Course Description:
This course will make sense of the Trump phenomenon by interrogating the sociological histories and undercurrents of contemporary rightwing populism, patriarchal backlash, and white supremacy. The course will not be rehashing “why Clinton lost”, but instead will be asking questions about—and making visible—the underlying systems and structures that made Trump’s election possible, what (if anything) is new about Trumpism, and how it relates to rightwing and fascist movements outside the United States. We will also investigate the failures of liberalism revealed by the election, and the significance of Trumpism for sociology.