USES AND ABUSES OF THOREAU AT 200:
A SYMPOSIUM HELD AT
THE WALLENBERG CENTER, GOTHENBURG, MAY 2-4, 2018:

PROGRAM:

Wednesday, May 2:

AM: Registration & updated schedule: 8:15-8:45 at the Wallenberg Center, address: Medicinaregatan 20, Gothenburg.


AM: 9:00-10:00, Plenary: Rochelle Johnson, The College of Idaho, Caldwell, USA: “Thoreau’s Mourning Work in an Age of Political Abuse” – Call: “Grieving with the Kingfisher”

Coffee Break, 10:00-10:25

AM Session 1: Thoreau in the Global (Ex)Community: 10:30-12:00

Brent Ranalli, The Ronin Institute, Mass., USA: ”Thoreau’s lifelong Indian play: Imagination, contact, and character formation”

Patrick Geiger, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, Munich, GER: ”The Fluid Subject: Thoreau’s Walden and Global Awareness”

Michael J. Frederick, Executive Director, The Thoreau Society, Mass., USA: ”A Critique of Eastern and Western Influences on Thoreau’s Reform Ethic”

Lunch Break, 12:00-13:00

PM: Session 1: Thoreau in the Global (Ex)Community, continued: 13:00-14:30

Rebecca Kneale Gould, Middlebury College, Vermont, USA: ”200 Years Later: Why and How Race Matters When Reading Thoreau”

Andrew McMurry, Univ. of Waterloo, Ontario, CAN: ”Trump Summer, with Thoreau”

Mark Luccarelli, Univ. of Oslo, Norway: ”Thoreau and Globalism: The Maine Woods and Beyond”

Coffee Break, 14:30-14:50

PM: Session 2: Thoreau, Natural Science & the World(s) Beyond: 14:50-16:20

Robert Sattelmeyer, Univ. of Georgia, USA: ”Thoreau and Natural Science: Trajectories & 20th-century Re-evaluations”

Thomas Potter, Former President, Thoreau Society, Indiana, USA: ”Chasing the Morning Wind: Thoreau’s Mystical/Transcendental Exploration of the Wild & Evolutionary
Science.”

Ronald Wesley Hoag, East Carolina Univ., USA: "Natural Sabbath: Thoreau’s Mild Sublime”

Reception (wine & wraps): 16:20-16:50

16:50-19:00: European premiere screening of Huey’s documentary film Henry David Thoreau: Surveyor of the Soul, 2017 (114 min).

Voluntary joint dinner at restaurant Market, address: Rosenlundsgatan 8; booked to 19:30.

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Thursday, May 3:

AM: Session 3: Thoreau and the Nordic Imagination; 9:00-10:00

Joseph J. Moldenhauer, Univ. of Texas at Austin, USA: "Thoreau’s Scandinavian Interests: From Norse Mythology over the Family Sagas to Thorvaldsen”

Bergur Thorgeirsson, Snorrastofa Museum, Reykholt, ICE: “Thoreauvian Heroics: Carlylean Influences and Nordic Echoes”

Coffee Break, 10:00-10:25

AM: Session 4: Thoreauvian Practices: Body, Community, Spirit; 10:30-12:00

Lauren E. La Fauci, Linköping Univ., SWE: "’Kith and Kin:’ Thoreau and Yoga”

Matthew Schlein, Founder & Director, the Walden Project, Vermont, USA: “Integrating Thoreau’s Vision into Contemporary Public Education: A Look at the Walden Project”

Barry Andrews, Independent Scholar, Seattle, USA: "Thoreau’s Universal Spirituality”

Lunch Break, 12:00-13:00

PM: Session 5: Thoreauvian Aesthetics; 13:00-14:30

Jonas Mirbeth, Freie Univ. Berlin, GER: "The House is a Mess: John Cage Reads Mao Tse-tung and Henry David Thoreau”

Brian Bartlett, Saint Mary’s University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, CAN: "The Choicest of Relics: The Cover Designs of Walden”

Mark Gallagher, Univ. of California at Los Angeles, USA: "A Different Drummer: On Thoreauvian Echoes in W. M. Kelley’s Counterhistorical Novel of an Emancipated South”
Coffee Break, 14:30-14:55

**PM: Session 6: Thoreauvian Contacts & Contrasts: 15:00-16:30**

John J. Kucich, Bridgewater State Univ., USA, ”Thoreau’s Indian Problem”

Geoff Wisner, Thoreau editor, Yale Univ. Press, USA: ”Country Mouse & City Mouse: Henry David Thoreau and George Templeton Strong”

Iuliu Ratiu, Independent Scholar, Romania: ”Thoreau’s Relevance in (Illiberal?) Romania”

*Aperitif* refreshments: ca 16:45-17:45

*Conference Dinner at adjacent Restaurant Norden, 18:00-22:00*, including special presentation by Geoff Wisner, Thoreau editor, Yale Univ. Press, USA: ”Animals of Concord versus Henry David Thoreau”


Friday, May 4:

**AM: Plenary: 9:30-10:30, Kristen Case, The Univ. of Maine at Farmington, USA: “Thoreau’s Morning Work in an Age of Political Abuse” – “Response: Thoreau’s Vulnerable Resistance.”**

Coffee Break, 10:30-10:55

**AM: Session 7: Thoreau’s Environmentalism: 11:00-12:00**

James Perrin Warren, Washington and Lee Univ. in Lexington, Virginia, USA: “Plant-Thinking”

Dennis Noson, Senior Engineer, BRC Acoustics, Seattle, USA & Independent Thoreau scholar: “Thoreau’s Acoustics: Understanding a World of Sound & Resonance”

Lunch Break, 12:00-13:00

**PM: Session 8: The Thoreauvian Archive: Digital and Analog: 13:00-14:00**

Paul Schacht, State Univ. of New York at Geneseo, USA: ”Digitizing Thoreau: Lessons and Insights from a SUNY Geneseo Project”

Steven Hartman, Mälardalen Univ., SWE: “A Funny Thing Happened at the Royal Swedish Library while I Was Updating My Thoreau Bibliography.”
Coffee Break, 14:00-14:25

PM: Session 9: Material Thoreau, 14:30-16:00

Duncan Caldwell, MPRI, Marine and Paleobiological Research Institute, Vineyard Haven, USA
“Thoreau’s Prehistoric Artifact Collection: A New Examination”

Matthew Wills, Educator & Naturalist, NYC, USA:
“Birding with Thoreau: Ornithology, Fieldwork & Spyglassing Past and Present”

Tomas Edvinsson, Ångström Laboratory, Uppsala University, SWE;
Feng-I Tai, Linköping University, SWE; Henrik Otterberg, Chalmers Science Park, SWE: “The Thoreau Pencil: A New Look at Composition & Sources”

Coffee Break, 16:00-16:25

Closing remarks; 16:30-17:00: Rochelle Johnson, Kristen Case, Henrik Otterberg.