**FRIDAY MORNING**

8:30  **Registration Opens**

9:00–9:30  **Introduction and Greetings**  
Janet Sternberg — New York University  
Terence P. Moran — New York University  
Lance Strate — Fordham University

9:30–10:45  **Session 1 — Panel**  
**Perspectives on Our Age**  
Moderator — Dennis Gallagher — Regis University/Denver City Council  
*The National Information Infrastructure and the Shape of the Script in the Next Millennium*  
Edmond Chibea — Eastern Connecticut State University  
*The Form of News: U.S. Political History and the Media Environment*  
Kevin G. Barnhurst — University of Illinois–Chicago  
John C. Nerone — University of Illinois–Chicago  
*Beyond Linguistic Apocalypse: The Political Theory of Marshall McLuhan*  
David P. Parisi — University of Albany  
Jurgen Habermas: Media Ecologist?  
Paul Grosswiler — University of Maine

11:00–12:15  **Session 2 — Panel**  
**Communication and Urban Forms: From Mumford to Wired Cities**  
Moderator — Thomas F. Gencarelli — Montclair State University  
*Cities without Lines: Demassification in the Age of Ubiquity*  
James C. Morrison — Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
*Is the Wired City Really So SMART?*  
Gary Gumpert — Communication Landscapers  
Susan Drucker — Hofstra University  
*Taking Private Matters to Public Space*  
Jack Barwind — Syracuse University

12:30–1:00  **Featured Presentation**  
Moderator — Bill Petkanas — Western Connecticut State University  
*Gender and Media: A Report on Revising the Curriculum*  
Camille Paglia — University of the Arts

1:00–2:30  **Lunch**
FRIDAY AFTERNOON/EVENING

2:30–3:45  Session 3 — Panel  
**Art and Technics**  
Moderator — George L. Back — Hofstra University  
*Internet Artwork, Artists and Computer Analysts: Sharing the Creative Process*  
Jean-Paul Fourmentraux — Université de Toulouse  
*Sense, Memory and Media*  
Scott Weiland — DigitalArtSource.com  
*VISCOM: A Message and a Medium*  
Robert M. Hall — Flagler College  
*Cinema: The New Cathedral of HollyWorld*  
Read Mercer Schuchardt — New York University

4:00–5:15  Session 4 — Roundtable Discussion  
**The Future of News**  
Moderator — Edward Wachtel — Fordham University  
Panelists  
James W. Carey — Columbia University  
Mark Dery — New York University  
Hal Himmelstein — Brooklyn College  
John Pavlik — Columbia University  
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Paul Thaler — Mercy College

5:30–6:00  **President’s Address**  
Moderator — Janet Sternberg — New York University  
*The Flight of MinErA’s Owl*  
Lance Strate — Fordham University

6:00–6:30  **Presentation of the MEA Awards**  
Michael Grabowski — New York University  
Laura Tropp — Marymount Manhattan College

6:30–7:00  **Keynote Address**  
Moderator — Lance Strate — Fordham University  
*Morphing McLuhan: Medium Theory for a New Millennium*  
Joshua Meyrowitz — University of New Hampshire

7:30–9:00  **Reception**  
**Kimball Hall, 246 Greene Street, first floor lounge**  
(see map page 5)
**Saturday Morning**

8:30  **Registration Opens**

9:00–10:00  **Business Meeting**  
All are welcome to attend  
Moderator — Casey Man Kong Lum, William Paterson University

10:00–11:15  **Session 5 — Panel**  
**Demeaning of Meaning**  
Moderator — Neil Postman — New York University  
*From Cry to Speech: The Paradigm Shift from Signalic to Symbolic Functions of Signs in Human Evolution*  
Christine Nystrom — New York University  
*The Extended Mind and the Origin of Language*  
Robert K. Logan — University of Toronto  
*Some Unexplored Relationships Between Biology and Media Ecology: Why We Crave the Visual in Technological Extensions of Communication*  
Donna Flayhan — Goucher College  
*Re-Writing Literacy: How Contemporary Media Influence Young Adult Interest in Reading and Writing*  
Lori Ramos — William Paterson University

11:30–12:45  **Session 6 — Panel**  
**In the Human Grain**  
Moderator — Salvatore J. Fallica — New York University  
*Renaissance Authors: A Media Ecology Perspective*  
David Linton — Marymount Manhattan College  
*A Printer’s Devil in the Age of Telegraphy: Samuel Clemens and the Nineteenth-Century Revolutions in Media Technology*  
Richard Bucci — Mark Twain Project, University of California at Berkeley  
*Using Anthropology to Rethink the Library or The Library as a Consumer Marketplace*  
Neil Kleinman — University of Baltimore  
*Using Media Ecology to Rethink History*  
Stephanie B. Gibson — University of Baltimore

1:00–2:30  **Lunch**
**Saturday Afternoon**

2:30–3:45  Session 7 — Panel  
**The Machine in the Garden**  
Moderator — Marie Lovrod — A World of Difference Institute  
*Peoples of the Word, the Book, and the Laptop:*  
Raymond R. Smith — Iona College  
*The Post-Materialist and the Real World*  
Hugh Curnutt — Georgetown University  
*Praxis and the Social/Technological Divide*  
Ken Yee Yip — State University of New York at Stony Brook  
*De/Constructing Linguistic Metaphysics: Nietzsche as Media Ecologist*  
Zhenbin Sun — Fairleigh Dickinson University

4:00–5:15  Session 8 — Panel  
**Understanding Media**  
Moderator — Jerry Komia Domatob — Southampton College  
*When the Medium Becomes the Message:*  
"Reality" TV and What’s Really Real  
Tibor Baukal — Drew University  
Drew Giorgi — Independent Scholar  
*The Inflation of Cheerfulness: Some Cultural Effects of Advertising*  
Christina Kotchemidova — New York University  
*Paradoxes of Electric Media*  
Raymond Gozzi, Jr. — Ithaca College  
*The Interactions of Contextual and Abstract Media:*  
A Foundation of Media and Mind Co-Evolution  
Norman Steinhart — University of Toronto

5:30–6:45  Session 9 — Panel  
**Communication and Cyberspace**  
Moderator — Carol Wilder — New School University  
*Coming Back on the Whirlwind: The Student Use of Student Beings*  
Ralph J. Beliveau — University of Wisconsin Oshkosh  
*Psychotherapy on the Web: Old Wine in New Bottles?*  
Stephen Biggs — York University  
*Gathering the Scattered in Cyber-Sacredspace:*  
The Internet, Spiritual Identity, and Religious Community  
Cheryl Anne Casey — New York University  
*Cybercommunism and Cybersociety*  
Richard Barbrook — University of Westminster
**Saturday Evening**

7:00–7:30  **Featured Presentation**  
Moderator — Jennifer Warren — New York University  
*Open Source Reality: Transcending Life in the Matrix*  
Douglas Rushkoff — New York University

7:30–8:00  **Performance**  
Moderator — Jon McKenzie — New York University  
*Media Ecology Unplugged*  
John McDaid — New York University  
William Bly — Fordham University

8:00  **Convention Adjourns**

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