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The Postcolonial Studies Group presents:

Mark Sanders
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**Reparation and Substitution: South Africa's Truth
Commission and the Afterlife of Apartheid**

Nov 14th AT 2 P.M.
CUNY Graduate Center, Room 5409
All are welcome.

Mark Sanders is Professor of Comparative Literature at New York University. He is the author of *Complicities: The Intellectual and Apartheid* (Duke UP, 2002), which analyzes the problem of complicity confronted during the apartheid era by South African intellectuals, and proposes a theory of intellectual responsibility. Also the author of *Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak: Live Theory* (Continuum, 2006), his most recent book is *Ambiguities of Witnessing: Law and Literature in the Time of a Truth Commission* (Stanford UP, 2007), an interdisciplinary analysis of testimony given before South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission, the body that investigated human rights abuses committed during the apartheid era. He is editor of a special issue of the journal *Diacritics* on "Ethics" that appeared in winter 2005, and co-editor of "J.M. Coetzee and His Doubles," a special issue of the *Journal of Literary Studies* in preparation. His interests range widely, with published essays on Primo Levi, Franz Kafka, J.M. Coetzee, Thomas Pynchon, and Marlene van Niekerk, and translations from the Afrikaans of essays by N.P. van Wyk Louw. He has held a number of major fellowships, including, most recently, the American Council of Learned Societies Charles A. Ryskamp research fellowship, and the George Watson fellowship at the University of Queensland, Australia.

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