



Sawyer Seminar
on Alternative Futurisms

Lysa Rivera
**"The Novel Ecologies of
Chicano 1990s Cyberpunk"**

Date: Thursday, April 21st

Time: 10:30-12:00

Place: INTS 1113

Description: Dr. Rivera teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in Chicano/a and African American literature and culture. Her current research interests center on the science fiction of multicultural America, specifically as it emerges within Chicano/a and African American contexts. Her work has appeared in *MELUS: Journal for the Study of Multiethnic Literature*, *Aztlán: Journal of Chicano Studies*, and *Science Fiction Studies*. She is the recipient of the 2013 Pioneer Award, which recognizes outstanding critical scholarship in the field of science fiction studies. Dr. Rivera currently serves on the editorial board for *Femspec*, an interdisciplinary and peer-reviewed journal devoted to the study of speculative fiction within feminist contexts.

Sponsors:

"Alternative Futurisms" is a year-long John E. Sawyer seminar, sponsored by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, that will bring together scholars, writers, and artists to work on the intersections between ethnic identity and futuristic speculation. It will convene at UCR in Fall 2015 and run through Spring 2016 and the Center for Ideas and Society.

Art work by John Jennings.