

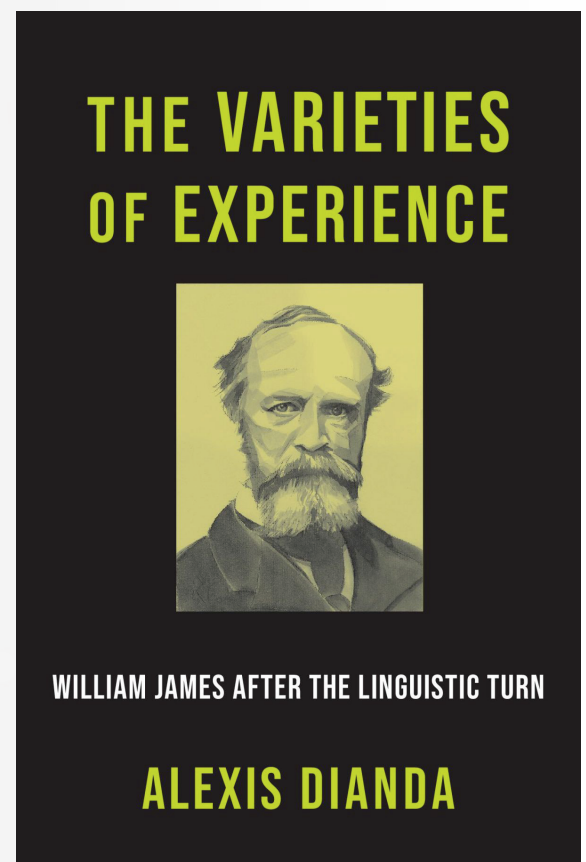
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## The Fractured Self: The Normal, the Exceptional, and the Pathological in William James

**Friday, April 17, 2026 • 5 p.m.**  
College of Education, Room 164



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William James' encounters with "abnormal" forms of subjectivity were central to his understanding of the self as divided, plural, and permeable. Drawing on his work in psychology and religion, Alexis Dianda shows how his analyses of the pathological provide a framework for understanding identity formation and moral growth. She argues that the permeability of the self that is revealed in cases of insanity, hypnotism, conversion, and neuroses illuminates the ordinary dynamics of moral growth that are central to James' pragmatism.

**This event is free and open to the public.**

**A reception will follow.**



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