

Love and Attraction



CHID 490 B

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This class will 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). As the quarter progresses we will pay special attention to the tension between love as a socially conservative force and the role of attraction in upsetting social conventions. Students will be encouraged to ask, **“Why is the study of love important?” “Who feels love?” “How is love related to attraction?”** “How does love and attraction channel existing power relationships?