Remembering 9/11
A Tenth Anniversary Conference at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
Friday, September 16, 2011
The Pane Room, Alexander Library
169 College Avenue, New Brunswick, New Jersey
Free and Open to the Public

"The question isn’t whether we remember 9/11, but how we remember it – and what we do with the memory."
-- Benjamin Barber

9:00 AM  COFFEE AND REGISTRATION

9:45 AM  WELCOME
Ronald Becker, Rutgers University Libraries

9:50 AM  INTRODUCTION
Angus Kress Gillespie, Convener
American Studies, Rutgers, New Brunswick

9:55 AM  REMARKS
Ben Sifuentes-Jauregui, Chair
American Studies, Rutgers New Brunswick

10:00 AM  VISUAL CULTURES
Screening: “Rebirth: The First Years” Screening
Presenter: Donna Gaffney
Educational Advisor, Project Rebirth, Inc.
Respondent: Al Nigrin, Rutgers University

10:45 AM  BREAK

11:00 AM  DEALING WITH THE TRAUMA OF 9/11
Gregory J. Trevor, Former Senior Information Officer
Port Authority of New York and New Jersey

Lisa Orloff, Founder and Executive Director
World Cares Center, Non-Profit Organization
“Building Resilience in the Aftermath of 9/11”

Moderator: Lee B. Clarke. Professor
Sociology, Rutgers New Brunswick
Respondent: Nicole Fleetwood, Associate Professor
American Studies, Rutgers New Brunswick
12:15 PM  LUNCH (On Your Own)

1:45 PM  ARTIFACTS AND HEROISM

Alexis Drakakis, Assistant Curator
National 9/11 Memorial and Museum

Lieutenant John D. Kiernan (Retired)
FDNY Rescue 1 and 9/11 First Responder

Moderator: Michael Aaron Rockland, Professor
American Studies, Rutgers New Brunswick

Respondent: Arthur Lewin, Professor
Black & Hispanic Studies, Baruch College

3:00 PM  AFTERNOON BREAK

3:15 PM  AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL AND CULTURAL MEMORY

Micki McElya, Assistant Professor
History, University of Connecticut
“Making Hallowed Ground: 9/11’s Memorial Politics”

Lieutenant William Keegan, PAPD (Retired)
“Closure: The Untold Story of Ground Zero”

Moderator: Andrew T. Urban, Post Doctoral Associate
American Studies, Rutgers New Brunswick

Respondent: Robert W. Snyder, Associate Professor
Arts, Culture, and Media—Rutgers Newark
Director, Graduate Program in American Studies

4:30 PM  GENERAL DISCUSSION AND CLOSING REMARKS

James Deutsch, Program Curator
Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage
Smithsonian Institution

4:45 PM  RECEPTION UNTIL 5:30 PM