

**LI KA SHING PROGRAM IN GENDER & SCIENCE
20014-2015 EVENTS**

Baginal Impressions: The Affective Biopolitics of the First Women Physicians

Tuesday, March 3, 2015

This talk proposes that the notion of the human nervous system as an impressible, malleable entity continuously remade by contact with its environment lies at the heart of nineteenth-century U.S. cultural politics. Theorizing “impressibility” as a nineteenth-century keyword linking race and sexuality, the talk explores how scientists, reformers, and writers alike saw themselves as working in concert with a neurobiological substrate that they conceived of as, in its ideal form, fluid, malleable, and forever in dynamic exchange with surrounding bodies, objects, and forces.

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New Bodies, New Politics: Praxis in the Age of Disability

Tuesday: March 31, 2015

Therí A. Pickens, Assistant Professor of English, Bates College

How do everyday embodied experiences transform from being anecdotal to having social and political significance? What can the experience of corporeality offer social and political discourse? And, how does that discourse change when those bodies belong to Arab Americans and African Americans?

Difference in the Brain: theories in neuroscience form a critical race and gender perspective

Thursday, April 30, 2015

Conference/Symposium

Suki Ali, Associate Professor in Sociology, London School of Economics;

Felicity Callard, Reader in Social Science for Medical Humanities, Durham University

This workshop fosters discussion and critical knowledge production to trouble the smooth promise of brain research as an ultimate arbitrator in the biologization of differences such as gender, sex, race, capacity, and criminality. Topics discussed include the role of neuroscience in adoption discourses and the neurologization of affect and self.