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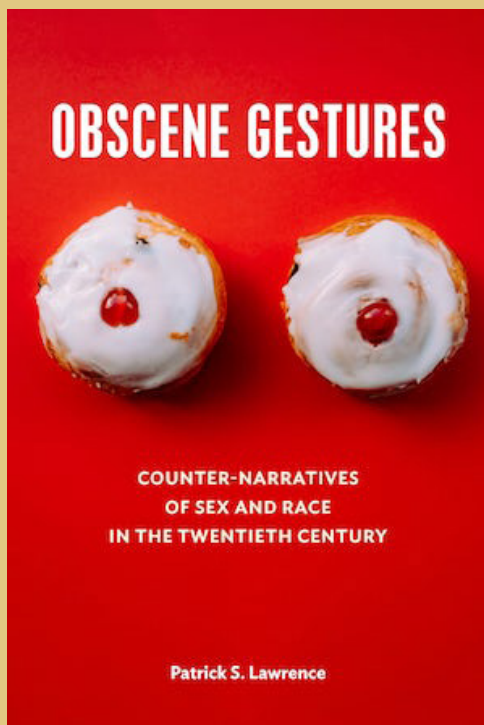
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W. Brent Burgin Lunch and Learn Lecture Series 2023

**“Obscene Gestures: Censorship,  
Morality, and Equality”**

**By Patrick Lawrence,  
USCL Associate Professor of English**

**Friday, April 28  
2023  
Noon**



“Obscene Gestures” explores the contradictions of censorship controversies surrounding literary and artistic works from Richard Wright’s “Native Son” and Toni Morrison’s “The Bluest Eye” to works by Robert Mapplethorpe, 2 Live Crew, and others. Dr. Lawrence dives into notorious obscenity debates, revealing how these controversies impacted culture in ways that reflected racial, gender, and sexual stereotypes.

This program will be held virtually and in person at 119 South Main St. in downtown Lancaster. To attend via Zoom, register via the link on our Facebook page. Please direct any questions or comments to the Center at 803-313-7172 or [usclnasp@mailbox.sc.edu](mailto:usclnasp@mailbox.sc.edu).



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