The Program in Middle East Studies at Rutgers University cordially invites you to attend a lecture by Dr. Jessica Winegar

“Love, Disgust, and Struggles for Sovereignty in Egypt”

Wednesday April 17, 2019
4:00-5:30pm
Academic Building West Wing, Room 6051
15 Seminary Place, New Brunswick

What kept millions of people in Tahrir Square in 2011 until Mubarak fell? Why did so many of them, just a couple of years later, cheer on the new authoritarian ruler, al-Sisi? To shed light on these questions, this presentation explores embodied, material, and discursive expressions of love and disgust from the 2011 uprisings through the rise of authoritarian populism in Egypt. It suggests that love and disgust are key affects that sustain and suppress sovereignty struggles in times of intense upheaval, when both popular sovereignty and the sovereign power of the state are deeply unstable.

Jessica Winegar is a sociocultural anthropologist whose work investigates how people articulate understandings of history and political-economic change through cultural production and consumption, in particular through competing notions of culture and culturedness. Dr. Winegar is Professor of Anthropology at Northwestern University.