

# THE KRISTEVA CIRCLE

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**F R I D A Y , M A R C H 2 8**

**FRIDAY AFTERNOON, 1 - 2:30 PM**

1-A. Kristevan Perspectives on Disability

Buttrick 205

MODERATOR: [Melinda Hall](#) (Stetson University)

SPEAKERS: [Victoria Adams](#) (University of Michigan), "Promoting the Repellent: Queer and Disabled Bodies in Abject Art"; [Josh Dohmen](#) (University of Memphis), "Disabled Singularity, Feminine Genius"; [Amy Billingsley](#) (University of Oregon), "Cogito Ergonomics Sum: Kristeva, Derrida, and Disability"

1-B. New Reflections on Abjection and Semianalysis

Buttrick 202

MODERATOR: [Natalie Cisneros](#) (Gettysburg University)

SPEAKERS: [Shiloh Whitney](#) (Fordham University), "Abjection as Ambivalent Affect: The Powers of Horror and the Advent of the Body Proper"; [Israel Roncero](#) (Carlos III University, Madrid), "Abjection and Second-person Perspectives on the Concept of Agency"; [Beata Stawarska](#) (University of Oregon), "Scientific Semiology and/or Paragrammatic Semiotics: An Unexpected alliance between Saussure and Kristeva"

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**FRIDAY AFTERNOON, 2:45 - 4:15 PM**

2-A. Reimagining Mothers and Maternity

Buttrick 205

MODERATOR: [Carolyn Culbertson](#) (Florida Gulf Coast University)

SPEAKERS: [Michèle Vialet](#) (University of Cincinnati), "Motherhood as a Structural Experience in the Construction of the Feminine Subject: Kristeva's Dialogic Contribution"; [Marygrace Hemme](#) (University of Memphis), "The Mother as Subject: From Passions to Metaphor in Colette"; [Lissa Holloway-Attaway](#) (Blekinge Tekniska Högskola), "Severed Heads and Maternal Recovery: Julia Kristeva, Artistic Rendering, and Moby-Dick"

2-B. The Problem with the Stranger and the Stranger's Problem

Buttrick 202

MODERATOR: [Chris Jingchao Ma](#) (Villanova University)

SPEAKERS: [Miglena Nikolchina](#) (Sofia University), "Olga and Dan: the Threads That Were Cut"; [Julia Sushytska](#) (Pacifica Graduate Institute), "Talking with Strangers: Conversations between the West and its Metics"; [Kamelia Spassova](#) (Sofia University), "Abject vs. Uncanny Strangeness"

**AFTERNOON COFFEE BREAK, 4:15 - 5 PM**

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## KEYNOTE ADDRESS, 5 PM

Buttrick 101

WELCOME REMARKS: [Kelly Oliver](#) (Vanderbilt University)  
MODERATOR: [Rebecca Tuvel](#) (Vanderbilt University)

[Alice Jardine](#) (Harvard University)

"At the Risk of Thinking:

On Writing an Intellectual Biography of Julia Kristeva"

FOLLOWED BY RECEPTION IN THE BUTTRICK ATRIUM

## SATURDAY, MARCH 29

COFFEE & MUFFINS IN THE BUTTRICK ATRIUM, 8 AM

### SATURDAY MORNING, 8:30 - 10 AM

#### 3-A. Kristeva in China

Buttrick 205

MODERATOR: [Sarah Tyson](#) (University of Colorado-Denver)

SPEAKERS: [Keyi Zhu](#) (Fudan University) & [Shujin Song](#) (Zhengzhou University), "Julia Kristeva's Trips to China"; [Zhencen Yin](#) (Fudan University); "Semi-analysis on Chinese Officialdom Discourse"; [Hong-qian Zhang](#) (East China Normal University) & [Fei Liu](#) (Shanghai International Studies University), "Kristeva and Chinese writing - a comparative study of Chinese and Western text concept"

#### 3-B. Art and Genre

Buttrick 202

MODERATOR: [Ellie Anderson](#) (Emory University)

SPEAKERS: [Elaine Miller](#) (Miami University Ohio), "Tragedy, Art, and the 'Orestes Complex'"; [Robert Shane](#) (The College of St. Rose), "The Temporal Scar: Zeitlos and Revolt in Memorial Art"; [Karen Rodríguez](#) (School for International Training), "Multiple Specificities: Sublimating in Kristeva's Santa Varvara"

### MORNING COFFEE BREAK, 10 - 10:30 AM

Buttrick Atrium

### SATURDAY MORNING, 10:30 - NOON

#### 4-A. Concepts of Women, Visions of Feminism

Buttrick 101

MODERATOR: [Alberto Bejarano Romo](#) (University of Memphis)

SPEAKERS: [Noëlle McAfee](#) (Emory University), "For Love of the World: Kristeva's and Arendt's Liberatory (but Not-Quite-Feminist) Cosmopolitanisms"; [Noirin Mac Namara](#) (Queen's University Belfast), "Julia Kristeva and Bracha Ettinger - the feminine and ambiguity"; [Elisabeth Paquette](#) (York University), "A Dialogue between Kristeva and Wittig: Transgressing the Cat-

egory of Woman"

#### 4-B. History, Affect, Revolt: Between Worlds

Buttrick 102

MODERATOR: [Mark Berardi](#) (University of Memphis)

SPEAKERS: [Sara Beardsworth](#) (Southern Illinois University Carbondale), "Subject of Disremption, Kristevan Revolt"; [Amy Stewart](#) (Southern Illinois University Carbondale), "Ex-timate Trauma, Intimate Ethics: Kristevan Revolt in the Artwork of Kara Walker"; [Bethany Henning](#) (Southern Illinois University Carbondale), "Ezekiel 7 and the Permanent Efficacy of Grace: A Recovery in Aesthetic Experience of the Remainder of Devastation"

### LUNCH BREAK, 12 - 2 PM

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### SATURDAY AFTERNOON, 2 - 3:30 PM

#### 5-A. Kristevan approaches to the literature of the Caribbean

Buttrick 205

MODERATOR: [Camille Sutton](#) (Vanderbilt University)

SPEAKERS: [Rosa Tezanos-Pinto](#) (Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis), "The Kristevan Mother in Loreina Santos Silva's Poetry"; [Benigno Trigo](#) (Vanderbilt University), "In Love with Our Undoing: Scenes from Puerto Rico's Tragic Imagination"; [Kristian Van Haesendonck](#) (University of Lisbon), "Dancing with Diderot. Humanism at the Crossroads in Latin America & the Caribbean"

#### 5-B. Aesthetic Practices

Buttrick 102

MODERATOR: [Jaime Bihlmeyer](#) (Missouri State)

SPEAKERS: [Laura Wahlfors](#) (University of Arts Helsinki), "Intimate Revolt at the Piano"; [Cara Judea Alhadeff](#) (European Graduate School), "Digesting the Stranger Within: le monstre du carrefour"; [Jacqueline Taylor](#) (Birmingham City University UK), "The poetic and the inter-material: unfolding and enfolding difference through a new theory and practice of peinture féminine"

### AFTERNOON COFFEE BREAK, 3:30 - 4 PM

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### SATURDAY AFTERNOON, 4 - 5:30 PM

#### 6-A. Perspectives on Faith and Religion

Buttrick 205

MODERATOR: [Andrea Pitts](#) (Vanderbilt University)

SPEAKERS: [Peter Capretto](#) (Vanderbilt University), "The Origin(al) Imperative of Mary in Mark's Gospel: Kristeva and Derrida on Mark 3:20-35"; [Martha Reineke](#) (University of Northern Iowa), "From Kinesis to Kenosis: Kristeva's Aesthetics of Compassion and the Future of the Paternal Function"; [Richard Coble](#) (Vanderbilt University), "Desire and Adoration:

*The Relation between Faith and Death in Julia Kristeva and Jean-Luc Nancy*"

6-B. Resistance and Revolt

Buttrick 202

MODERATOR: [Grace Hunt](#) (Western Kentucky University)

SPEAKERS: [Elena Flores Ruiz](#) (Florida Gulf Coast University),

*"Kristeva in Latin America: Theorizing Insurrectional Subjects of Postcolonial Signification"; Lisa Guenther (Vanderbilt University), "Survival as Natal Resistance: Kristeva and the Pathology of Mass Incarceration"; Surti Singh (American University of Cairo), "Spectacle and Revolt: On the Intersection of Psychoanalysis and Social Theory in Julia Kristeva's Work"*

**KEYNOTE ADDRESS, 5:45 PM**

Buttrick 101

MODERATOR: [Sarah Hansen](#) (Drexel University)

[Tina Chanter](#) (Kingston University)

"Antigone's Oedipal Mortality"

FOLLOWED BY BUFFET DINNER 7 PM, BUTTRICK ATRIUM

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COFFEE & MUFFINS IN THE BUTTRICK ATRIUM, 8 AM

**SUNDAY MORNING, 8:30 - 10:30 AM**

7-A. Psychoanalysis and Singularity

Buttrick 205

MODERATOR: [Jonathan Wurtz](#) (University of Memphis)

SPEAKERS: [Melinda Hall](#) (Stetson University), "Kristeva and the Medical Humanities: Alternatives for Clinical Ethics"; [Christine Wertheim](#) (California Institute for the Arts), "Semiotic Structures: Iconicity and Indexicality in Infantile thought patterns"; [Pleshette DeArmitt](#) (University of Memphis), "Singularity, Subjectivity, Sexuality"

7-B. Kristeva and Film: A Cinema of Revolt

Buttrick 202

MODERATOR: [Sam Girkus](#) (Vanderbilt University)

SPEAKERS: [Jennifer E. Smyth](#) (University of Warwick), "Staged Revolts Against the Past: Julia's Look Back at Second Phase Women and the Language of Classical Hollywood"; [Anne M. Kern](#) (Purchase College, SUNY), "Julia Kristeva and the Sense and Non-Sense of Cinema"; [K. Merinda Simmons](#) (University of Alabama), "'These are the wrong questions': Placing the Subject, Problematizing Nostalgia"; [Kristin Hole](#) (SUNY Stony Brook), "Queering Abjection: Claire Denis' Trouble Every Day (2001)"; [Stephanie Page Hoskins](#) (Vanderbilt University), "Signifiers of the Sacrificial Body in Zeffirelli's and Luhrmann's Films of Romeo and Juliet"

**MORNING COFFEE BREAK, 10:30 - 11 AM**

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**KEYNOTE ADDRESS, 11 AM -12:30 PM**

Buttrick 101

MODERATOR: [Kelly Oliver](#), Vanderbilt University

[Julia Kristeva](#) (University of Paris VII Diderot) *via Skype*

"New Forms of Revolt"

**LUNCH BREAK, 12:30 - 2:30 PM**

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**SUNDAY AFTERNOON, 2:30 - 4 PM**

8-A. Creativity and Critique

Buttrick 205

MODERATOR: [Jeremy Grossman](#), University of Georgia

SPEAKERS: [Sarah Marshall](#) (University of Memphis), "A Recounting: Arendt and Kristeva De-sense the Myth of Orpheus and Eurydice"; [Markus Weidler](#) and [Mariko Izumi](#) (Columbus State University), "The Cost of Critique: In(ter)vention and Ethical Violence in Benjamin and Kristeva"; [Daniel Allen](#) (Miami University of Ohio), "Semiotic Unrest: Situating Loss in Kristeva's Early Dialectical Materialism"

8B. In the Clinic and the Classroom

Buttrick 202

MODERATOR: [Ilya Merlin](#), University of Western Ontario

SPEAKERS: [Susan Mull](#) (Institute of Contemporary Psychoanalysis), "Fire at Midnight: Semiotics in the Analytic Setting"; [Mary Marley](#) (Middle Tennessee University), "Kristeva and Education: Choric Invention, Writer-As-Analyst, Paradox in the University System, and the Diploma of Advanced Research in Psychopathology and Semiology (DRAPS)"; [Ruth Y. Jenkins](#) (California State University Fresno), "Gender, Abjection and Coming of Age: Games, Dolls, and Stories"

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