

SOLIDARITY AND THE SELF

THURSDAY, MARCH 9 | 8:00 PM
TISHMAN AUDITORIUM

Sarah Schulman
Conflict Is Not Abuse

Novelist, essayist, playwright, and distinguished scholar Sarah Schulman offers an eye-opening and original perspective on the cultural phenomenon of blame and scapegoating, as explored in her acclaimed work, *Conflict Is Not Abuse: Overstating Harm, Community Responsibility and the Duty of Repair*.

Schulman asks us to think critically about our proclivity for choosing blame over personal accountability. From intimate relationships to police violence to geo-political conflicts, Schulman argues, our tendency to blame those who are different from us rather than reflect on our own actions results in injustice, exclusion, dehumanization, and enhances the power of the State. Poet Claudia Rankine wrote, "It's impossible to be invested in the world and not be invested in this groundbreaking and challenging book."

This event is cosponsored by Williams College as well as the following programs at Bennington College: Society, Culture & Thought; the Center for the Advancement of Public Action; Drama; and Visual Arts.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29 | 7:00 PM
CAPA SYMPOSIUM

Simon Feldman
Against Authenticity

Simon D. Feldman, Chair of the Philosophy Department at Connecticut College, teaches Feminist Philosophy and Philosophy of Law and the Self. He recently authored the book, *Against Authenticity: Why You Shouldn't Be Yourself*. In *Against Authenticity*, Feldman argues for the validity and value of inauthenticity in our lives, providing an exciting challenge for studies of ethics, metaethics, metaphysics, and moral psychology.

MONDAY, MAY 1 | 7:00 PM
CAPA SYMPOSIUM

Ronnie Janoff-Bulman
Political Motives

Dr. Janoff-Bulman is a world-renowned political psychologist and the head of the graduate psychology program at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Janoff-Bulman's research on victimization and trauma led to the groundbreaking book *Shattered Assumptions: Towards a New Psychology of Trauma* (1992). In recent years, Janoff-Bulman's studies have focused on morality, particularly the motivational bases of different moral perspectives and the implications for an individual's political ideology. Her research won the prestigious Morton Deutsch Award and the Aaron T. Back award.

MONDAY, MAY 8 | 7:00 PM
CAPA SYMPOSIUM

Giovanna Di Chiro
Embodied Ecologies

Dr. Giovanna Di Chiro is the Lang Professor for Issues of Social Change at Swarthmore College. She has published widely on the intersections of race, class, gender, and environmental justice with a focus on activism and policy change addressing environmental health disparities in lower-income communities. She teaches interdisciplinary courses in environmental studies and women's and gender studies, and incorporates a community-based action research emphasis. Di Chiro is the author of the book *Embodied Ecologies: Science, Politics, and Environmental Justice*.

MONDAY, MAY 15 | 7:00 PM
CAPA SYMPOSIUM

Melissa Cardoza
13 colores de la Resistencia Hondureña

Melissa Cardoza is an artist and activist. Together with Berta Cáceres, she organized the Honduran indigenous and environmental rights movement. She is the author of the book *13 colores de la Resistencia Hondureña*. She will speak about activism in the intersections of indigenous anti-colonialist resistance, art, and feminism.

