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Special Guest Lectures

A Decade in the SWAMP: My Research with Studies of Work Atmospheres and Mass Production**Douglas Easterly, Victoria University of Wellington**

Programme Director for Media Design

Johnston Hall 338
June 29, 2011 - 03:00 pm**Abstract:**

Douglas will be speaking about his collaborative efforts with SWAMP (Studies of Work Atmospheres and Mass Production). SWAMP focuses on critical themes addressing the effects of global corporate operations, mass media and communication, military-industrial complexes, and general meditations in the space between human and artificial life. SWAMP has been making work in this vein for over 10 years using a wide range of media, including custom software, electronics, mechanical devices, and even living organisms.

Speaker's Bio:

Douglas Easterly is an new media artist/professor from Anchorage, Alaska, USA, currently residing in Wellington, New Zealand, where he is the Programme Director for Media Design at Victoria University of Wellington (VUW). He started his career in 1998 at Southeastern Louisiana University where he also co-founded SWAMP with Matthew Kenyon. He took a position at Syracuse University's Department of Transmedia in 2001 where he later earned tenure and the rank of Associate Professor. Since 2007, he has been responsible for defining VUW's Media Design curriculum, hiring faculty, and creating collaborative partnerships with creative industry leaders such as Weta Digital. Other hobbies and interests include capoeira, gardening, biking and caring for his two goldfish - Lola and Dr. Leonard Applewhite.

