

## Lex's Wishlist 2072

### Topics:

1. Technologies and infrastructures by which the oceans and seas are known, explored, and exploited (robotics, diving/scuba equipment, sonar mapping, submersibles, underwater habitats and laboratories, “living” underwater museums); how such envirotechnical systems shape knowledge production and conceptualizations of the oceans and seas, of livable/habitable space on earth, and projections of techno-environmental futures
2. Mining materialities, lead, coal, and slow disaster; living with lead, plastics, chemicals, toxins and toxicants; approaches to responsibilities and obligations of environmental repair
3. Circulations, migrations and transformations of dead/dying/retired technologies and artifacts; afterlives of “failed” technologies and fallen infrastructures
4. Marine governance (oceans and seas), transnational water management
5. Ecologies of the extreme; knowability of extreme spaces; exploitation of the “extreme” for state, capitalist and technological exploitation

### Issues:

- Water rights, human and nonhuman rights and agencies
- Placemaking, emplacement and place-based knowledges
- Indigeneity and local/global diaspora(s); nonwhite settler experiences/coercive settler positionalities (forced migration, enslavement) and labor experiences
- Blackness and indigeneity, living with hostile technologies and infrastructures
- Afterlives of artifacts, ruins and remains, repair and repurposing, ruderal ecologies
- Bodies as environments, environments as bodies; deconstruction of the body/environment
- “Frontier” colonial imaginary of technological development (oceans, outer space, the edges of the known and knowable as manifestations of the conquerable/master-able in relationship to feminized “nature”/knowledge objects)
- Queer temporalities

### Questions:

- How did lead miners in the Tri-State Mining Districts live (and build livable, desirable futures) with lead?
- How do our technologically mediated understandings of and relations with the oceans and seas shape the futures we imagine and the infrastructures we construct for life on earth?
- What does it mean to make hostile environs hospitable (and vice versa)? What kinds of emplacement and placemaking practices are involved in such transformations? What are the means by which both conceptualizations come to operate as functional utilities for the facilitation of colonial capture, settler-state goals, and capitalist exploitation? What are the possibilities for resistance?
- How do our understandings of species adapted to “extreme environments” influence conceptualizations of life, time, species and adaptation?

### Places:

- North America
- Russia, Crimea & Ukraine; Gobi Desert

- Global oceans and seas; lakes, rivers and other bodies of water (esp. Black Sea, Caribbean Sea, Atlantic, Indian and Pacific Oceans, Great Lakes; Mississippi River, Arctic/Antarctic Oceans)
- Deep sea, “outer” space, polar regions, volcanos, hydrothermal vent zones
- “Dead” and dying ecologies and places (Dead Sea, graveyards/cemeteries, environments of decay and death, dying forests)