

COLLOQUIUM BY MARIANNA TORGOVNICK

WRITING MATTERS

TIME: 7-8PM, WEDNESDAY 3 JUNE 2015

VENUE: CC 1103

Speaker: Marianna Torgovnick, Professor; Director, Duke in New York Arts and Media Program.

ABSTRACT:

In college, at graduate school, and at the beginning of their careers, people learn to write careful academic prose, which can often be both boring and defensive. How can we encourage our students and ourselves to think creatively about non-fiction? What might experimental writing look like, read like, feel like? What are its dangers? Do those dangers matter? The talk will address the writing life and its pleasures, with a special emphasis on the challenges of writing about family and the publishing industry today.

BIO:

Marianna Torgovnick is Professor of English, Literature, Arts of the Moving Image, and Women's Studies at Duke University. She has been a Guggenheim Fellow, a Fulbright Lecturer, and the winner of an American Book Award. Born in Brooklyn, she returns to New York during the Fall and Summer terms to teach Duke in New York Arts and Media, a program which immerses Duke students in the City while they take classes and do internships. She is the author of eight books and many articles.