

# RELATIVES

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## *Whodunit?*

Thursday, October 8, 2015 – 4:10pm

Global Commons Room, Williams Hall

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The notion of a 'founding murder' seems strange enough, yet it is a common enough motif. What is even more interesting is that -- contra Freud -- the ancient Greek and Hebrew stories posit a fratricide, rather than a patricide at the origin. I want to explore these two answers -- for it's all in the family, or so it seems -- to the question of murder. If time permits, I shall proceed to reflect on kinship and politics -- or kinship and violence, if there is a difference -- in the Western tradition.



On Friday, October 9 from 11am – 12:30pm there will be a response to Professor Anidjar's book "Blood" facilitated by Lehigh professors Nitzan Lebovic from History and Hartley Lachter and Khurram Hussain from Religion Studies at the Humanities Center, 224 W. Packer Ave. for faculty and graduate students. Please RSVP to [sus3@lehigh.edu](mailto:sus3@lehigh.edu) for the Friday event.

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