

## 2020 Franke Visiting Fellow Lecture

Steven Meyer, the Spring 2020 Franke Visiting Fellow at the Whitney Humanities Center, will give a talk titled “The Two Silos: Literature, Science, and Agents of Overlap in Twenty-First-Century Science Studies” on Thursday, February 20, at 5 pm in Room 208 of the WHC.

Meyer teaches English and American literature and modern intellectual history at Washington University in St. Louis, where he specializes in twentieth- and twenty-first-century poetry, literature, and science. He is the author of *Irresistible Dictation: Gertrude Stein and the Correlations of Writing and Science* and editor of *The Cambridge Companion to Literature and Science*. His current book project, *Robust Empiricisms: Jamesian Modernism between the Disciplines, 1878 to the Present*, examines a cross-disciplinary tradition that derives from psychologist and philosopher William James and mathematician and philosopher Alfred North Whitehead and reaches from speculative philosophy to science studies, evolutionary developmental biology to literary criticism, and neurophysiology to poetry and fiction. Meyer is also working on a study of poet Jay Wright, whose cross-disciplinary inquiries fit squarely within the Jamesian modernist tradition.

The Franke Visiting Scholars and Artists Program is made possible by the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Franke. The creation of this special residential fellowship is intended to ensure ongoing interdisciplinary exchange and creative debate at the Whitney in particular and at Yale in general. The Franks have also endowed an annual lecture series and the Franke Program in Science and the Humanities at the Whitney.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the Whitney Humanities Center at 203-432-0670 or email [whitneyhumanitiescenter@yale.edu](mailto:whitneyhumanitiescenter@yale.edu).