2010 Second Annual Ethics Conference: Environmental Ethics. Keynote: Tony Weiss PhD.

**Environmental Ethics: the spaces between, contested, and shared**

**Sat., April 17th 8:00 am-4:30 pm**

**This conference explores ethics of human interactions with animals, local environmental issues, eco-grief and our spiritual ties to the environment.**

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER:  TONY WEIS, Ph.D.**

**Department of Geography, University of Western Ontario**

“Our Ecological Hoofprint, and that Other Population Bomb”

*FREE and open to the public.*

*Sponsored by the Department of History, Philosophy and Social Sciences, Center for Civic Engagement, and The BCC Philosophy Club*

***“We shall never achieve harmony with land, any more than we shall achieve absolute justice or liberty for people. In these higher aspirations, the important thing is not to achieve but to strive.” -Aldo Leopold***

**Keynote Speaker**

Tony Weis is an Associate Professor of Geography at the University of Western Ontario (London, Canada). His research is principally concerned with the political economy of agriculture and the struggles of small farmers. He is the author of *The Global Food Economy: The Battle for the Future of Farming* (Zed Books, 2007), which examines the structural imbalances, social tensions, and ecological instabilities in the global system of agricultural production and trade, and how it has been institutionally entrenched. Recent research has extended the analysis in the book to worsening conditions of global food security, and the ‘accelerating’ contradictions of industrial agriculture.

Prior to this focus on big picture agrarian political economy, his empirical research was in the field of political ecology and grounded in Jamaica. This research sought to understand the contemporary economic problems facing small farmers, as well as their environmental dimensions. It sought to combine the study of agricultural history, productive instabilities, policy restructuring (principally structural adjustment and deepening trade liberalization), and shifting trade patterns, with a locally contoured approach based upon extensive fieldwork with small farmers, giving central emphasis to their interpretations of problems and alternatives.

Conference Participants

* Kathie Arnold, Organic Dairy Farmer, Twin Oaks Farm, Cortland County
* Legislator, Chair, NYS Organic Task Force
* Cody Baciuska, BS, President NYS Wildlife Management Association
* Marcia Blackburn, PhD, Adjunct Instructor, Dept. of Fine and Media Arts,
* Dept. of History, Philosophy and Social Science
* Jay Boulanger, PhD, Extension Associate and Deer Program Coordinator, Cornell
* University
* Irene Byrnes,MA, Assistant Professor, Dept. of History, Philosophy and
* Social Sciences, Broome Community College
* Gregg Carusso, MA, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Chair, Dept. of
* Humanities, Corning Community College
* David Chirico, PhD, Associate Professor of English, Coordinator of College
* Writing, Broome Community College
* Mary Dickson, MA, Dean,  Dept. of Liberal Arts, Broome Community College
* Katheryn Doran, Ph.D, Associate Professor of Philosophy, member of
* Environmental Studies, Committee and Program, Hamilton College
* Adam Flint, Chair Binghamton Regional Sustainability Coalition
* Lorenz Firsching, PhD, Chair Dept. of History, Philosophy, and Social Science
* Douglas Garnar, MA, Distinguished Service Professor, Dept. of History,
* Philosophy and Social Sciences
* Charles Goodman, PhD, Associate Professor, Dept. of Philosophy, Dept. of
* Asian and Asian American Studies, Binghamton University
* Wendy Gonyea, teacher, writer, Onondaga Nation, Beaver Clan of the
* Haudenosaunee Confederacy
* Susan Greene, BA, Specialist, Shelter Outreach, Petfinder.com
* Rev. Janet Hanson, Minister, Christ Community Church, Cortland
* Bradley Kaye, PhD Candidate, Philosophy Interpretation and Culture,
* Binghamton University
* Rachel Anya Kaufman, MA, Binghamton University
* Hal Koster, PhD, Associate Professor, Dept. of History, Philosophy, and
* Social Science
* Kasim Kopuz, Islamic Organization of the Southern Tier
* Kennie Leet, MS, Assistant Professor, Chair, Dept. of Engineering Science
* Physics, Physical Sciences, Broome Community College
* Peg LoGalbo, MS, Associate Professor, Dept. of English, Broome Community
* College
* Laine Lubar, Onondaga Community College
* Rick Marsi, naturalist, contributor Press and Sun Bulletin
* Gabriel Piser, PhD Candidate, Philosophy, Interpretation and Culture
* Binghamton University
* Jill Shultz, MS, freelance writer and editor, Binghamton, NY
* Joseph Sluzar, Broome County Attorney
* Maria Terry, AA, Broome Community College
* Barbara Ulrich, D.V.M., Veterinarian, Chenango Animal Hospital
* Tony Weis, PhD, Associate Professor, Dept. of Geography, University of
* Western Ontario
* Don Weiss, PhD, Associate Professor,  Dept. of Philosophy, Binghamton
* University
* George Weinschenk, PhD, Adjunct Instructor, Dept. of English