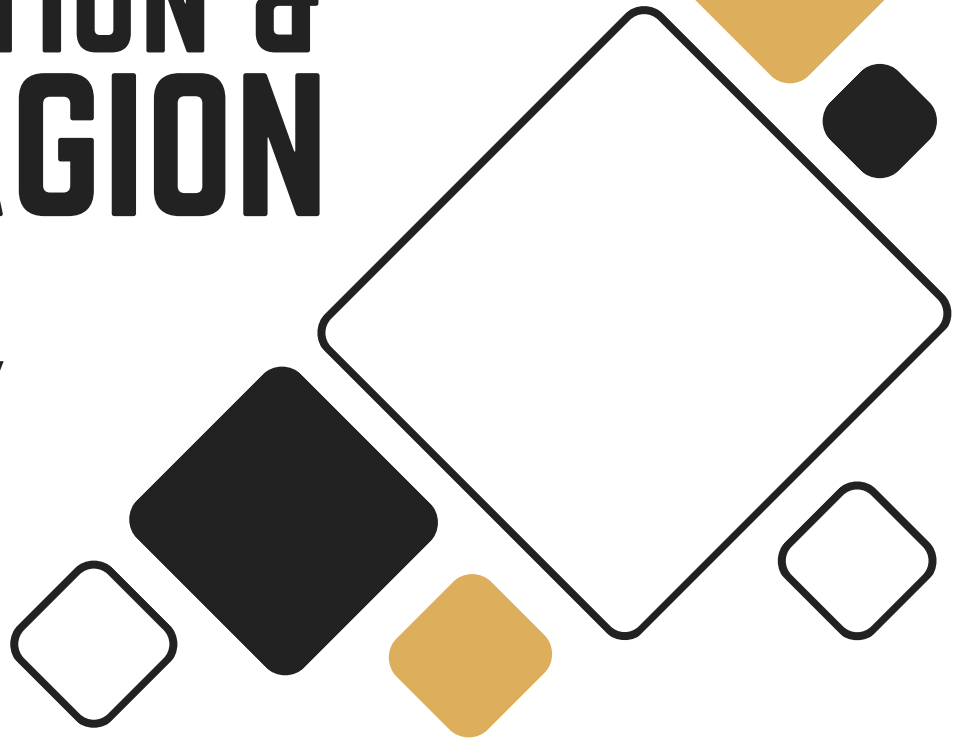




CORRUPTION & CONTAGION

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Talk of corruption in any one field is (often? always?) parasitic on a number of other well-established discourses: political corruption, moral corruption, physiological breakdowns, and more. In this lecture we will explore the ways in which accusations of any one kind of corruption seem so quickly to entail or intertwine with other kinds. Through a close reading of ancient ideas on the (then-open) question of whether or how people could 'catch' diseases from one another, we will see how bodily corruption was often treated as deeply contagious across different discourses: from the moral to the medical, and the medical to the political.

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