

# BIO & PSYCHE

## READING THE SYMPTOMATIC BODY

a virtual lecture & workshop series

### CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

After a year on Zoom, our bodies have become clear indicators of the disjointed embodiment of the pandemic condition. The lingering effects of COVID-19 blur the boundaries between our biology and psyche. Beyond a philosophical analysis of the mind-body problem, embodied minds and mindful bodies challenge us to find new ways of reading symptoms. What are our bodies telling us?

From psychoanalytical interpretations of the body, to psychopharmaceutical interventions on the psyche, the medical sciences pose numerous (incompatible and frequently contradictory) interpretations of the symptomatic body. In a series of four public lectures and four workshops, this symposium invites participants to examine the body and its symptoms in medicine, psychoanalysis, creative writing, activism, and beyond.

Each lecture is paired with a workshop session, in which participants are invited to discuss their work-in-progress with peers and keynote lecturers, either through a pre-circulated draft or in a short presentation. We welcome a wide range of work, from the academic article draft to the spoken word poem, from meditations on doctor-patient relationships to community activism.

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### SPEAKERS

**7 May 2021**

Dr. Jamieson Webster  
*The New School*

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**14 May 2021**

Prof. Christopher Lane  
*Northwestern U.*

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**21 May 2021**

Venus Ginés, MA,  
P/CHWI

*Día de la Mujer Latina*

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**28 May 2021**

Dr. Travis Chi Wing Lau  
*Kenyon College*



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