

The Department of Sociology Speaker Series presents

Seeing with the Hands: Blindness, Vision, and Touch After Descartes

Friday, April 20, 2018
12:30–2 p.m.

Wesley W. Posvar Hall, Room 2432

Lunch will be served on a first-come, first-served basis.



Mark Paterson

University of Pittsburgh

Georgina Kleege

University of California–Berkeley

About the Speaker

This special event celebrates Mark Paterson's newest book, *Seeing with the Hands: Blindness, Vision and Touch After Descartes*. In his book, Paterson challenges the centrality of vision in philosophy from the enlightenment to the contemporary sciences. Using *Seeing in Hands* as a launching point, this lecture discusses the problematic historical constructions of blindness by the sighted in terms of the history of disability, and contrasts this with the experiences of those with medico-legal blindness or vision impairment. Georgina Kleege (Berkeley)—a leading scholar and activist in disability studies—is the keynote speaker. The event is held in conjunction with the Disability Studies Research Group.

This lecture is free and open to the public. For more information, visit sociology.pitt.edu.

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