

Interview Questions for Donna Haraway, 4S Flashbacks Blog, August 22nd

1. At the 1994 4S conference in New Orleans, you gave a talk called "Never modern, never been, never ever: Some thoughts about Never-Never Land in science studies." Can you tell us a little about it?
2. So people have described your talk from that year as the "star performance" of the conference and truly the moment when you became the preeminent STS scholar. At the time, did you feel like you were making this serious field-disrupting intervention?
3. Part of the reason your talk from that year was so striking and memorable for so many *must* have to do with the fact that you were challenging some big, widely accepted ideas from the time, ideas brought forth by someone who was a pretty big deal. But you challenged those ideas successfully. Before and since then, you've challenged other widely accepted ideas. What current mainstream, or mainstream STS, idea should we be challenging now?
4. In 2016, you published your *two* most recent books, one called *Manifestly Haraway* and the other *Staying with the Trouble*. In them, you refer to this moment that we're in as various -cenes, capitalocene, chthulucene, etc, where others have used the term "Anthropocene." Would you say that you are calling for a complete turn away from the Anthropocene discourse?
5. I will be presenting at 4S for the first time this year, and I'm not the only one. The conference is also creating better avenues for undergraduate participants as well. So do you have any advice for us first-timers who may still be working out the kinks in our presentations?
6. What do you see as the future of STS, more specifically feminist STS? Do you see it contained in the academic world, or going beyond it? How does the 4S conference shape this future?

Other potential Questions:

What are you working on now?

What book or authors are you reading now?

Do you remember your first 4S conference? If so, where was it and what did you present on, if anything?

Do you have any other memories from the 1994 conference you'd want to share?