AFRICANA STUDIES FALL 2018 SYMPOSIUM

October 25, 2018
1210 McClung Tower
1:00 p.m.--2:30 p.m.

Presentation
"Countering Fears of Corruption: 'Leprosy' and Healing in the Afro-Caribbean Diaspora of the 18th century"

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A historian of the interactions between Africa, Europe, and the Americas (ca. 1492-1833), Kristen Block writes about the Caribbean, arguably the epicenter of colonial competition in the early modern Americas. Currently, her research dwells on how Caribbean residents defined disease, contagion, and how conflict and hybridity affected their attempts at healing. Prof. Block pushes the limits of conventional historical methods to capture the emotions and voices of historical subjects, many of them marginalized because of their sex, class, or enslaved status. She is also the author of Ordinary Lives in the Early Caribbean: Religion, Colonial Competition, and the Politics of Profit (University of Georgia Press, 2012).