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# The Present Life of Blasphemy: Kanye West in American Popular Culture

Is Kanye West the problem or the solution: a self-hating misogynist or a *sui generis* artist—or both, or neither? Situating his impiety in his artistry, placing his voice in the history of the African diaspora, American religious history, and pop culture prognostication, this talk suggests you can't understand this secular age without understanding Ye's particular brand of offense.



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**05:30 pm, Taylor Hall 203**

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