

# MATERIALITY AND COMMUNICATION

(PH.D SEMINAR)

**COM 7933 | CRN: 25010**

This course explores the relationships between agency, communication, and the material world. We will continue to interrogate the popular assumption that speech is only symbolic (has no impact on the material world) while also taking seriously the idea that nonhuman entities can speak or act. In doing so, we will look at how discourse and matter co-construct each other. For example, how do bodies, forests, microbes, guns, violence, organizations, and other vibrant matter act and communicate? How does our communication change the very nature of this matter? We will also consider what it looks like to approach research as an embodied/sensory experience by conceptualizing it as something done through the body and by centering the embodiment of others in our methods and analyses.

*\*Grad students from outside the Communication Department must contact the instructor to request permission to take this course.*

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