**Plagues, Witches, and War: A MOOC Postmortem**



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***Time:* 7 PM (includes talk followed by Q&A)**

***Place:* Marvin Center Amphitheater, George Washington University**

Drawing from a case study at the University of Virginia, this lecture explores the controversies, university politics, and economic challenges surrounding the emergence of Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) over the past few years.

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