Graduate College--Brown Bag Lecture Series

Thursday, November 9, 2017
Rod Library, Room 287
12:30 p.m. – 1:20 p.m.
Please bring your Lunch
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Disgust, Violence, and Politics in the Time of Trump

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Psychological research in the politics of disgust suggests that differing physiological responses to threatening or uncomfortable experiences, and not only conflicting ideas and beliefs, are contributing factors in contemporary political disagreements. In this presentation, drawing on the work of philosopher Martha Nussbaum and critical theorist René Girard, I explore how disgust and fears of social contagion play a role in contemporary politics and suggest pathways for intervention that may make violence less likely.