**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18**
**MONT, REHABILITATION, MEDIA**

Left Whackadoo, Assistant Professor of German

What do communications on social media communicate? The answer to this question requires the perspective of the humanities. Drawing on recent examples from what is explicitly called “social media,” this talk will explore historical conditions for online communication in the movement called “cyberspace” and propose that rhetorical figures like irony are built into the very code of our daily conversations.

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**
**BELIEVES ABOUT DRAMATIC UNDERMINE DIVERSITY**

Andrei Creanga, Assistant Professor of Psychology

Professor Creanga’s research suggests that women and racial minorities are underrepresented in fields where men believe that only men are suited for the job. Professor Creanga will explain how this belief is maintained, and how it’s likely to influence children’s educational trajectories from the moment they enter school. The lecture will conclude by outlining some things we could do to promote diversity.

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12**
**BY UNDERGROUND: AN ENVIRONMENTAL PERSPECTIVE**

Katie Schneider-Paolantonio, Clinical Associate Professor of Biology

Every day, millions of people walk the streets of New York City. But how many stop to wonder about the city’s underground? The underground environment is an important subject in the battle against pollution. The lecture will discuss sustainability initiatives in the face of increasing urbanization and climate change.

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 16**
**THE “SELF-STORED” GENOME: HOW AND WHY?**

Alexandra Zidovska, Assistant Professor of Physics

Although the sequence of the human genome has been known for almost two decades, understanding the function of each gene has proven much more difficult. In this lecture, Professor Zidovska will introduce the concept of epigenetics, which is the study of heritable changes in gene expression that alter DNA without changing the DNA sequence itself. She will discuss how these changes can affect the development and function of cells and tissues, and how they contribute to the development of diseases such as cancer.

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1**
**AT THE BEACH: WHEN HISTORIANS INVESTIGATE THEIR OWN FAMILIES**

Stephanie Gerson, Assistant Professor of French

The lecture will explore the experience of being a “French” person in modern France, focusing on the descendants of immigrants who have been living in France for several generations. The lecture will discuss how these historians are using oral history and genealogical records to explore their family histories, and how this can contribute to understanding the experiences of immigrant communities in France.

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14**
**EPICENE REGULATION OF CENOTREMES**

Fei Li, Associate Professor of Biology

The centromere, a specialized chromosomal structure, plays a key role in ensuring the proper segregation of chromosomes during cell division. This lecture will focus on the regulation of centromere function, which is essential for maintaining the integrity of the genome. The lecture will introduce the key players involved in centromere regulation, and discuss how these proteins interact to ensure the proper segregation of chromosomes.

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29**
**BACILISNYCOPHY ON BIOMETRICS AND OTHER NOISY DATA**

Yonatan Zohar, Professor of Computer Science

Professor Zohar will outline the theory and practice of biometric systems and their role in modern technology. The lecture will cover the principles of biometric measurement, including fingerprinting, facial recognition, and iris scanning. Professor Zohar will also discuss the challenges and limitations of biometric systems, and the ways in which they are being used in various applications.

**MONDAY, JANUARY 29**
**UNEVEN GROWTH AND SOCIAL CONFLICT: LESSONS FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES**

Professor Ray, Assistant Professor of Political Science

Economic growth can be extraordinarily rapid in developing countries. But it is often uneven, leading to large differences in incomes within and between cities. The lecture will explore how social conflict can result over economic growth, even as both economic growth and inequality are topics of concern in the United States today. Professor Ray’s talk will explore what we can learn about uneven growth and conflict from developing countries.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6**
**A LIFE OF EXTREMES: ETHNOGRAPHIC EXPLORATIONS OF 21ST CENTURY SEAFARING**

Stephanie Dua, Assistant Professor of Anthropology

The lecture will explore the lives of seafaring communities in the 21st century. It will draw on Professor Dua’s research conducted aboard commercial cargo ships and at hospitality centers on the port of Seattle. The lecture will discuss the methods used to study these communities, including interviews with workers and ethnographic observations, as well as the challenges and rewards of living on the movement of people around the globe and the varying responses to such migrants. The lecture will also examine the role of social media in shaping the perceptions of the public, and the ways in which social media can be used to promote or hinder social change.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21**
**THE PROBLEM WITH TRUTH: WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WORDS DISAPPEAR**

Elizabeth McHenry, Associate Professor of English

Early African-American literature has often been dismissed as sensationalized folklore that is dominated by a single genre of slave narrative and narrows, and erroneous figures (such as Frederick Douglass). But as scholars continue to discover new texts, authors, and local vernacular traditions, this view is being challenged. The lecture will explore the histories of science and religion, law, society, and the philosophy of governance in the United States and the ways in which these histories are reflected in the literature of the time.

**MONDAY, MARCH 5**
**WE ARE THE CREDIBLE: WHY POOR PEOPLE MOVE TO RICH COUNTRIES**

Suilin Lade, Assistant Professor of American Studies

In this lecture, Professor Lade will explore the experiences of individuals who have moved from the United States to other countries. The lecture will discuss the factors that influence migration, including economic opportunities, political instability, and social conditions. Professor Lade will also discuss the challenges and benefits of living in a new country, and how this can affect one’s identity and sense of self.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 6**
**TOWARDS A MINORITY-MINORITY NATION: UNDERSTANDING POLITICAL ATTITUDES AND INTERGROUP RELATIONS IN THE 21ST CENTURY**

Miriam Green, Assistant Professor of Psychology

The United States is undergoing extraordinary increases in racial/cultural diversity—the country that supported the first Chinese Empire. Of particular interest have been numerous manuscripts and show how they can be used to understand new questions about the beliefs and practices of the day. Topics to be explored are as diverse as the history of science and culture, war, society, and the philosophy of governance that supported the first Chinese Empire.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27**
**TOGETHER IN A LIVES? BELIEFS ABOUT BRILLIANCE UNDERMINE DIVERSITY**

Maureen Craig, Assistant Professor of Psychology

Research has shown that people often believe that brilliance and success are traits that are common to one’s own group, and that these traits are rare or non-existent in other groups. In this lecture, Professor Craig will explore the ways in which these beliefs are maintained, and how they contribute to the persistence of inequality and discrimination in society.
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