# An international program of study with leading figures in critical thought

## The School

The School of Criticism and Theory was founded in 1976 by a group of leading scholars and critical theorists in the conviction that an understanding of theory is fundamental to humanistic studies. Today, in an unparalleled summer campus experience, the SCT offers professors and advanced graduate students of the humanities and related social sciences a chance to work with preeminent figures in critical thought—exploring the relationships among literature, history, art, anthropology, and the law; examining the role of ideological and cultural movements; and reassessing theoretical approaches that have emerged over the last fifty years. Cornell also offers participants the resources of one of the great research libraries in the United States.

#### DIRECTOR

#### Hent de Vries

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# The 2019 Faculty

SIX-WEEK SEMINARS

### Linda Martín Alcoff

Professor of Philosophy, Hunter College and CUNY Graduate Center "Decolonizing Epistemology"

#### Cathy Caruth

Frank H. T. Rhodes Professor of Humane Letters, Cornell University "Rethinking Trauma Theory"

## Niklaus Largier

Sidney and Margaret Ancker Professor of German and Comparative Literature, University of California, Berkeley "Figures of Possibility: Figuration, Imagination, and the Phenomenology of Rhetorical Effects"

## Alexander G. Weheliye

Professor of African American Studies, Northwestern University "Black Life"

#### MINI-SEMINARS

#### **Robert Brandom**

Distinguished Professor, University of Pittsburgh; Fellow, American Academy of

"Hegel and the Hermeneutics of Magnanimity"

### Daphne Brooks

Professor of African-American Studies, Theater Studies, American Studies, and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Yale University

"Black Sound & The Archive"

#### Rahel Jaeggi

Professor for Social Philosophy; Director of the Center for Humanities and Social Change, Humboldt University, Berlin; 2018/19 Fellow, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton 'Crisis, Critique, and Materialism

### Dale Jamieson

Professor of Environmental Studies and Philosophy, Affiliated Professor of Law, Affiliated Professor of Medical Ethics, New York University

"Love in a World of Skepticism and Irony"

# The Program

In an intensive six-week course of study, faculty members and graduate students from around the world explore recent developments in critical theory.

Participants work with the SCT's core faculty of distinguished scholars and theorists in one of four six-week seminars. Each faculty member offers, in addition, a public lecture and a colloquium (based on an original paper) which are attended by the entire group.

The program also includes mini-seminars taught by scholars who visit for shorter periods. Finally, throughout the six weeks, distinguished theorists visit the SCT as lecturers.



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# Admission and Costs

The application deadline is February 1, 2019, and admissions decisions are announced in March. All applications must be submitted online. The online application may be accessed at the site listed below beginning on November 1, 2018.

Tuition for the 2019 session is \$3,000. Applicants may compete for partial tuition scholarships and are encouraged to seek funding from their home institutions. On-campus housing is available for an additional charge.

For application and program information: website: http://sct.cornell.edu/

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#### VISITING GUEST LECTURERS

### Jimena Canales

Faculty, Graduate College, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign "Science and the History of Nonexistent Things"

### David Damrosch

Alexander G. Weheliye

Ernest Bernbaum Professor of Comparative Literature: Director, Institute for World Literature, Harvard University "World Literature in a Post-postcolonial Age: Problems of Language, Culture, and Politics

Professor of English and World Literatures and Tutorial Fellow, Oxford University "The Poverty of Philosophy"

University Professor and Dean Emerita of the Graduate School of Arts and Science, New York University "Decorum, Due Process, and Dereliction: Some Reflections on Title IX"