Anthropology of the Contemporary

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Location: 123 Wheeler
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Units: 4
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The theme of this upper-division class this term will be "micro-practices of power and ethics."

The core reading is Michel Foucault's Discipline and Punish. We will do a careful reading of the text in order to develop a repertoire of concepts. These concepts will then be applied to specific cases in which micro-practices of power and ethics are at stake. We will be experimenting with new software designed to facilitate collaborative work. Students will be expected to work in small groups on specific projects. Classroom attendance is mandatory. There will be two midterms. Participation in a small group project is a requirement.