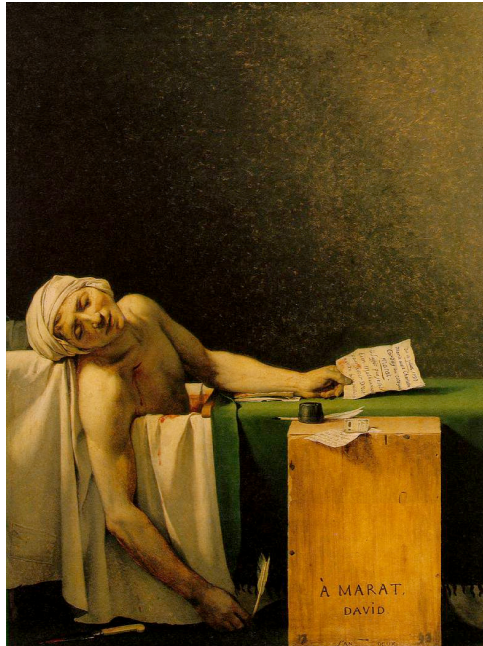


Literary Studies Speaker Series

The People's Two Bodies: Reflections on the Somatic Sublime



Eric Santner
University of Chicago

Friday, Mar 13, 2009, 2:30-4:30 pm
Northrop Frye Hall, Rm. 113

Eric L. Santner is the Philip and Ida Romberg Professor in Modern Germanic Studies at the University of Chicago. His books include *Friedrich Hölderlin. Narrative Vigilance and the Poetic Imagination*; *Stranded Objects. Mourning, Memory, and Film in Postwar Germany*; *My Own Private Germany. Daniel Paul Schreber's Secret History of Modernity*; *On the Psychotheology of Everyday Life: Reflections on Freud and Rosenzweig*; *Catastrophe and Meaning: The Holocaust and the Twentieth Century* (co-edited with Moishe Postone), *The Neighbor: Three Inquiries in Political Theology*, written with Slavoj Žižek and Kenneth Reinhard); and *On Creaturely Life: Rilke, Benjamin, Sebald* (University of Chicago Press). Santner's work engages the intersection of literature, philosophy, psychoanalysis, social theory, and religious thought.

Santner's talk will address the biopolitical transformation of the idea of sovereignty in the modern world – the libidinal construction of a body politic through a “materialist sublime.”

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