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Talk:

Murder and Mattering in Harambe's House

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4:00 pm

McCune Conference Room, 6020 HSSB

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This talk approaches the controversy over the killing of the gorilla Harambe in the Cincinnati Zoo in May 2016 as a unique window onto the making of animality and blackness in the contemporary U.S. It will explore the notion of a racial-zoological order in which the “human” is constructed simultaneously in relation to both the “black” and the “animal.” A vegan reception will follow.

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