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## Center for the Humanities at Tufts

February 13, 2017

Welcome to the Center for the Humanities newsletter! Explore our Spring events, including the Mellon Sawyer Seminar and this week's Lunch and Learn.

## Rescheduled: Open House



**Monday, February 27, 2017**

**4 - 5:30 pm**

Center for the Humanities  
Fung House- 48 Professors Row

The Open House has been rescheduled to Monday, February 27. Join us to celebrate the new year with poetry, drama, and music by our faculty community.

Refreshments will be served.

## Mellon Sawyer Seminar

**Thursday, February 16, 2017**  
**4:30 - 6:30 pm**  
**Alumnae Lounge**

**"Colonial Memory and Trauma"**

The colonial has been relatively absent within the universalizing discourses of social trauma and cultural memory. Drawing upon material culture, cinema, and literature, this seminar explores how coloniality may compel us to rethink the very structures of "memory" and "trauma" as they have been constituted within the humanities.

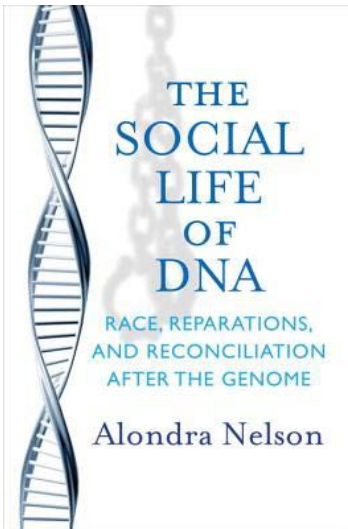


[Debarati Sanyal](#)  
Professor of French  
UC Berkeley



[Stef Craps](#)  
Associate Professor of English  
University of Ghent

## Upcoming Mellon Sawyer Seminars



**Thursday, February 23, 2017**  
**4:30 - 6:30 pm**  
**Alumnae Lounge**

[Alondra Nelson](#)  
Professor of Sociology, Columbia University  
**"The Social Life of DNA"**

# This Week



## Lunch and Learn

Co-sponsored with the Center for the Study of Race and Democracy

**Wednesday, February 15, 2017**

**12- 1:30 PM**

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Fung House- 48 Professors Row

[Rashauna Johnson](#)

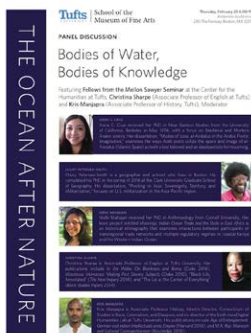
Professor of History, Dartmouth College

### "Slavery's Metropolis: Unfree Labor in New Orleans During the Age of Revolutions"

Dr. Rashauna Johnson's first book, *Slavery's Metropolis: Unfree Labor in New Orleans during the Age of Revolutions* (Cambridge, 2016) explores the intersections of urban bondage and Atlantic migration at the turn of the nineteenth century.

All are welcome. If you would like to join us for lunch, please RSVP to [Danuta Forbes](#).

# SMFA Panel Discussion



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

**Thursday, February 23, 6 pm**

Tufts School of the Museum of Fine Arts (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.



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