Greetings Affiliates,

Below, please find this week’s Humanities Institute bulletin. Stay safe and have a great week!

**Humanities Weekly Digest**

Humanities Institute Spotlights of the Week

**SAVE THE DATE!** March 25, 3:30p.m.: SASI Research Brown Bag Series--After Decriminalization: Anti-Discrimination & Belonging

**As usual, this event is free and open to the public! Live captioning will be provided. However, if you require other accommodation to participate in this event, please contact huminst@osu.edu. Requests made by about 10 days before the event will generally allow us to provide seamless access, but the university will make every effort to meet requests made after this date. Register for the event at [https://osu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwkcOGprDMuH9yJBpDC4qzjZQjd2L96Ht06](https://osu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwkcOGprDMuH9yJBpDC4qzjZQjd2L96Ht06).**

**Abstract:** On September 6th, 2018, the Supreme Court of India made the historic decision to repeal, Section 377 of the Indian Penal Code, the ban on same-sex relationships. The British colonial-era statute, Section 377 of the Indian Penal Code, made sexual behavior "against the order of nature" illegal and punishable by imprisonment.
Decriminalization marked a significant step forward in the recognition and promotion of the human rights of LGBTQI people and queer politics in India. Suparna Bhaskaran will talk about her work on some of the debates in the aftermath of this decision as it pertains to issues of anti-discrimination, the linkages between social, economic, and political rights for LGBTQI people in India, and diasporic solidarity.

March 23, 3:00p.m. - 5:00p.m.: The Future of Ethnic Studies in Times of Racial Injustice

This virtual event will focus on the history and current agenda of ethnic studies in a time of racial injustice. Leaders from renowned ethnic studies units across the country will discuss their own experiences running their respective programs while also engaging the OSU community in a conversation about the future of ethnic studies on our campus and beyond.

We are honored to be joined by Chon Noriega (Department of Film, Television, and Digital Media and Director of Chicano Studies Research Center at UCLA), Anna Guevarra (Founding Director of the Global Asian Studies Program at the University of Illinois, Chicago), and Tiffany Lee (Department and Chair of Native American Studies at University of New Mexico).

Future of Ethnic Studies Event Flyer

This event has been sponsored by the Center of Ethnic Studies and the Global Arts and Humanities Discovery Theme and is free and open to the public. Register via Zoom at https://osu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEqce6ujqrHN3JzTzlJKNBR5PB4wZCfV3b today!
March 23, 4:30p.m. - 5:30p.m.: Old French Reading Group

Meet to read aloud in Medieval French and learn about the language and culture -- for scholarly inquiry or sheer amusement.
No prior experience needed!
- Tuesdays 4:30-5:30 pm during the Spring 2021 term
- Contact Prof. Sarah-Grace Heller (heller.64@osu.edu) for more information
Register via Zoom: https://osu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwvc--vqz8sHdf9m4m1BwPg0NPnKnbCR97k

March 24, 1:00p.m. - 2:30p.m.: New Perspectives on Israeli Migration

Moderator: Professor Naomi Brenner (The Ohio State University)

Professor Rhona Seidelman (Oklahoma University): Under Quarantine: Immigrants and Disease at Israel's Gate

Professor Ori Yehudai (The Ohio State University): Leaving Zion: Jewish Emigration from Palestine and Israel after World War II

This program will look at the complexities of immigration into and out of Israel, discussing the struggles of Jews who tried to rebuild their lives in the Jewish state after experiencing displacement in Europe and the Middle East, and those who left Israel to resettle in new destinations.

For more information, contact Ori Yehudai, yehudai.3@osu.edu.

Supported by the Thomas and Diann Mann Symposia Fund.
March 25, 3:30p.m. - 4:30p.m.: Medieval Latin Reading Group

The Medieval Latin reading group will meet on Thursdays, 3:30-4:30 p.m., during the Spring 2021 semester, beginning Thursday, January 21.

Participants in the Medieval Latin reading group are not required to prepare the readings ahead of time, and nobody should feel obligated to participate aloud, if you’re more comfortable listening. We are happy to accommodate participants with all levels of Latin expertise, including those who have never tried Latin or who have forgotten everything they once knew.

If you would like to receive the Zoom meeting link and be added to the mailing list for future links and readings, please contact CMRS Associate Director Leslie Lockett at lockett.20@osu.edu.

Weekly Events Listing

March 22, 12:00p.m. - 1:00p.m.
"Tell All the Truth But Tell It Slant:” Teaching the Art of Translation
Zoom
Sponsored by the Center for Languages, Literature and Cultures

March 23, 3:00p.m. - 5:00p.m.
The Future of Ethnic Studies in Times of Racial Injustice
Zoom
Sponsored by the Center for Ethnic Studies and the Global Arts + Humanities Discovery Theme

March 23, 4:30p.m. - 5:30p.m.
Old French Reading Group
Zoom
Sponsored by the Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies

**March 24, 1:00p.m. - 2:30p.m.**
Thomas and Diann Mann 2021 Israel Series on Jewish Migration and Displacement: New Perspectives on Israeli Migration
Online, register with fireman.2@osu.edu
Sponsored by the Melton Center for Jewish Studies

**March 24, 1:00p.m. - 2:30p.m.**
“Portugal, Race, and Memory: A Conversation, A Reckoning”
Zoom
Sponsored by Global Arts + Humanities Discovery Theme and the English Department Diversity and Inclusion Committee

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Medieval Latin Reading Group
Zoom
Sponsored by the Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies

**March 25, 3:30p.m.**
Zoom
Sponsored by the South Asian Studies Initiative and the Humanities Institute

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