Theory, it would seem, is always in crisis. There is either too much or too little of it; it is dominating the profession—especially the humanities and, of course, it is overwhelming language and literature departments—or it is in decline. This conference is not interested in defining what theory is. It is, rather, theory in action, now. Not so much what theory might be but what theory, and theory alone, makes possible, now. “Theory Now” begins from the place of affirmation. “Theory Now” without the hand-wringing.

**Friday, March 5, Goldwin Smith 258**

9:00 a.m. Coffee and Conversation

9:30 a.m.
**Grant Farred**, Cornell University
Introductory Remarks

9:45 a.m.–11:30 a.m.: Panel 1

**Salah Hassan**, Cornell University
Introduction

**Michael Hardt**, Duke University
“The Militancy of Theory and the Exodus from Minority”

Respondent: **Eric Cheyfitz**, Cornell University

Lunch 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m.–2:45 p.m.: Panel 2

**Patrick Greaney**, University of Colorado, Boulder
“Insinuation: Debord, Détournement, and Gendered Repetition”

**David Ellison**, Griffiths University
“The Spoiler's Art: On the Disposition of Memory in Berlin”

Respondent: **Stuart Davis**, Cornell University

2:45 p.m.–3:15 p.m.: Coffee Break

3:15 p.m.–5:00 p.m.: Panel 3

**Grant Farred**, Cornell University
“‘Science does not think’: The No-Thought of the Discipline”

**Rei Terada**, University of California, Irvine
“The Frailty of the Ontic”

Respondent: **Molly Hite**, Cornell University

5:00 p.m.: Reception
**Saturday, March 6, Goldwin Smith Hall Room 258**

9:00 a.m.: Coffee and Conversation

9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.: Panel 4

**Ellis Hanson,** Cornell University
“The Future’s Eve: Sedgwick after Sedgwick”

**Barnor Hesse,** Northwestern University
“Post-Racial”

**Eithne Luibhéid,** University of Arizona
“Nationalist Heterosexuality, Migrant (Il)legality, and Irish Citizenship Law: Queering the Connections”

Respondent: **Jane Juffer,** Cornell University

12:30–1:30 p.m. Lunch

1:30 p.m.–3:15 p.m.: Panel 5

**Michael Naas,** DePaul University
“‘Now Smile!’: Recent Developments in Jacques Derrida’s Work on Photography”

**Jonathan Culler,** Cornell University
“Traces of Theory Now”

Respondent: **Phil Lorenz,** Cornell University

3:15 p.m.–3:45 p.m. Coffee Break

3:45 p.m.–5:00 p.m.: Panel 6

**Ken Surin,** Duke University
Afterword

Respondent: **Shirley Samuels,** Cornell University

5:00 p.m.

**Michael Hardt,** Duke University
Concluding Remarks