

Northeastern STS (NESTS) Revival

Friday, April 5 1PM - Sunday, April 7, 2024 5PM

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, NY

NESTS IS BACK! After an extended hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the annual Northeastern Science and Technology Studies (NESTS) grad-run conference has returned. NESTS will prioritize graduate student works-in-progress, but undergraduate students, scholars, and professionals are highly encouraged to attend. We invite graduate students to submit **anything** that is of interest to them that lies in or adjacent to (or outside the bounds of) STS and more liberatory futures.

The 2024 NESTS revival arrives as more people are making the connections between ongoing legacies of occupation, genocide, dispossession, environment degradation, and intensifying capital accumulation. Yet the NESTS revival also arrives at a point where the impulse to “return to normal” is fiercely defended: rises in fascism, militarism, chronic debility, economic precarity, trans-antagonism, ecological extraction, and misinformation. We stress the importance of platforming voices and scholars whose work and existence is at odds with this “normal.”

To that end, we are explicitly prioritizing folks whose work exist outside of the academic hegemony – including, but not limited to, anti-colonial, Black and Afro-Diasporic studies, Indigenous studies, Asian / Asian American studies, scholarship from the Global South, disability justice, feminist theory, Latinx/Chicanx studies, trans and queer theory, and anti-imperialism scholarship.

NESTS is a space for graduate students to present their work in an informal and constructive setting, receive feedback, participate in discussion, and meet fellow colleagues. We encourage alternative, unconventional, and creative approaches that go beyond the usual conference presentation (e.g. documentaries, performances, podcasts, recorded audio, zines, and more). Graduate students of all levels are encouraged to attend and present. In the spirit of gathering and maintaining a northeast STS community, we will also be organizing professionalization talks for grads in attendance (e.g. information about job talks, peer-review, networking).

Logistics

NESTS is free, but registration is required. We are providing five meals (breakfast, lunch, and dinner on Saturday; and breakfast and lunch on Sunday) to graduate students in attendance. A limited number of accommodations can be arranged with local students. Audiovisual equipment will be available for use.

Submission

Please submit an abstract (max. 250 words) to <http://tinyurl.com/NESTS2024> no later than **Sunday, February 11, 2024**. Submissions can be individual or with a co-author. If you would like to attend, but not present, please indicate this in the form above. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email the conference co-organizers, Jonathan Givan (givanj@rpi.edu) and Maggie Mang (mangm@rpi.edu).