

SPRING 2017 HUMANITIES CENTER EVENTS

January 12, 2017, 12:30 pm, 602 CL

Colloquium: "The Infrastructural Commons: The Creative Commons Licenses" Johanna Hartelius (Department of Communication, University of Pittsburgh)

With responses by: Damien Pfister (University of Maryland) and Michael Madison (University of Pittsburgh Law School)

January 19, 2017, 12:30 pm, 602 CL

Colloquium: "Digital Peacekeeping in Sonic Diasporas: Liberians Creating a Transnational Community of Reconciliation through Online Radio" Yolanda Covington Ward (Department of Africana Studies, University of Pittsburgh)

With responses by: Nicole Constable (Department of Anthropology, University of Pittsburgh) and Imani Owens (Department of English, University of Pittsburgh)

January 26, 2017, 5:00 pm, 602 CL

Lecture: "Political Rights, Social Rights, and the Decolonization of Africa" Fred Cooper (New York University)

**VISITING FELLOW: ROBERT REID-PHARR
(CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK)**

January 30, 2017, 5:00 pm, 602 CL

Lecture: "Effective/Defective James Baldwin"

February 2, 2017, 12:30 pm, 602 CL

Colloquium: "Archives of Flesh: African America, Spain, and Post-Humanist Critique"

With response by: Autumn Womack (Department of English, University of Pittsburgh)

January 31, 2017, 12:30 pm, 602 CL

Colloquium: "The Black Body in Ecstasy"

Jennifer Nash (Northwestern University)

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January 31, 2017, 4:00 pm, 602 CL

Lecture: "Love Letter from a Critic, Or Notes on the Intersectionality Wars"

Jennifer Nash (Northwestern University)

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February 9, 2017, 12:30 pm, 602 CL

Colloquium: Reading and Discussion with Avital Ronell (New York University)

February 14, 2017, 4:00 pm, 501 CL

Lecture: "The Complexities of Integrating Complexity: Notes on the Theoretical and Political Challenges of Intersectionality"

Rostom Mesli (Humanities Center Postdoctoral Fellow)

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**VISITING FELLOW: HEONIK KWON
(TRINITY COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE)**

February 14, 2017, 5:30 pm, 602 CL

Lecture: "Remembering the Cold War"

February 16, 2017, 12:30 pm, 602 CL

Colloquium: "Peace Under The Orange Tree: Civil War and The Amity of Kinship"

With response by: Kirk Savage (Department of History of Art and Architecture, University of Pittsburgh)

February 16, 2017, 5:00 pm, 602 CL

Lecture: "Salt Assault: Towards an Aesthetic of the Ambulatory" Sumathi Ramaswamy (Duke University)

February 17, 2017, 12:30 pm, 602 CL

Discussion: "Teaching about Race: Whose Intellectual Traditions Matter and What We Can Do About It?"

Ronald Jackson (University of Cincinnati)

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February 23, 2017, 12:30 pm, 602 CL

Colloquium: Reading and Discussion with Monica Popescu (McGill University)

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Lecture by Monica Popescu (McGill University)

March 2, 2017, 12:30 pm, 602 CL

Colloquium: "After the American Century: The Ends of U.S. Culture in the Middle East" Brian Edwards (Northwestern University)

March 2, 2017, 5:00 pm, 602 CL

Lecture: "Trump, Twitter, Circulation: American Politics as Global Entertainment" Brian Edwards (Northwestern University)

March 15, 2017, 2:30 pm, 602 CL

Colloquium: "Not Gay: Sex Between Straight White Men"

Jane Ward (University of California, Riverside)

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March 16, 2017, 12:30 pm, 602 CL

Colloquium: "Seriality and Sustainability in *Breaking Bad*"

Allen MacDuffie (University of Texas at Austin)

With response by: Brenton J. Malin (Department of Communication, University of Pittsburgh)

March 16, 2017, 4:00 pm, 602 CL

Lecture: "The Tragedy of Heterosexuality"

Jane Ward (University of California, Riverside)

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VISITING FELLOW: TA-NEHISI COATES

March 20, 2017, 3:00 pm, 602 CL

Colloquium: "Mythic Register: Political Contradictions and the Battle Between Good and Evil in Ta-Nehisi Coates' *Black Panther*"

With responses by: Yona Harvey (Department of English, University of Pittsburgh) and Tony Norman (Pittsburgh Post-Gazette)

March 20, 2017, 8:30 pm, William Pitt Union Ballroom

Lecture: "Pittsburgh Contemporary Writers Series Presents: Ta-Nehisi Coates"

VISITING FELLOW: DANA GIOIA

March 23, 2017, 12:30 pm, 602 CL

Colloquium: Poetry Reading and Conversation with Dana Gioia (Poet Laureate of California)

**March 25, 2017, Trust Arts Education Center
in Downtown Pittsburgh**

Public Lecture at the 2nd Pittsburgh Humanities Festival

For more information, visit www.trustarts.org/pct_home/events/festivals/humanities/

March 23–24, 2017, 602 & 501 CL

Medieval & Renaissance Studies Program Conference:

"Pre-Modern Elements"

Sponsored by Medieval & Renaissance Studies. Cosponsored by the Humanities Center.

March 23, 2017, 5:00 pm, 4130 Wesley W. Posvar Hall

Lecture: "Reframing Political Subjectivity: Inter-Imperial World, Interdisciplinary Method" Laura Doyle (UMass Amherst)

March 30, 2017, 12:30 pm, 602 CL

Colloquium: "A South American Nuremberg: Violence and Anti-Violence in the Shadow of World War II"

Laura Gotkowitz (Department of History, University of Pittsburgh)

With responses by: Paul Eiss (Department of History, Carnegie Mellon University) and Elizabeth Arkush (Department of Anthropology, University of Pittsburgh)

April 6–7, 2017, 12:00–5:00 pm (on both days), 602 CL

International Colloquium: "Masculinity and Affect"

Sponsored by Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies.

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April 17, 2017, 5:00 pm, 602 CL

Lecture: "The Philosophical Hitchcock: Vertigo and the Anxieties of Unknowingness" Robert Pippin (University of Chicago)

**SPRING FACULTY SEMINAR:
ATMOSPHERES AND INSCRIPTIONS
JOHN DURHAM PETERS (YALE UNIVERSITY)**

May 1–5, 11:00 am–1:00 pm (on all five days), 602 CL

If you are interested in participating in this seminar, please RSVP by emailing humctr@pitt.edu

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