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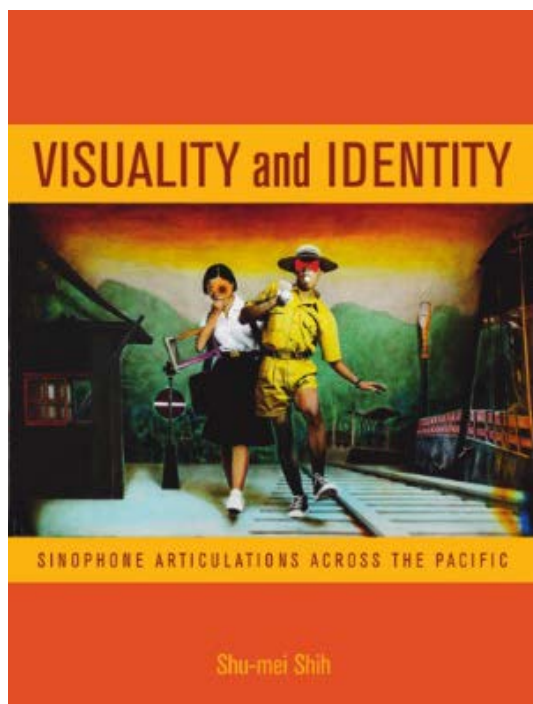


Center for the Humanities at Tufts

January 23, 2017

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

Mellon Sawyer Seminar



[Shu-mei Shih](#)

"Comparative Postcolonial Theory and the Question of Chinese Empire"

Thursday, January 26, 2017

4:30 pm - 6 pm

Ballou Hall, Coolidge Room

This lecture will discuss how the emergence of Sinophone studies in the last decade is altering the landscape of postcolonial theory.

Upcoming Mellon Sawyer Seminars

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

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

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

"Colonial Memory and Trauma"

[Alondra Nelson](#), Professor of Sociology, Columbia University

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

"The Social Life of DNA"

Open House



**Monday, February 13, 2017
4 - 6 pm**

Center for the Humanities
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.

Lunch Seminars



Each semester, Center Fellows share their work in progress for engagement and discussion over "brown bag" lunch.

Thursday, February 9, 12 - 1:15 pm

[Jeremy Melius](#)

Assistant Professor, Art History

"Idolatrous Ruskin"

Thursday, March 2, 12 - 1:15 pm

[Alex Blanchette](#)

Assistant Professor, Anthropology

"De-Skilled Life: The Politics of Love and Labor on an American Factory Farm"

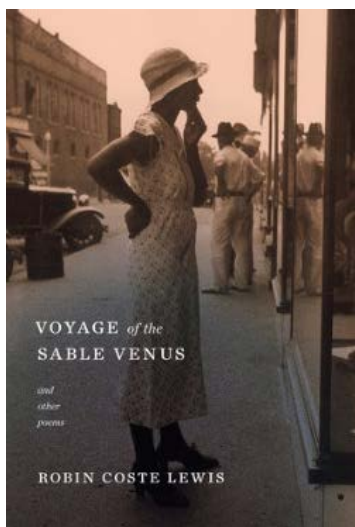
Tuesday, April 11, 12 - 1:15 pm

[Amahl Bishara](#)

Associate Professor, Anthropology

"Permission to Converse: Laws, Bullets, and other Roadblocks to a Palestinian Exchange"

Poets Series



[Robin Coste Lewis](#)

Monday, March 6, 2017, 6 - 8 pm

Alumnae Lounge

Working Groups



The Humanities Reading Group

Faculty from across the arts and humanities departments meet several times a semester to discuss readings on the role of the humanities in public life. Contact [John Lurz](#) if interested.

[Wednesday, February 8, 5 - 6 pm](#)

The reading for our first meeting of the Spring semester will be the Introduction and Chapter 5 of Rita Felski's recent *The Limits of Critique*. For a PDF, please email [John Lurz](#).

[Wednesday, March 29, 5 - 6 pm](#)

Our second meeting of the Spring semester will focus Paul Beatty's 2016 Booker Prize-winning novel *The*

Sellout.

The History of the Book- Past and Present

A new working group that begins this semester

[Thursday, March 16, 5:30 - 7 pm](#)

Anne-Marie Eze, Inaugural Speaker

"Curating *Beyond Words: Italian Renaissance Books*"



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