Today, in the relative infancy of neuroscience, scientists are making unprecedented forays into arenas of crucial interest to religion - claims that address our cherished understandings of personhood, of relationship, and ultimately of God. More than at any other time in history, biological sciences are making claims about the inner workings of the mind and soul, confirming some of our ancient convictions about personhood, and deeply challenging others. This seminar will sketch several of these claims, exploring their implications for the religious practices of individuals and communities, focusing specifically on the role of memory and stories, of our experiences of God and transcendence, and on our understanding of the religious dimensions of human relationships. How might our faith be informed; how might it be affirmed or challenged?

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