The English Department announces a special presentation by Heather Love…

"Reading the Social: Erving Goffman and Sexuality Studies"

4:30-5:30pm, Thursday, November 7
644 College Hall
Open to the public

Heather Love will trace the significance of microsociological, observational method in the emergence of queer studies, and offers a reading both of Goffman's work and of the classic text, *Tearoom Trade*.

Heather Love received her A.B. from Harvard and her Ph.D. from the University of Virginia. Her research interests include gender studies and queer theory, the literature and culture of modernity, affect studies, film and visual culture, psychoanalysis, race and ethnicity, sociology and literature, disability studies, and critical theory. She is the author of *Feeling Backward: Loss and the Politics of Queer History* (Harvard, 2007) and *Queer Affect Politics: Selected Essays by Heather Love*, and the editor of a special issue of *GLQ* on the scholarship and legacy of Gayle Rubin ("Rethinking Sex"), and the co-editor of a special issue of *New Literary History* ("Is There Life after Identity Politics?"). She has current projects on new readings methods in literary studies, the sociologist Erving Goffman, and pedagogy, mentorship, and generations in queer studies. She is the R. Jean Brownlee Term Associate Professor and Associate Chair of the University of Pennsylvania English Department.