

The Department of Comparative Literature at UC Irvine is pleased to announce "Cultures of Violence," a graduate student conference featuring keynote addresses by Cathy Caruth, Winship Distinguished Research Professor of Comparative Literature and English at Emory University, and Wendy Brown, Professor of Political Science at UC Berkeley and an introductory address by David Theo Goldberg, Professor of Comparative Literature at UC Irvine. This interdisciplinary event will attempt to examine different forms of violence—be they physical, psychological, institutional, technological, critical, or representational—as well as their relation to globally and historically situated conflicts that have taken place around and through various concepts of culture. Diverse thinkers, critics, writers, and artists have worked toward critiques of violence, exploring the uses of violence and the means by which it is mobilized in order to produce particular social, political, and textual effects. Some of this creative and theoretical work represents an effort to productively work through acts of systemic violence. In this critical tradition, this conference is being organized to come to grips with the deployment and dissemination of violence in our current times.

CULTURES OF VIOLENCE

Graduate Student Conference
Hosted by the Department
of Comparative Literature
University of California, Irvine

APRIL / 6-7 / 2007

Thursday, April 5:

7-9: Film Screening: *Never Forever*

Friday, April 6:

8:30-9: Breakfast
9-10: Opening Address by David Goldberg
10-12: Recuperating Revolution & History
10-12: Gender, Kinship, & the Body
2-4: Legacies of Domination, Colonialism, & Slavery
4-6: Violence in Representation & Spectation
6-7: Reception
7-9: Film Screening: *Funny Games*

Saturday, April 7

8:30-9: Breakfast
9-11: Spinoza & the Vicissitudes of Violence
Affect and Violence
9-11: Traumatic Histories
11-1: The Politics of Reconfiguring
Discourse(s) of Violence: Problematics
in the Dynamics of War & Gaming
11-1: Violence & the Performativity of
Language
2-4: Legitimizing Violence
4:30-6: Keynote Address by Wendy Brown
6-7:30: Keynote Address by Cathy Caruth
7:30-9: Reception

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