

## **The Body as Object: the Human as Material Culture**

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May 1, 2009 at the Telus Centre (Edmonton, Canada)

The Annual Symposium of the Material Culture Institute, based in the Department of Human Ecology (Univ. of Alberta), will focus this year on the human body as artefact.

The human body is developed, changed, and shaped by nature and culture. As a site of experience, expression, and interpretation, the body offers sensation and feeling, but also form and substance that may be inspected and analysed by the self and others.

The symposium shall consider the human body in relation to the material world: bodies are considered as real, physical entities that are manipulated, depicted, and understood as places where interior sensibility meets external form.

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