

**Carleton University
Department of English Language and Literature
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Contemporary Literary Theory Special Topic:
Judith Butler and her Interlocutors**

Time: TBA

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Brief Course Description

This seminar will offer an in-depth study of Judith Butler's work. Topics will include Butler's theory of gender performativity and queer theory, embodiment and subject formation, speech and rhetoric, biopolitics, grievable and precarious life, religious and ethical subjectivity, as well as her political activism. We will have occasion to engage some of her major influences (Hegel, Nietzsche, Freud, Foucault), as well as some of her critics and the controversies that have surrounded her work.