

Critical Race & Ethnic Studies and Feminist Studies Present:

Perishment: Thoughts on Blackness and the Human/Animal Distinction

Feb. 20, 2014 @ 10:00 – 11:30 am

Humanities 1, Room 210

Free and open to the public



Sharon Holland, Professor of American Studies at UNC Chapel Hill has been working on a book project entitled “Perishment,” a theoretical study that takes German philosopher Martin Heidegger’s notion that humans “die” while animals “perish,” and reads across the theoretical spectrum of works on the human/animal distinction in order to arrive at a fundamental question: what is the relationship of “blackness” to discourse on the animal?

Do *black* humans “die” or “perish”?

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