In a climate marked by increasingly ominous calls for "national unity," restrictions of free debate, and assaults on every form of departure from a narrowly defined mainstream, this conference aims to explore United States "counter cultures"—the diverse traditions of radicalism and dissent and the rich variety of "alternative" and "oppositional" forms of community so vital to American life, from the early Republic to the present day.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26
Manhood and its Poetic Projects: Constructing Masculinity in the Countercultural Poetry of the 1950s
Rachel Blau DuPlessis, Temple University
8:00 pm, Keene Faculty Center

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27
Alternative Counter Mainstream
Michael Warner, Rutgers University
10:00 am, Dauer 219

Learning from the Left: Children's Literature and Radical Politics in the United States
Julia Mickenberg, University of Texas at Austin
1:30 pm, Dauer 219

The Rhetoric of Class in the Era of Globalization
Michael Denning, Yale University
3:30 pm, Dauer 219

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28
Informal Discussion with Speakers
10:00 am, Keene Faculty Center