UNL’s Department of Anthropology is pleased to announce that on September 24th Alice Dreger will present a talk entitled “Galileo’s Middle Finger: Why Social Progress Depends on the Protection of Academic Freedom” -- This talk draws from the speaker’s new book, *Galileo’s Middle Finger: Heretics, Activists, and the Search for Justice in Science*, and explores the ways in which freedom of research is under assault from multiple fronts, including identity politics activism, the corporatization and branding of universities, and social media shaming campaigns. The speaker, who has twenty years’ experience both as an intersex patient rights activist and as an academic historian, will use case studies to talk about the dangers researchers face today. She will also speak to how researchers can work individually and collectively to try to protect themselves. She argues they must do so not for their own sake, but for the sake of social progress in our fragile democracy.

Dr. Dreger’s talk is sponsored by the Anthropology Department through the John L. Champe Lecture Fund.

*Galileo’s Middle Finger* has been favorably reviewed in *Nature, Science, New York Times, New Yorker*, and *Chronicle of Higher Education*. It was also an Editor’s Choice of the New York Times this spring.

**Place:** University of Nebraska Union, Main Auditorium

**Date:** Thursday, September 24, 2015

**Time:** Time: 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM