

# Canadian Studies Spring Lecture

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## A 'Spectrum' of Disputes: Autism Activism and the Contours of Biological Citizenship

Thursday April 30, 2009

12:00 noon

Hamersly Library 107

Michael Orsini is the 2008-2009 Canada-US Fulbright Visiting Research Chair at the Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington. Autism is one aspect of his current research, which examines the policy influence of civil society actors in three areas: asthma, autism, and Multiple Chemical Sensitivity. He has previously explored a variety of issues including the consequences of a tainted blood supply, biological citizenship, First Nations governance, violence against women, and patient involvement in health policy.



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