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Cape Cod

Perhaps Thoreau's bleakest book, *Cape Cod*, with its explorations of death, nationhood, and the wrecking economy, is ripe for renewed critical engagement. Following up a recent panel on this difficult and posthumously published work at Thoreau From Across the Pond, an international symposium in Lyon, France, we invite papers that consider any aspect of *Cape Cod*, from its attention to questions of perspective to its meditations on Americanness and its engagements with capitalism and disaster. Please send queries or one-page abstracts (for an 18-minute presentation) by January 15, 2018 to: kristen.case@maine.edu.

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Thoreau and Resistance

What do Thoreau's writings offer contemporary modes of social and political resistance? As we navigate an extended period of political crisis, what can we learn from Thoreau's complex responses to the national politics of his time? This panel will consider Thoreau's legacy for resistance movements with particular attention to the question of the relation between his political and natural history writings. Please send queries or one-page abstracts (for an 18-minute presentation) by January 15, 2018 to: kristen.case@maine.edu.