

# *Social Death and Survival: Race/Sex/Gender/Vulnerability Series*



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This first of a series of events addresses the theme of *social death and survival* from multiple vantage points. Our panel of Wesleyan faculty will discuss social death and survival in relation to contemporary struggles of identity and personhood, with respect to gender and sexuality, race and nationality, and ability and disability. With this theme, we seek to draw connections between multiple positions of vulnerability in contemporary contexts, as well as to identify forces that foster the marginalization of persons, communities and lives. By thinking about social death across multiple sites, including national, racial, sexual, and gendered boundaries, we seek to consider commonalities and differences within inequality, vulnerability and suffering. Finally, we seek to juxtapose the dehumanization and vulnerability of persons with examples – in social movements, in aesthetic forms, and elsewhere – of individual and community survival, action and possibility.

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