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February 6, 2017

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

Open House



Monday, February 13, 2017
5 - 6:30 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. Refreshments served.

Featuring

Natalie Shapero
Poetry Reading

Kamran Rastegar

Musical Performance

Monica White Ndounou
Scene from "Gem of the Ocean"



Mellon Sawyer Seminar

Thursday, February 16, 2017
4 - 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

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

"The Social Life of DNA"

Thursday, February 23, 2017, 4:30 - 6:30 pm

Alumnae Lounge

This Week



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](#).

Lunch Seminar

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"



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