

3:15 - 3:45 COFFEE BREAK

3:45 - 5:15 SESSION IV: DIAGNOSIS AND THE HISTORY OF  
MEDICINE

**Moderator:** Laura Stark (Vanderbilt University)

**Elliott Bowen** · Nazarbayev University · Diagnosing Syphilis at the Hot Springs Army and Navy General Hospital, 1890-1912

**Jenifer Dodd** · Berea College · Diagnosis on Trial: Expert Witnesses and Debates over Sexually Violent Predator Laws

**Kathleen Sullivan** · Mississippi State University · Out of the Wild: Animals, Disease, and the Environment in Mid-Twentieth Century America

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