

Meeting of the
Colloquium on Violence
and Religion
University of Northern Iowa,
Cedar Falls, IA, July 10-14, 2013

A Land between Two Rivers: Space, Place, and Mimetic Theory

Keynote Addresses

*"Religion, Ecology, and
the Planetary Other:
Opening Spaces for Differ-
ence."* Whitney Bauman,
Florida International Uni-
versity.

*"Restoring Ecological
Health in an Agricultural
Sacrifice Zone."* Laura
Jackson, University of
Northern Iowa.

*"Green Mimesis: Girard,
Nature, and the Practice of
More with Less."* Mark
Wallace, Swarthmore Col-
lege.

COV&R Mission Statement

*"To explore, criticize,
and develop the mi-
metic model of the re-
lationship between
violence and religion
in the genesis and
maintenance of
culture."*



"Humanity is more than
ever the author of its own
fall because it has become
able to destroy its world."
- René Girard

-Call for Papers-

Papers on Conference Theme:

- In what ways can mimetic theory illuminate environmental issues and priorities?
- How do we understand links between violence and religion in the context of environmental degradation?
- Can mimetic theory contribute to environmental ethics?
- How do interdisciplinary conversations among mimetic theorists illuminate ecological issues?
- How does mimetic theory shed light on intersections between religious beliefs and practices and ecological themes?
- How can mimetic theory contribute to our understanding of connections among organisms and varied forms of life?
- The vast expanse of land and sky in the Midwest, which visitors find so striking, may sharpen our awareness also of human relationships to non-rural spaces and places. In what ways does mimetic theory illuminate such reflections?

Papers on Other Topics:

- In addition to proposals on the conference theme, we welcome paper topics that span the breadth of mimetic theory.
- See conference website for a "Call for Seminar Topics." Seminars focus on discussion of pre-distributed papers.
- We especially welcome proposals from graduate students and young scholars. Housing options include inexpensive dormitories.

Proposals are due March 15, 2013.
Contact information, title, and a 300-
word abstract should be sent to:

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