

# PUBLIC LECTURES TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 2024

## ZAVIER NUNN

TRANS LIMINALITIES:  
HISTORIES FROM WEIMAR  
AND NAZI GERMANY

**4:15 pm**

**Kunstraum | Campus Hall 25**

Focusing on trans women's subjectivities, this talk explores the micro and macro registers of how everyday trans life was experienced, policed, and cut short across the Weimar and Nazi regimes, sometimes in surprising – but always uneven – ways.

**Zavier Nunn** is currently Postdoctoral Associate in "Histories of the Transgender Present" in Gender, Sexuality & Feminist Studies at Duke University. He will soon be a Mellon Fellow in the Society of Fellows in the Humanities at Columbia University. His book, *Liminal Lives: Trans Feminine Histories from Weimar and Nazi Germany* is under review at Duke University Press. He is working on a history of legal sex change and trans masculine lives under Nazism, as well as historicising 'trans' adjacent to fields of knowledge production in modern Europe.

The lectures accompany the Duke University – Leuphana University Gender, Queer and Transgender Studies Workshop for Doctoral Candidates.

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## GABRIEL N. ROSENBERG

ON THE MADNESS OF DR.  
HUBERT DANA GOODALE:  
ANIMAL AGRICULTURE,  
EXPERIMENTAL ENDO-  
CRINOLOGY, AND THE INDUS-  
TRIAL ECOLOGY OF SEX  
IN EARLY 20TH CENTURY  
AMERICA

**6:15 pm**

**Central Building, C 40.704**

This talk explores the career of poultry geneticist, Dr Goodale, and experiments he conducted in the 1910s grafting hen ovaries into the bodies of castrated roosters to induce changes in their secondary sex characteristics. Although these experiments were an important model for later human endocrinological inquiry, Goodale actually aimed to solve a notorious problem for egg farmers: how to better detect and cull the half of all chicks that did not profitably contribute to egg production. His experiments challenge how contemporary scholars narrate histories of sex, science, and agriculture, revealing an underlying transformation of an interspecies ecology of flesh that rippled through human and animal bodies across the 20th century.

**Gabriel N. Rosenberg** is Associate Professor of Gender, Sexuality & Feminist Studies and History at Duke University and Senior Research Scholar at the Max Planck Institute for the History of Science. He is the author of *The 4-H Harvest: Sexuality and the State in Rural American* (University of Pennsylvania Press) and co-author of *Feed the People!: Democratizing Food Politics in a Warming World* (forthcoming). He has held fellowships at Yale University, the American Philosophical Society, the National Humanities Center, and the University of Pittsburgh.