

SOCIAL HOUR



FACTS

**FAKE
NEWS**

On Thursday December 5th 2019

From 12:30 to 2:00 PM

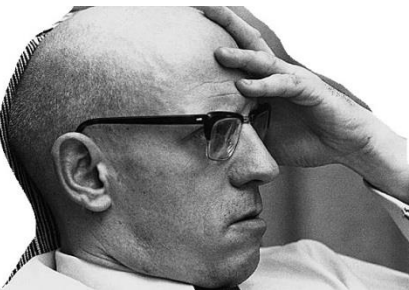
3308 Boylan Hall

With Anna Gotlib

Topic:

**Anti-vaxxers, Flat-Earthers, 'Fake News',
or Why We are Failing Epistemology**

A growing lack of trust in science, in the existence of facts, experts, and other reliable sources has led to, among other things, the rise of previously-controlled (or eliminated) diseases due to vaccination refusal, creating a rapidly-developing public health crisis in the United States and elsewhere. If experts lie, if everyone's opinion counts, and if any piece of news is potentially "fake news," then why believe anyone or anything at all? As a result of this conspiratorial turn in public discourses, what we have is an epistemic crisis with very real, life-threatening consequences. In this discussion, Professor Gotlib will ask why this is happening, how we might be contributing, and what (if anything) can be done about this national (and global) epidemic of failed epistemologies.



**Come to Social Hour to ask questions and
discuss philosophical issues in a relaxed
setting. The event will take place in**

3308 Boylan Hall!

Snacks will be provided.