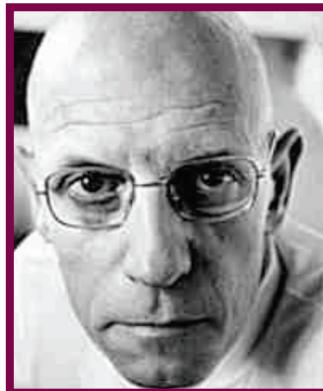


Michel Foucault 2014: Beyond Sexuality

Thursday and Friday,
March 27 and 28, 2014



Michel Foucault (1926-1984)

Philosopher, social theorist, historian of ideas

Keynote Speakers:

Dr. Roderick Ferguson, Professor of American Studies; Gender, Women and Sexuality Studies; and African American and African Studies, University of Minnesota

Dr. Ladelle McWhorter, James Thomas Professor in Philosophy; Professor of Women's, Gender and Sexualities Studies, University of Richmond

Conference Co-Directors

Ann Burlein, Associate Professor and Chair of Religion, Hofstra University

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One of the foremost and most widely read French philosophers of the 20th century, Michel Foucault is known especially for his three-volume *History of Sexuality*. This conference uses the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the publication of the final two volumes of that magnum opus as a jumping-off point for an evaluation of his work and the notion of a history of the present, with an eye toward the future: Where do we go from here, beyond Foucault, post-Foucault, without him?

Foucault died in the middle of a large project, the contours of which are only becoming visible to us now as his lectures are being published – a project that spun out between his critique of neoliberalism (and his own work on discipline) on the one hand and a turn to the ancient practices of the self and truth-telling on the other.

How does Foucault's project – unfinished, fragmented – look today?

The conference organizers are especially interested in presentations on the following topics, though submissions on a range of other topics are welcome:

- *Crisis in the academy* – Foucault elaborated his notion of the “specific intellectual” in response to a crisis in the university of his day: What is the role of intellectuals today amid an academy arguably in crisis?
- *The turn toward Greco-Roman classics* – What was Foucault’s “Greco-Roman journey” about? What has come of it – in classics, philosophy, cultural studies?
- *Beyond Sexuality? Post-queer?* Identity – subjectivity – an ethics of de-subjectivation: What frameworks seem most promising for thinking sexual practices now?
- *Medicine as a way that we are governed* – The history of medicine, biopolitics and the future of medicine in light of Foucault’s impact.
- *Telling truths and telling stories* – What is the role of art and literature, new media and an aesthetics of existence in a politics of the future?



Please email inquiries and proposals of no more than 500 words to Steven D. Smith at Steven.D.Smith@hofstra.edu by September 1, 2013. Decisions will be rendered by November 1, 2013, and participants should expect notification shortly thereafter.

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