



# Course

**WINTER 2008**

**HUMANITIES 596**  
**PRESUPPOSITIONS OF PRACTICE:**  
**PHILOSOPHICAL ISSUES IN THE SOCIAL**  
**SCIENCES**  
(2 credits, C/NC)

**Instructor: Alison Wylie**  
**Meeting Days: M (alternating): 3:00-4:50 pm**  
**Mary Gates Hall 248**

Taught by Alison Wylie (Philosophy and Anthropology), this interdisciplinary seminar will focus on the works of the keynote speakers and participants in the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Philosophy of Social Science Roundtable, which will be hosted by the University of Washington, March 7-9, 2008. This course is intended for graduate students in the social sciences and humanities who share an interest in questions about the presuppositions of social inquiry. These include foundational questions in social theory, models of explanation and canons of evidence characteristic of the social sciences, and ethical and political problems that are distinctive to research involving human subjects.

A set of common readings based on the Roundtable program will be the focus of seminar discussions. Participants in the seminar will have an opportunity to meet the keynote speakers and will be expected to attend the Roundtable.

Information about the Philosophy of Social Science Roundtable (including previous programs and links to the Roundtable Special Issues of Philosophy of the Social Sciences) is available at:

Roundtable 2008:

<http://faculty.washington.edu/aw26/ScienceStudies/Roundtable08.pdf>

Further information is available at the Roundtable website:

<http://philosophy.ucsc.edu/Roundtable.html>