The colloquium provides a forum for scholars to present and discuss new research in the humanities. The topics are wide-ranging and interdisciplinary in focus, and we invite participation by both faculty and students from across the schools and departments at Marquette. In particular, we aim to foster exchanges among colleagues working in fields such as English, History, Philosophy, Theology, and Foreign Languages and Literatures as well as Communication, Law, and the Health Sciences. We also plan to host speakers from other universities. In this way, we aim to foster intellectual dialogues both within and beyond Marquette.

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1. **SARAH WADSWORTH** Department of English, "The Mysterious History of the First American Novel; or, The Clue in the Diary" Thursday, September 24, 4 PM Marquette Hall 105

2. **AMY BLAIR** Department of English, and **RUBY THOMPSON** ’16, Writing-Intensive English Major, "Tasting and Testing Books: Reading Advice in Good Housekeeping Magazine" Wednesday, October 28, 4 p.m., Marquette Hall 105

3. **JANIE KIM** Law School, "Racial Emotions and the Feeling of Equality" Thursday, November 19, 4 p.m., Marquette Hall 105

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