



CHID 480 Love: A Natural History

This class will specifically address the relationship between the humanized notion of love (where only humans or human-like animals are thought to feel love) and the more materially based notion of attraction (where even molecules possess forces of attraction). We will look at important moments or properties in the history of universe that manifested a specific type of love and attraction. We will then use these moments to come to a greater understanding of how the property of attraction works in cosmology, chemistry, geology, evolution, spiritualism, social theory, and as a human relationship with nature. We will pay special attention to how attraction can work as a conservative force (by conserving specific bonds) and as a force for transformation (by breaking old bonds to forge new ones).