

Department of Philosophy Colloquium

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will present a talk entitled*



***“The Association of Slavery and Blackness
in Early Modern Philosophy”***

Abstract: This talk examines the association between the notions of ‘slavery’ and ‘Blackness’ in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries—an association that plays a crucial role in the development of modern racist thought. Several philosophers in this period commented on the ways in which these notions started to be linked; some criticized this linkage while others embraced or accepted it. Among White Europeans, a new conception of slavery—according to which slavery is appropriate exclusively or almost exclusively for Black people—emerged in the early modern period, side by side with a new conception of Blackness. This new conception of Blackness served European colonial interests by making a suitability for slavery a distinctive feature of all Black people.

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