

THE PITFALLS OF COMPETITIVE VULNERABILITY

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Smith's work seeks to bridge gaps in the scholarly literature and within social justice movements. In this new project, she attempts to liberate discourse and advocacy from the pitfalls of "competitive vulnerability," or what other legal scholars have termed, "the oppression Olympics." Engaging literature on vulnerability, social justice, and critical legal theories, Smith also references ongoing observational research of U.S. activist efforts such as Occupy and Black Lives Matter.



Discussion to follow led by faculty commentator, Dr. Falguni Sheth, of Emory's Department of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies



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