Faculty-Seminar in the Humanities & Social Sciences:  
Fall 2001 Schedule

**Topic: Human Agency After Postmodernism**

**Sept. 7** *(all sessions meet at 3 pm in President’s Conference Room)*

Bert Kögler, Philosophy: **Introductory Notes on Agency, Autonomy, and Cultural Studies**

Reading: Stuart Hall: “Cultural Studies: Two Paradigms.”

**Sept. 21**

David Courtwright, History: **Session on Religion, Sex, and the Transformation of American Cultural Identity**

William James: “The Varieties of Religious Experience (excerpts).”

**Oct. 5**

Opening-Discussion Session on Butler: **Gender, Power, and Identity in Feminism and Beyond**

Reading: Judith Butler: *Gender Trouble*, chapt. 1
Stuart Hall: “Who needs identity?”

**Oct. 19**

**Self, Identity, and the Critique of Psychoanalysis**

David Bowen, Philosophy: Talk on Freud and/or Lacan.

Reading: J. Butler: *Gender Trouble*, chapt. 2.

**Nov. 2**

**Double-Session on Intercultural Religious Dialogue and the Power-Laden Construction of Identity**

Rahman Rao, Fulbright Fellow: "Islam and Humanism: when Muslim learns from the West"
Sam Kimball, English: “Obedience, Subjectivity, and Ascription: Reinterpreting Milgram’s Shock Experiments.”

Nov. 16

**Gender and the Subversion of Identity**

Lynn Carroll, Education: “Transgender Issues in Counselor Preparation.”

Reading: J. Butler: *Gender Trouble*, chapt. 3

Nov. 30

**Self-Identity, Law, and Social Power**

Christopher Pollmann, Harvard Law School: “Personal Identity - Fortress of the Individual in a World of Performance?”