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## **FAU's Center for Body, Mind and Culture Presents 'Bodies of Care: Somaesthetics of Vulnerability'**

**BOCA RATON, Fla. (January 20, 2016)** The Center for Body, Mind and Culture in Florida Atlantic University's Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters is hosting an international conference titled "Bodies of Care: Somaesthetics of Vulnerability" on Thursday, Jan. 28 and Friday, Jan. 29 in the Arts and Humanities Building, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton campus. There is no fee to register, however, advanced registration is advised.

The conference will examine the wide range of somatic conditions that require care and the variety of somatic methods of providing such care, while exploring how these conditions and methods are represented in cultural theory, health and wellness studies, literature, and the arts. Conference presenters and discussants include distinguished scholars from Brazil, China, Denmark, England, Germany and India, as well as American universities such as the University of Virginia.

"We are very pleased to organize this important international and transdisciplinary conference that explores the somaesthetic dimensions of care," said Richard Shusterman, Ph.D., Dorothy F. Schmidt Eminent Scholar in the Humanities and director of the Center for Body, Mind, and Culture. "Bodies need and give care in many ways and for many reasons: to overcome illness and disability, to address and alleviate dependence, to learn new skills and remedy bad habits, to inspire greater confidence for personal flourishing and greater social betterment."

This is the 11th international conference of the Center for Body, Mind, and Culture since its founding in 2007.

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