



**2015 Schedule RCHA Seminar:  
"Ethical Subjects: Moralities, Laws, Histories"**

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Unless otherwise indicated, all meetings held, 11:15-1:15,  
88 College Ave. (lunch will be served)

For pre-circulated readings and weekly workshop papers, please  
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Sept. 1: Introductory meeting and readings: **"Humanitarianism and the Human"**

Sept. 15: **Didier Fassin** (School of Social Science, IAS), Keynote Lecture: "The Moral Economy of Asylum," 4:30-6 (Pane Room, Alexander Library); Reception to follow

Sept. 22: **Lynn Festa** (English, Rutgers), "Human Rights without Humanity"

Sept. 29: **John Marshall** (History, Johns Hopkins), "Islam, Toleration and the Enlightenment," RCHA/RBSC/Distinguished European History Lecture, 4:30-6 (Pane Room, Alexander Library); Reception to follow

*Co-sponsored Conference: Oct. 1 - 2: "Family/Law" Murray Hall, 302*

Oct. 6: **Anna Clark** (History, U of Minn), Seminar: "Ethical Subjects in the Victorian Age"; Lecture: "Humanitarianism and Human Rights in the British Empire, 1890-1902," Distinguished European History/Rutgers British Studies/Department of English Lecture, 4:30-6 (Hageman Hall, New Brunswick Theological Seminary, 35 Seminary Place); Reception to follow

Oct. 13: **Kathleen Brown** (History, U of Penn), "Undoing Slavery: Abolition and the Argument over Humanity"

Oct. 20: Readings: **"Politics of Violence/non-violence"**

Oct. 27: **Kevin Grant** (History, Hamilton College), "The Rule of Exceptions: Hunger Strikes, Fasts, and Political Prisoner Status in Britain, Ireland, and India, 1897-1946"

Nov. 3: **Özge Serin** (RCHA postdoctoral fellow, Rutgers), "The Sovereign Lapse: The Death Fast and the Political"

Nov. 10: **Divya Cherian** (RCHA postdoctoral fellow, Rutgers), "The Meat of the Matter: Vegetarianism, Hindu Identity, and Politics in Eighteenth-Century Western India"

Nov. 17: **Kate Imy** (History, Rutgers), "Food and 'The Contagion of Hinduism' in the British Indian Army, 1900-1940"

Dec. 1: **April Mayes** (History, Pomona College) and Teach-In on "Race, Citizenship in Haiti and the Dominican Republic" (co-sponsor Center for Latin American Studies, and Critical Caribbean Studies)

Dec. 8: **Leah Devun** (History and RCHA Fellow, Rutgers), "Animal Appetites: Hermaphrodites and the Boundaries of the Human in the Middle Ages"