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TALKING SENSE SEMINAR

From New Media to New Medicine: Reflections on the Contemporary Life of the Skin

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14:00-16:00, Hall Building, room H-1120

Over the course of his presentation, Marc Lafrance will reflect on the life of the skin in two contemporary contexts: new media and new medicine. In doing so, he will discuss the increasing importance of the skin in mainstream media forms ranging from quality television to instagram feeds; the bioengineering of the skin and its subjective, embodied and social complexities; and what the lived experience of skin graft surgeries has to teach us about bodily life in particular and the human condition in general.

Marc Lafrance is an Associate Professor in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Concordia University. He specialises in the critical study of gender and sexuality; body image and body modification; personal identity and lived experience; and human vulnerability across the life-course. His work has been published in a variety of leading journals and book collections across the social sciences and the humanities.