

INTERSECTIONS BETWEEN POPULAR CULTURE, SEXUALITY AND HEALTH

Friday, April 10, 2015 | 1pm - 5pm | Room 105, Boalt Hall

The goal of this program is to stimulate dialogue across disciplinary lines on issues concerning the intersection of gender, sexuality, race, cultural imagery and health research and policy. Each panel will include scholars from different disciplinary perspectives with the goal of illuminating key issues that could inform current theory and practice addressing sexual health disparities.

The panels will address violence against women and HIV/AIDS, which remain subjects of major concern in the field of public health. At the same time, these issues generate various competing cultural narratives as well as scholarship in the humanities and sociology. Much of this discourse struggles with questions of individual autonomy, responsibility and blame. For example, can we question the decisions of survivors of violence without falling into victim-blaming? In thinking about Truvada, a medication recommended for gay men by the federal government to prevent HIV/AIDS, can we examine gay and bisexual men's sexual decision-making without engaging in "slut shaming"? How do we navigate the tension between respecting autonomy and combatting oppression?



Lunch will be served at 12:45pm
(Registration is Required)

Speakers:

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Emily Rothman
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Moderators:

Denise Herd
Associate Professor
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Russell Robinson
Distinguished Haas Chair
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