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This seminar brings together scholars in the fields and subfields touched by a growing interest in the emotional or affective experience, whether understood as embodied or incorporeal, emotional or impersonal, quantifiable or escaping measurement. This inter/multidisciplinary seminar on affect incorporates a wide range of approaches and topics across disciplines and periods, providing a forum for discussion of affect in the arts, sciences, history, psychology, philosophy, ecology, queer/feminist studies, and social theory, among others, as well as a means to historicize how affect and emotion have served in religious, social, and political contexts in different periods and locales, from Antiquity to contemporary life.

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2025–2026 MEETINGS

October 16 — *Embodied Epistemology as Rigorous Historical Method*
Lauren Mancia, Brooklyn College; The Graduate Center, City University of New York
Katherine Hejtmanek, Brooklyn College, City University of New York

April 16 — *Where Is Affect in the Making and Knowing Project?*
Pamela Smith, Columbia University
With graduate students; **Stephanie Reitzig**, **Umrat Khan**, and **Ninive Vargas de la Pena**

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