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Friday

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9:00 – 9:30 Introduction and Greetings

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McLuhan and Media Ecology

Paul Levinson — Fordham University

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Environment versus Anti-Environment Revisited

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Simplicity, Complexity, and the Historicism of Media Theory

James Curtis — University of Delaware

11:30 – 12:45 Session 2 — Panel

Behaving and Misbehaving Online:

Internet Conduct and Identity

Chair — Susan Barnes — Fordham University

The Spectacle of Self:

Hypermediaized Identity and the Personal Home Page

Jennifer Warren — New York University

True Names, Real Lives, Virtual Dangers:

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Barbara Jo Lewis — Brooklyn College

Chatting About Faith: Sacred Space in Cyberspace

Cheryl Anne Casey — New York University

Virtual Misbehavior:

Breaking Rules of Conduct in Online Environments

Janet Sternberg — New York University

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Saturday

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2:00 – 3:45 Session 8 — Papers in Media Ecology Chair — Casev Man Kong Lum — William Paterson University How E-Mail Defines Us Ellen Frisina — Hofstra University Live Video as an Equal Plaver in Improvisational Theater Louise Penbethy — University of Baltimore Video Surveillance and Media Theory Bilge Yesil — New York University Sub-Saharan Africa and the New Communication Technologies Jerry Domatob — Southampton College **US-Russian Communication Patterns: Dangers of Asymmetry** Olga Leontovich — Volgograd Pedagogical University and Ramano College of New Jersey 4:00 - 5:45 Session 9 — Papers in Media Ecology Chair — Carol Wilder — New School University Scholasticism and Media Ecology Edmond Chibeau — Eastern Connecticut State University Media Ecology as Metaphor Joseph Slade — Ohio University Communication Media as Environment Yong-Chan Kim — University of Southern California Psychology and the New Media Stephen Biggs — York University Mass Media as a Self-Expanding Megamachine Borvs Potvatynyk — Lviv National University and University of Iowa

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Net Benefits and Limits:

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Joshua Meyrowitz — University of New Hampshire

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