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The Turn Within: Self-absorption, the Media and the Fate of America

Lecture February 2nd 4:00pm HMNSS 1500 Reception to follow

Roundtable February 3rd Noon HMNSS 1500

Supposedly the United States is now part of a "global village," connected to and knowledgeable about the world around us. But is this really the case?

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