

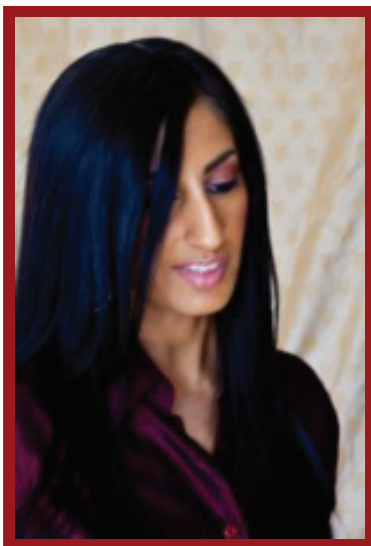
The Queer Studies Program presents  
The 3rd Annual Queer Studies Spring Lecture Series

# **The Cost of Getting Better: Suicide, Sensation, Switchpoints**

**A Talk by Dr. Jasbir Puar**

**2 PM to 3:15 PM Talk**  
**3:15 to 4 PM Reception**  
**Wednesday, April 20, 2011**  
**Grand Salon, USU**

Dr. Jasbir Puar analyzes messages of race, class and upward mobility in the "It Gets Better" project that went viral after the queer teen suicides of 2010. Questioning the normative conformity of the videos, she draws connections between queer theory and disability studies, asking for whom it really gets better?



Professor Puar is a core faculty member in the department of Women's & Gender Studies at Rutgers University. Her research interests include gender, sexuality, globalization; postcolonial and diaspora studies; South Asian cultural studies; and theories of assemblage and affect. Her book, *Terrorist Assemblages: Homonationalism in Queer Times* (Duke University Press 2007), won the 2007 Cultural Studies Book Award from the Association of Asian American Studies.

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