

College of Arts & Letters Colloquium Series

Roundtable Discussion: INTERDISCIPLINARITY @ ODU

Friday

March 22, 2013

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Batten Arts & Letters 9024

Moderator: Dr. Robert Wojtowicz, Dept. of Art

Featuring:

Dr. Regina Karp, Graduate Program in International Studies

Dr. Jonathan Leib, Dept. of Political Science and Geography

Dr. Avi Santo, Dept. of Communication and Theatre Arts

The discussion will focus on the oft-used yet rarely defined (and even more rarely activated) concept of "interdisciplinarity." The term is included in the college 5-year Plan, but what is it? Is it really an attractive goal? How is it instituted, operationalized, or achieved within institutional settings and/or individual scholarship? What forces enable or constrain it? Can there be interdisciplinarity across the social science and humanistic disciplinary paradigms? Are digital initiatives (such as the digital humanities) helpful in demonstrating possible roads forward? These and other questions will be entertained. Audience participation is encouraged.