

# DIS/UNITY AND DIFFERENCE

## COMPASSION AND THE RESPONSE TO DIFFERENCE (PARIS 1650, CHICAGO 2010)

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

7:30 P.M., JOE ROSENFELD '25  
CENTER, ROOM 101

This talk explores how writing about compassion in early modern France negotiated and constructed religious and social sameness and difference. Is compassion ever an adequate response to social difference? How does the early modern case help us think about our negotiation of social difference today? Katherine Ibbett is Professor of French at the University of Oxford and Fellow of Trinity College, Oxford. She is the author of *Compassion's Edge: Fellow-Feeling and its Limits in Early Modern France* (2017) and *The Style of the State in French Theater* (2009) and is currently working on a project entitled *Liquid Empire*, about water and writing.



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