



## The 2019 Sheffrin Lecture in Public Policy

### *Ideology, Power, and Agency: Empowerment under Conditions of Structural Injustice*

*Historically, power has been conceived as a dyadic relation between two individuals: A has power over B by virtue of A's ability to control B's actions. In recent decades, however, power has been reconceived to be not just an instrument of control that some individuals have and others lack, but as part of the social field for all social agents. The paper develops this alternative account of power and considers how it might be employed in understanding unjust systems such as White supremacy, capitalism, and male domination, and what sorts of things might be done to empower agents to resist them.*

**Thursday, May 23, 2019**

**5:00 p.m. Reception**

**5:30 p.m. Lecture**

UC Davis Conference Center--Ballroom B

This event is free and open to the public.

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Sally Haslanger is currently a professor at MIT in the Department of Linguistics and Philosophy. She has published on topics in metaphysics, epistemology and feminist theory, with a recent emphasis on accounts of the social construction of race and gender. In metaphysics, her work has focused on theories of substance, especially on the problem of persistence through change and on Aristotle's view that substances are composites of matter and form. Her work in feminist theory takes up issues in feminist epistemology and metaphysics, with a special interest in the distinction between natural and social kinds. In 2010, she was named the Distinguished Woman Philosopher of the year by SWIP. In 2012, she was selected for the YWCA Cambridge Women of Distinction Award. She has served as the President of the Eastern Division of the American Philosophical Association in 2013-14.

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