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This seminar continues a format developed in an earlier iteration as a class in the Hovde Seminar series at the Heyman Center: members read a book in advance of each session and then discuss it together, historically continuing the conversation over dinner. Since Covid, the group has met by Zoom earlier in the day, with those in the area continuing the discussion over dinner at Faculty House. The seminar has begun inviting authors of the books discussed, along with other scholars focused on the relevant work, while remaining a convivial group of interested and articulate readers willing to delve deeply into the intersection of science and individual subjective experience.

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2025–2026 MEETINGS

August 28	*Discussion of Hannah Arnedt,* On Lying And Politics —
September 18	*Discussion of David Brooks,* How to Know a Person: The Art of Seeing Others Deeply and Being Seen Deeply —
October 23	*Discussion of Simon Schama,* Foreign Bodies: Pandemics, Vaccines and the Health of Nations —
November 20	*Discussion of Patricia Williams,* The Miracle of the Black Leg: Notes on Race, Human Bodies, and the Spirit of the Law —
December 18	*Discussion of Renee Bergland,* Natural Magic: Emily Dickinson, Charles Darwin, and the Dawn of Modern Science —
January 22	*Discussion of Octavia Butler,* Pattern Master, A Patternist Novel —
February 26	*Discussion of Saul Bellow,* Ravelstein —
March 26	*Discussion of Daniel Chamovitz,* What a Plant Knows: A Field Guide to the Senses —
April 16	*Discussion of Jeremy DeSilva,* First Steps: How Upright Walking Made Us Human —
May 14	*Discussion of Jamieson Webster,* On Breathing —

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