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Present the

**GORDON SANDISON MEMORIAL LECTURE**

# *Guest Speaker*

# Elisabeth Anker, PhD

**"Sweet Liberty: Sugar, Slavery, and American Freedom"**

# Tuesday, May 7, 2019

# 3:00-5:00 pm, CF 120

Elisabeth Anker is a political scientist and is a frequent media commentator on national news outlets and has appeared on CNN, BBC, Al Jazeera Arabic, Al Jazeera English, Voice of America, and other television and radio networks.

Professor Anker's research and teaching interests are at the intersection of political theory, critical theory, cultural analysis, and media studies. Professor Anker's book *Orgies of Feeling: Melodrama and the Politics of Freedom* (Duke, 2014) examines the role of melodrama in US politics. Melodrama is a powerful political discourse that intensifies suffering and galvanizes national sentiment to legitimate state violence.