

WHAT WE DESIRE

CRITICAL PERSPECTIVES ON

BEAUTY,
PLEASURE,
VALUE

The English Student
Association (ESA) of the CUNY

Graduate Center welcomes students across all departments and disciplines. This conference invites a critical investigation into the question of desire through beauty, pleasure, and value. We are pleased to host panelists who offer interdisciplinary, critical, and creative presentations that examine the politics of desire and value.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

“May Day Underground: On Festivity and Revolt”

Professor Joseph Albernaz

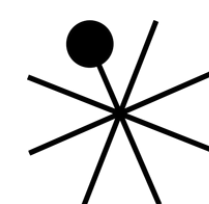
Assistant Professor of English and Comparative Literature
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Friday, May 1, 2026 | 1:00-8:30pm

Registration: Room 8301/8304

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