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Making Modern Disabilities: Histories of Disability, Design, and Technology

A Conference at Hagley Museum and Library

Friday, October 28, 2016 • Hagley Soda House

8:00-8:30 – Coffee

8:30-10:15 – Users

Nicole Belolan, University of Delaware
"The Material Culture of Gout and Physical Disability in Early America"

Penny Wolfson, Independent Scholar
"The D.I.Y. of Wheelchairs"

Jaipreet Virdi-Dhesi, Brock University
"Larry's Wheelbarrow and Amelia's Purse: Forging User Identities Through Disability Technologies"

Comment: Katherine Ott, Smithsonian Institution

10:15-10:45 – Break

10:45-12:30 – Designers

Alison J. Clarke, University of Applied Arts Vienna, Austria
"'Actions Speak Louder': 1960s Design Activism for Disability"

Jennifer Kaufmann-Buhler, Purdue University
"Standardized Technology and Exceptional Bodies: The Politics and Logistics of Ergonomics in American Offices, 1970-2000"

David Serlin, University of California, San Diego
"Cripping the WPA: Designing for Disability in New Deal America"

Comment: Elizabeth Guffey, SUNY-Purchase

12:30-1:30 – Lunch

1:30-3:15 – Work

Elizabeth Petrick, New Jersey Institute of Technology
"Spanning Space and Time Barriers: Computerized Conferencing and Disability"

Sarah Rose, University of Texas at Arlington
"'Take Care of Your Eyes': Depicting Disability and the Emergence of Industrial Medicine and Safety Engineering"

Kristoffer Whitney, Rochester Institute of Technology
"Technologies of Translation: Captioning, Video, and Language in Deaf/HH Communities"

Comment: Jeffrey A. Brune, Gallaudet University

3:15-3:45 – Break

3:45-5:00 – Empire

Caroline Lieffers, Yale University
"Around the World on Yankee Legs: Making Americans through Artificial Limb Technologies"

Aparna Nair, University of Oklahoma
"They Shall See His Face: Blindness and Braille in Colonial India, 1860-1950"

Comment: Beth Linker, University of Pennsylvania

5:00-5:30 – Closing Remarks, General Discussion

Bess Williamson, School of the Art Institute of Chicago
"Reflections on Disability and Design"

5:30-6:30 Reception

Advance registration for the conference is required. Registration is free. Lunch on site can be purchased in advance for $15. To register, visit www.hagley.org/hagleyconference2016. For more information, contact Carol Lockman at (302)-658-2400, ext. 243, or clockman@hagley.org.

The conference will be held in Hagley's Soda House building. Use Hagley's Buck Road East entrance off Route 100 in Wilmington, Delaware. GPS: 298 Buck Road East, Wilmington, DE 19807. Additional directions are available at www.hagley.org/directions. For those staying overnight, we recommend the Best Western Brandywine Inn, www.brandywineinn.com; there is a block of rooms available for attendees and shuttle service during the conference is provided.