THE HUMANITIES CENTER
BROWN BAG COLLOQUIUM

2017-2018
The Brown Bag Colloquium Series is one of the Humanities Center’s most important programs, providing a regular forum for the exchange, development and synthesis of ideas among humanities and arts faculty at Wayne State. The series helps the Center fulfill its mission to be a catalyst for interdisciplinary conversations and fellowship among WSU humanities, social science and arts scholars at all stages in their careers. The series sometimes also includes presentations from colleagues at neighboring universities and colleges.

We are now inviting volunteers to give talks in the 2017-2018 series. Talks will be held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 12:30 - 1:30pm during the Fall and Winter semesters. These presentations are informal so speakers need not present polished papers but may instead use the interaction with colleagues from multiple disciplines to help refine their work. We are inviting junior and senior scholars from any discipline whose work overlaps with the humanities.

If you would like to volunteer, provide the information requested below and email it to Walter Edwards, walter.edwards@wayne.edu. You may sign up if you don’t yet have a title for your talk, with the understanding that you can supply it later. Please volunteer by Friday, May 12, 2017.

Signing up for the Brown Bag is easier than ever. You can reply to this email listing the requested information on the form below; or print the form and send it in via campus mail to Walter F. Edwards, 2226 F/AB. We will confirm that we have received your submission.

Professor John Corvino, Chair of Philosophy giving his Brown Bag titled “Bake Me a Cake: Emerging Conflicts Around Religious Liberty, Tolerance, and Discrimination” on November 3, 2015.

Professor Ron Brown from Political Science and Associate Professor Khari Brown from Sociology giving their Brown Bag discussion.

“I have come to appreciate the Brown Bag talks tremendously over the past few years. They offer a wonderful opportunity to present one’s work to colleagues, also outside of one’s department and provide a great informal platform for frank and inspiring discussion.”

rene e. hoogland, Professor, English

“The Humanities Center Brown Bag series provides me with a remarkable opportunity to talk about my interdisciplinary research with other scholars across the humanities and social sciences. It also provides a wonderful venue to disseminate my work to participants in my community-based research, both those in the audience and those who watch it online.”

Stephen Christoulas, Associate Professor, Anthropology

“The Humanities Center’s Brown Bag series provides a wonderful opportunity for faculty to share their research and creative work with colleagues and students in a relaxing and congenial atmosphere. I enjoy connecting with WSU faculty in these forums and sharing insights on interesting and meaningful topics.”

Melba J. Boyd, Distinguished Professor and Chair, Africana Studies

“For me, the Brown Bag series has been a great opportunity to refine my work regardless of the stage of development. I presented data on a new research project, and the discussions helped me to refine and improve my conceptualization of the question and analysis. I have also appreciated presenting work that is farther along as a way to work through the final stages of my argument. And, importantly, the Brown Bag series has been very rewarding because it has given me the space to present to colleagues outside of my discipline. The lens through which others see your work has enabled me to improve my research.”

Krista Brumley, Associate Professor, Sociology

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Tentative Title: ___________________________
Email Address: ___________________________
Preferred Semester: Fall ’17 [ ] Winter ’18 [ ] Preferred Day: Tuesday [ ] Wednesday [ ]