For the seventh public lecture of the Fall 2019 Cognitive Science seminar on multimodal communication, Dr. Scott Althaus and Dan Shalmon will discuss the communication processes that support political accountability in democratic societies and that empower political discontent in non-democratic societies.

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