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Bigger than Football:
Fan Anxiety and Memory in the Racial Present

Tarver will argue that understanding football fans’ responses to player protests against police brutality requires recognizing the historic and contemporary role of football fandom in managing racial and gendered anxieties. In her presentation, she will draw on the work of American philosophers Josiah Royce and George Santayana, and on contemporary social science research to analyze the uses of memory by white football fans as they work through the anxiety that results when the sport fails to work in the way they expect.

Friday, February 15, 2019
at 5:00 pm,
COE, Room 164

An Informal Reception to Follow