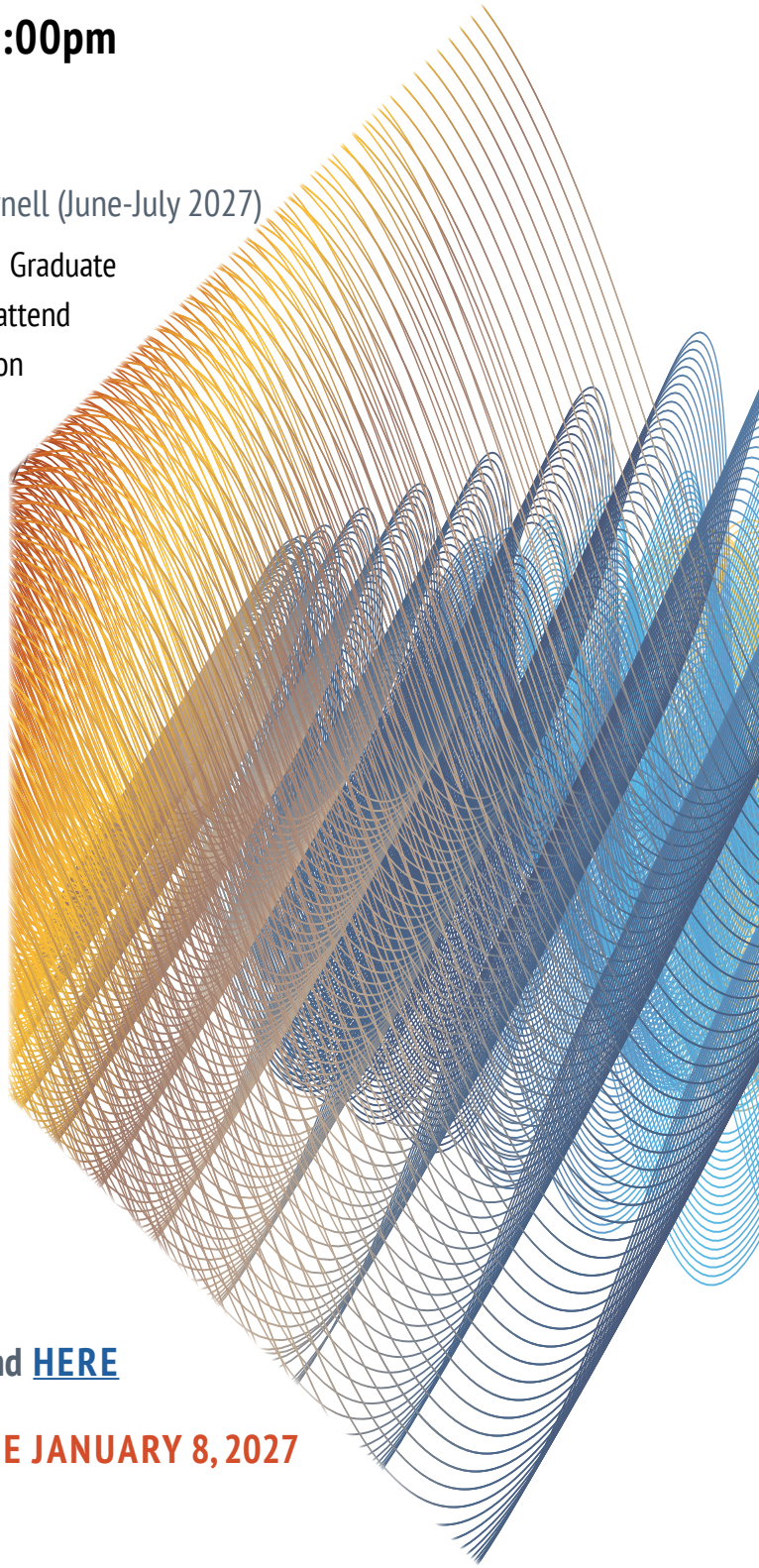
SCHOOL OF CRITICISM AND THEORY FELLOWSHIP 2027
INFORMATION SESSION

Thursday, November 19, 2026 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Kresge 5-546, Comp Lit seminar room



Critical Theory Cluster: School of Criticism and Theory at Cornell (June-July 2027)

The Critical Theory Cluster awards tuition funding, through The Graduate School, to one NU graduate student per year so that they may attend the SCT at Cornell University. This will be an information session for graduate students interested in applying for the School of Criticism and Theory Fellowship for Summer 2027.

LINK TO SCT 2027 BROCHURE

The Critical Theory Cluster selects one graduate student per year (selected candidates are usually of advanced standing) to participate in the annual School of Criticism and Theory

Acceptance by the SCT is pre-approved, and funding is provided by The Graduate School (TGS). The funding provided by TGS is to support the tuition cost to attend SCT. Funding is not provided for travel and accommodations; the participant should apply for other sources of funding for travel and accommodation costs.

Preference may be given to students whose research focus reflects an overlap of criticism, theory (including literary theory) and political, or social theory; and/or students best placed (in terms of the current stage of their research and/or dissertation) to benefit from the SCT participation.

SCT program details, including information about seminars and how to apply directly to SCT, can be found HERE

Applications for the Summer 2027 SCT session are DUE JANUARY 8, 2027

If you have questions, please reach out to Philip.Hoskins@northwestern.edu

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APPLICATION DETAILS

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The application should include:

- A one-page rationale and plan of study (1.5 line spacing)
- Account of SCT-related interests, including which seminar you would like to attend, and why
- The names of two recommenders (one of whom should be your advisor)
- C.V., specifying your
  1) year of study at NU
  2) whether you are ABD
  3) relevant courses taken at NU and elsewhere
  4) relevant TA and similar experience

The selected Northwestern participant will need to also apply directly to SCT before February 1. The selected participant only needs to submit their CV, a Letter of Intent, and a letter of support from Critical Theory. If you were not selected as Northwestern's participant, but would still like to apply on your own to SCT, you will need to submit the complete set of application materials **by February 2, 2027.**

Important Note:

The funded graduate student returning from the School of Criticism and Theory (SCT) should be willing to "bring back" some of their SCT experience to Northwestern by organizing a follow-up event (e.g., a visiting speaker, organizing a reading group) based on a set of issues and texts encountered at the SCT. As appropriate, the text(s) and topic(s) of discussion chosen by the graduate student can be directly related to the student's work and theoretical interests. The Critical Theory Cluster provides organizational assistance.

More information can be found on the **SCT website**. Students may request funding support to attend from other sources (home departments, TGS). SCT seminars are attended for the most part by graduate students who are ABD.

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