Seminar in Philosophy of Emotion

In this seminar course we examine a selection of readings in the history and philosophy of “emotion.” Various affective posits (emotions, moods, passions etc.) will be examined from a variety of approaches (feminist, analytic, neuroscientific, literary etc.). A guiding concern will be the theoretical coherence and integrity of ‘the affective realm’ as a distinct explanatory domain (as opposed, say, to cognition) and the relationship of the ‘affective sciences’ to ‘cognitive science’. Some attention will also be paid to the psychopathology of affectivity.