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WHY LITERATURE DEPARTMENTS SHOULD SPEAK IN ORDINARY LANGUAGE

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Pembroke Hall, Room 305
172 Meeting Street, Providence
5:30 pm

Leela Gandhi is a Professor of English at The University of Chicago and a noted academic in the field of postcolonial theory. She is the author of *Affective Communities* (2006) and *Postcolonial Theory: A Critical Introduction* (1998), and she serves on the editorial board of the electronic journal, *Postcolonial Text*. She is a founding co-editor of the academic journal *Postcolonial Studies*.

This talk makes a case for the politics of fictionality as a crucial aid for our democratic imagination. Professor Gandhi will review the present state of literary/critical practice. The talk points to a little acknowledged intellectual and historical compact between mid-twentieth century ordinary language philosophy and radical literary studies.

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