**Vernacular Theologies**

Workshop  
Thursday, February 16 and Friday, February 17  
9:00 am - 4:45 pm  
3335 Dwinelle Hall, UC Berkeley

**Thursday, February 16**

9:00 am – Coffee

9:30 am – Introductory Remarks  
Jonathan Sheehan, Professor of History and Director of BCSR, UC Berkeley  
Niklaus Largier, Sidney and Margaret Ancker Professor of German and Comparative Literature, UC Berkeley

10:00 am – Mechthild of Magdeburg’s Vernacular Voice  
Niklaus Largier, Sidney and Margaret Ancker Professor of German and Comparative Literature, UC Berkeley

11:30 am – Hypernomianism and the Mystical Venturing Beyond the Law  
Elliot Wolfson, Marsha and Jay Glazer Endowed Chair in Jewish Studies, UC Santa Barbara

12:45 pm – Lunch Break

2:00 pm – Hazing the Spiritual Bully: a Tough Lesson in Theology?  
Vasudha Paramasivan, Assistant Professor, South and Southeast Asian Studies, UC Berkeley

3:30 pm – Film as Revelation: Audio-Visual Imaginations of the Unseen and Popular Christianity in Ghana  
Birgit Meyer, Professor of Religious Studies, Utrecht University

4:45 pm – End of Day One
Friday, February 17

9:00 am – Coffee

10:00 am – Savage Mysticism: Perception, Experience, and the Practice of Spiritual Exercise
Hent de Vries, Professor, Russ Family Chair in the Humanities; Director, Humanities Center, Johns Hopkins University

11:30 am – “Expression to our Christmas Feeling”: Imagining Familial Religion in Schleiermacher
Daniel Weidner, Professor, Institut für Kulturwissenschaft, Humboldt-Universität, Berlin

12:45pm – Lunch Break

2:00 pm – The Theological Origins of Claude Lefort’s Concept of Democracy
Daniel Steinmetz-Jenkins, Berkeley Postdoctoral Fellow in Public Theology, UC Berkeley

3:30 pm – Kafka and Benjamin on Theology and Failure
Gilad Sharvit, Townsend Fellow, The Doreen B. Townsend Center for the Humanities, UC Berkeley

4:45pm – End of Public Program