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February 20, 2017

Welcome to the Center for the Humanities newsletter! Explore our Spring events, including the Mellon Sawyer Seminar and the Open House.

Open House



Monday, February 27, 2017

4 - 5:30 pm

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Fung House- 48 Professors Row

Join us for an open house to celebrate the new year with poetry, drama, and music by our faculty community. Refreshments will be served.

Mellon Sawyer Seminar



Thursday, February 23, 2017

4:30 - 6:30 pm

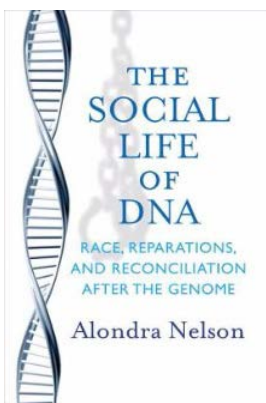
Alumnae Lounge, Aidekman Arts Center

40 Talbot Avenue

[Alondra Nelson](#)

Professor of Sociology, Columbia University

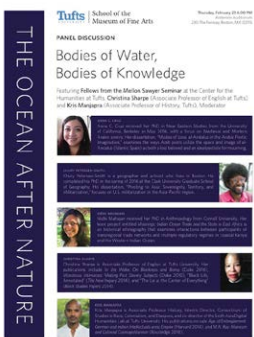
"The Social Life of DNA"



In this lecture, Professor Nelson considers how ancestry genetics — data derived from human bodies — is today employed to make racial rights and justice claims about the past in the present, against the backdrop of historical amnesia and a contemporary politics of technological witnessing and repair. In turn, it will explore the ways in which social groups reject, challenge, engage and, in some instances, adopt and mobilize conceptualizations of race, ethnicity, and gender derived from scientific and technical domains.

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Upcoming Events



[Bodies of Water, Bodies of Knowledge](#)

Thursday, February 23, 6 pm

School of the Museum of Fine Arts at Tufts (SMFA)

Anderson Auditorium

230 The Fenway, Boston, MA 02115

Panel discussion moderated by Kris Manjapra, featuring Fellows from the Mellon Sawyer Seminar at the Center for the Humanities at Tufts: Christina Sharpe, Nidhi Mahajan, Anna C. Cruz, and Khury Petersen-Smith.

[**More Events**](#)



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