PERFORMING SKIN

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21 - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21
Guerlac Room, A.D. White House (unless noted)

1:00 – 1:15 Welcome
Timothy Murray (Taylor Family Director, Society for the Humanities)

1:15 – 2:44 Featured Lecture
Cristina Malcolmson (Senior Scholar in Residence; Professor Emerita of English, Bates College), “The Fairest Lady”: Gender and Race in William Byrd’s ‘Account of a Negro-Boy that is dappel’d in several Places of his Body with White Spots’ (1697)

3:00 – 4:30 Social Skins
Naminata Diabate (Faculty Fellow; Assistant Professor of Comparative Literature, Cornell University), Secularizing Nudity
Ricardo A. Wilson II (Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow; Africana Studies & Research Center, Cornell University), On Stone and Skin: Covarrubias and the Olmec Problem

4:45 – 6:15 PLENARY LECTURE
Hollis E. Cornell Auditorium, Goldwin Smith Hall
Debjani Ganguly (Professor of English and Director, Institute of the Humanities and Global Cultures, University of Virginia)
The Skin of the World: Allegories of Global Terror

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22
Guerlac Room, A.D. White House (unless noted)

9:30 – 11:00 Literary Skins
Nancy Worman (Society Fellow; Professor of Classics and Comparative Literature, Barnard College and Columbia University), Strange Containers in Greek Tragedy
Kevin Ohi (Society Fellow; Professor of English, Boston College), Abstraction and Embodiment in Jacob’s Room

11:30 – 1:00 Medial Membranes
Andrea Bachner (Faculty Fellow; Associate Professor of Comparative Literature, Cornell University), Dermal Projections
Alicia Imperiale (Society Fellow), Body Topographies

2:00 – 3:30 Featured Lecture
Irene Tucker (Professor of English, University of California, Irvine), Seeing Skin: Before Racial Construction

4:00 – 5:00 CHOREOGRAPHIC PERFORMANCE
Dance Theater, Schwartz Performing Arts Building
The Low Mountain Top Collective presents Heurisko: a play about found things

5:00 – 6:00 CONCLUDING PANEL
Dance Theater, Schwartz Performing Arts Building
Samantha N. Sheppard (Faculty Fellow; Assistant Professor of Performing & Media Arts, Cornell University)
Pamela K. Gilbert (Society Fellow; Albert Brick Professor of English, University of Florida)
Gloria Kim (Society/Atkinson Sustainable Future Fellow)