

# READING MATTERS

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA BERKELEY

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Articulating and performing a mode of reading that responds to the challenges of the present has been a constant endeavor not only in literary studies, but in all academic disciplines. Technological and scientific developments require us to constantly reflect on what it means to read and make sense of texts and events as conveyed through various mediatic forms, and across disparate and various global, historical, political, and cultural contexts and specificities. In focusing on the *matter* (i.e. DNA, architecture, landscapes, bodies, international waters, codes, satellite images, networks, urban infrastructure) of reading, *Reading Matters* aims to test generative forms of reading that can be thought of as not only a methodology, but a skill that supports us in addressing the challenges of our time.

As the first event in the *Reading Matters* series, this two-day workshop at UC Berkeley will provide participants with the unique opportunity to work closely with professors and graduate students to explore alternative modes of reading through intensive seminars with the four faculty instructors.

## FORMAT

Four seminars and a lecture.

Seminar participation requires completing preselected readings beforehand.

Course reader is available for download at :  
[readingmatters.princeton.edu/s/course-reader.pdf](http://readingmatters.princeton.edu/s/course-reader.pdf)

## SCHEDULE

[ + FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2018 ]

9:00 - 11:30 AM • "MARX'S INORGANIC BODY"  
JUDITH BUTLER • UC Berkeley

1:00 - 3:30 PM • "READING PHENOMENOLOGICALLY"  
GAYLE SALAMON • Princeton University

4:00 - 6:00 PM • Lecture • Art of Writing Series  
PATRICIA J WILLIAMS • Columbia Law School

[ + SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2018 ]

9:00 - 11:30 AM • "ALPHABETOGRAPHIES; OR, READING MATTER"  
EDUARDO CADAVA • Princeton University

12:30 - 3:00 pm • "GOVERNING BODIES"  
PATRICIA J WILLIAMS • Columbia Law School

## LOCATION

All events will occur in the Townsend Center.

## CONTACT

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