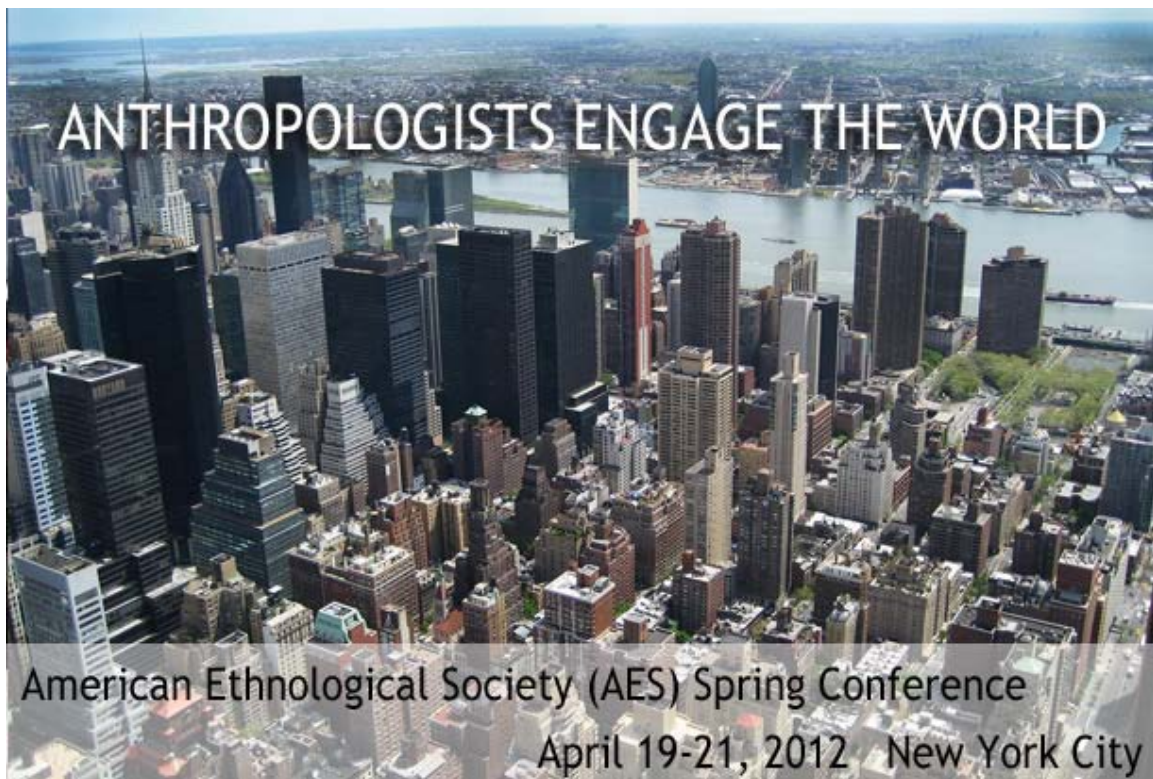


**American Ethnological Society
Spring Conference
Anthropologists Engage the World
April 19-21, 2012
New York City**



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**Sally Engle Merry, President
Kenneth J. Guest, AES Conference Organizer**

April 19, 2012

Welcome to the American Ethnological Society 2012 Spring Conference, Anthropologists Engage the World. We are delighted that you have chosen to spend the weekend together with so many colleagues from across the country and around the world. As you will see, the conference is an impressive array of papers, panels, roundtables, workshops, walking tours and posters that explore how anthropologists, through theory and practice, engage the crucial issues, movements, institutions and debates facing our world.

As anthropologists, we often express frustration that our work is not more broadly cited and more strategically employed in public debate and public policy. Our frustration is informed by our own recognition of the rich research and findings of our colleagues in the discipline who are doing cutting edge work across the globe on the key issues of our time. This conference convenes more than 300 anthropologists who have made a commitment to engage the world through their research, teaching and participation in significant public debates and movements.

The conference aims to explore and assess anthropology's capacity to make important interventions in public issues and shape global realities, whether through fieldwork, social critique, applied practice, activism, university teaching, public education, media engagement, or advocacy. Toward this goal, the conference provides a venue for discussion, debate and dialogue about our work and ultimately the relevance of our field to challenges facing humanity. Drawing upon the AES core commitment to combine innovative fieldwork and rich theoretical critique, we encourage you over the course of the conference to consider how to elevate into the public sphere the basic research, theoretical analysis and attention to local-global intersections that are the hallmarks of anthropology.

Every conference draws on the gifts and talents of a committed group of colleagues and friends. I wish to express my thanks to the many people who have made this AES meeting possible. Special acknowledgement goes to members of the AES Conference Planning Committee for a year of thoughtful work shaping themes, recruiting participants and developing the conference program: Ida Susser, Sally Merry, Brian Ferguson, Pat Antonello, Jessica Hardin, Andrew Buckser, Caitrin Lynch, Shenandoah Evans (webmaster), Andrew Hernann. Also appreciation goes to the entire AES Board for its encouragement and support: Jane Collins (outgoing President); Sally Merry (President), Carol Greenhouse (incoming President), Angelique Haugerud (AE Editor), Linda Green (Treasurer), Caitrin Lynch (Secretary), Sam Martinez, Daniel Goldstein, Marisol de la Cadena, Andrew Buckser, Sharryn Kasmir (councilors). Thanks to FIT Vice President Marybeth Murphy and the FIT staff for their hospitality. And special appreciation goes to Andrew Hernann, our AES Conference Graduate Assistant, who tackled the logistics of organizing this conference with intelligence, insight, attention to detail and remarkable good humor.

Thanks to each of you for your thoughtful contributions to the success of this conference. I hope you enjoy the conference as much as I have enjoyed getting to know you and your work while organizing it!

Kenneth J. Guest
AES Conference Organizer

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CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Date: Thursday, April 19
Time: 2:00-4:00pm

WALKING TOURS

Chinatown: Moving Beyond the Ethnic Enclave
with Ken Guest (Baruch College CUNY)

Lower East Side Gangs of New York
with Brian Ferguson (Rutgers University)

The High Line and its Labor History
with Julian Brash (Montclair State University) and Jeff Maskovsky (The Graduate Center & Queens College CUNY)

Behind the Scenes of the Boas Collections at the American Museum of Natural History
with Peter Whiteley (Curator, AMNH & The Graduate Center CUNY)

Room: A803

Date: Thursday, April 19
Time: 3:00-5:00pm

GRADUATE STUDENT WORKSHOP

Ethnography of Finance

Faculty Facilitators: Caitlin Zaloom (New York University)
Karen Ho (University of Minnesota)

Room: A801 – Plenary Hall

Date: Thursday, April 19

Time: 6:00-7:30pm

OPENING PLENARY (INVITED)

Welcome: Ken Guest (Baruch College CUNY)

Greetings: Leith Mullings, AAA President (The Graduate Center CUNY)

The Future is a Cultural Fact: Anthropology in the Era of Financialization
Arjun Appadurai (New York University)

Interlocutor: Karen Ho (University of Minnesota)

Moderator: Sally Merry (New York University)

Room: Dubinsky 8th Floor Lobby

Date: Thursday, April 19

Time: 7:30-8:30pm

RECEPTION

Co-Sponsored by New York Academy of Sciences Anthropology Section

Room: A801– Plenary Hall

Date: Friday, April 20

Time: 9:00-10:45am

(ROUNDTABLE)

AMERICAN ANTHROPOLOGY AND CLIMATE CHANGE: ENGAGING THE DEBATE

Ben Orlove (Columbia University)

Susan Crate (George Mason University)

Shirley Fiske (University of Maryland)

Sarah Strauss (University of Wyoming)

Room: A802

Date: Friday, April 20

Time: 9:00-10:45am

ETHNOGRAPHIES OF VIOLENCE: WRITING THE FAMILIAR

Layers of Memory: Commemorating a Death March

Barbara Rylko-Bauer (Department of Anthropology, Michigan State University)

Institutional Violence, Material Deprivation, and Making the Familiar in an American Prison

Robert Riggs (Bard Prison Initiative and New York University)

Intimate Struggle and the Injury of Development

Laurence Ralph (Harvard University)

Story and Scholarship in Intimate Ethnography: “My Father’s Wars”

Alisse Waterston (Department of Anthropology, John Jay College CUNY)

Discussant: John Matteson (CUNY Biography Center; Department of English, John Jay College, CUNY)

Room: A803

Date: Friday, April 20
Time: 9:00-10:45am

REFRAMING THE CITY: NEW PERSPECTIVES ON URBAN SPACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Heterotopic Spaces and Moral Geographies: An Anthropological Look at Tahrir Square
Farha Ghannam (Swarthmore College)

The Aga Khan Trust for Culture and the Restoration of “Islamic Cairo”: Narrations of History and Subjectivity
Claire Panetta (CUNY Graduate Center)

The Opportunity to Build a Modern Nation: New Town Development and State-Building in the West Bank
Kareem Rabie, (CUNY Graduate Center)

Women and Art Galleries in Amman, Jordan
Aseel Sawalha (Fordham University)

Discussant: Petra Kuppinger (Monmouth College)

Room: C507

Date: Friday, April 20
Time: 9:00-10:45am

EPISTEMOLOGY AND PRACTICES OF DISSENT IN “CRISIS”

Unbelief Interventionists: Italy’s Skeptics and a Crisis of Empiricism
Noelle Mole (Princeton University)

Crisis, Connection, and Communication: Insights on the Role of Social Media and Communication Technology in Coping with Crisis in Coastal Kenya
Dillon Mahoney (Rutgers University)

Stations of Death: Railway Children, the Predicament of Law, and the Right to Exist
Jonah Steinberg (University of Vermont)

Highland Crete as anti-Germany: Questions of Epistemology and Imagination through Visual Practice
Konstantinos Kalantzis (Princeton University)

Discussant: Neni Panourgia (Columbia University)

Room: C607

Date: Friday, April 20
Time: 9:00-10:45am

ENGAGING THE STATE

Culturing “African Homophobia” in the Wake of Malawi’s Gay Marriage Affair
Crystal Biruk (Pembroke Center and Department of Anthropology, Brown University)

An Anthropology of Restraint: Lessons on Economic Freedom and Agency from Athletes in Post-Soviet Cuba
Benjamin Eastman (Department of Anthropology, University of Vermont)

Local Democracy and the State in Northern Mali: Elected Officials as Public Servants
Aurelien Mauxion (Department of Anthropology, Northwestern University)

Coloniality of Power in Postsocialist Europe

Dace Dzenovska (Department of Anthropology, University of Latvia)

Making Empire Safe for Consumption: On the Politics of Colonialism in Non-Sovereign Curaçao

Louis Romer (Department of Anthropology, New York University)

Discussant: Jeff Maskovsky (The Graduate Center & Queens College CUNY)

Room: C609

Date: Friday, April 20

Time: 9:00-10:45am

COMPLICIT PERFORMATIVITIES: (IN)VISIBLE AGENCIES, HIDDEN AGENDAS AND INTERTEXTUAL SOCIAL REPRESENTATIONS

Visualizing the Regime: Cinematic State Representations of Indigenoussness in Mexico, 1934-1940

Abeyami Ortega Dominguez (Facultad de Filosofia y Letras, UNAM)

Cosmovisiones and (In)Appropriate/d Others: A Critical Reading of Santiago Roncagliolo's Noir Novel, Abril Rojo

Vek Lewis (Department of Spanish and Latin American Studies, University of Sydney)

Qué Lio, No Se Sabe Si Es Mujer u Hombre!: “Mujercitos” in Nota Roja in Mexico

Susana Vargas Cervantes (McGill University)

Performativity and Peoplehood: Romantic Nationalisms, Indigenous Modernisms, and Land Claims in Highland Peru

Pilar Rau (Department of Anthropology, New York University)

Desiree Barron (New York University)

Discussion

Room: C611

Date: Friday, April 20

Time: 9:00-10:45am

PILGRIMS PROGRESS: ETHNOGRAPHIES OF CONTEMPORARY TRAVEL TO ISRAEL/PALESTINE

Discordant Temporalities of Pilgrimage: Negotiating Religious and Political Landscapes with the Sisters of Zion

Donna Young (Department of Anthropology, University of Toronto)

Autoethnographic Reflections on “Return”

Jasmin Habib (University of Waterloo)

Histories and Futures in the Narratives of Olive Picking Pilgrims/Activists

Anne Meneley (Department of Anthropology, Trent University)

Charged Objects, Charged Monies: Consumption and Community in Contemporary Christian Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Jackie Feldman (Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Ben Gurion University of the Negev)

Performative Movement, Embodiment and Reflexivity on Christian Tours to Jerusalem

Vida Bajc (Methodist University)

Discussion

Room: A801– Plenary Hall

Date: Friday, April 20

Time: 11:00am-12:45pm

(ROUNDTABLE)

THE FUTURE OF ENGAGED ANTHROPOLOGY

Chair: Daniel M. Goldstein (Rutgers University)

Chair: Dorothy Hodgson (Rutgers University)

Aimee Cox (Fordham University)

Dana-Ain Davis (Queens College and the Graduate Center, CUNY)

Stuart Kirsch (University of Michigan)

Adrienne Pine (American University)

Room: A802

Date: Friday, April 20

Time: 11:00am-12:45pm

PUBLICS AND COUNTERPUBLICS: APPLYING MICHAEL WARNER'S WORK TO URBAN ANTHROPOLOGY

Publics and Counterpublics in Chinatown, Dakar

Suzanne Scheld (Department of Anthropology, California State University-Northridge)

Pretty City: Aesthetics, Value, and Creative Capital

Susan Falls (Savannah College of Art and Design)

Publics and Counterpublics: The Politics and Aesthetics of the Occupy Movement's Embodied, Performative Sociality

Ivan Arenas (Department of Anthropology, Seattle University)

Are Mosques Part of the Urban Public?: Notes on Muslims and their Communities in Stuttgart, Germany

Petra Kuppinger (Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Monmouth College)

Discussant: Setha Low (The Graduate Center CUNY)

Room: A803

Date: Friday, April 20

Time: 11:00am-12:45pm

NEOLIBERALISM AND THE AMERICAN WORKPLACE: RACE, CLASS, AND GENDER IN FINANCIAL CHANGE AND CRISIS

Flexibility and Family: Rethinking Exploitation in an American Factory

Caitrin Lynch (Olin College)

Racing for Innocence: White Male Lawyers' Narratives of Denial and Exclusion

Jennifer Pierce (Department of American Studies, University of Minnesota)

Financializing Family Values: Flight Attendants and the Struggle Over Managerial Authority in the Airlines

Ryan Murphy (Department of Women's Studies, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire)

Discussant: Frances Rothstein (Department of Anthropology, Montclair State University)

Room: C507

Date: Friday, April 20

Time: 11:00am-12:45pm

VIEWING THE OTHER

Strategic Elisions: Problems of Pluralism in Interfaith Dialogue Tours in Turkey

Kim Shively (Department of Anthropology and Sociology, Kutztown University)

To Extract and Dispossess: Linking Mining, Conservations, and Ecotourism in the Dominican Republic

Luisa J. Rollings (Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois at Chicago)

Scripturalizing Buyi Culture and Economic and Cultural “Development”: Building a Museum of Ethnic Minorities in Southwest China

Mengqi Wang (Department of Anthropology, Brandeis University)

Methodological Design and Preliminary Results from a Joint Study of Spatial-Temporal Orientation and Semiotic Engagement in the African Peoples’ Hall at the American Museum of Natural History

Jacklyn Lacey (Division of Anthropology: African Ethnology, American Museum of Natural History)

Discussant: Jonathan Shannon (Hunter College, CUNY)

Room: C607

Date: Friday, April 20

Time: 11:00am-12:45pm

ENGAGING MEDICAL ANTHROPOLOGY

Agents of Access: Farmworker Healthcare and Outreach in the Hudson Valley, New York

James Shuford (University at Albany)

Multiple Scales of Oaxacan Maternal Mortality: Engaging Everyday Public Health in the Shadow of a Global Indicator

Rebecca Howes-Mischel (Department of Anthropology, New York University)

Wireless Patients and their Doubles

Julie Grew (Center for Medical Science and Technology Studies, University of Copenhagen)

Matrescence/Patrescence: Becoming a Parent, a New Outlook

Dana Raphael (The Human Lactation Center)

Discussant: Patricia Antonietello (Brooklyn College CUNY)

Room: C609

Date: Friday, April 20

Time: 11:00am-12:45pm

POLITICS OF HIDING: PRODUCTIVE SUSPENSION OF “TRUTH” AND THE PLEASURE/MENACE OF SECRECY

Hiding and Construction of “True Self”: Regime of Truth and Politics of Hiding in Study Abroad

Neriko Doerr (Salameno School of American and International Studies, Ramapo College)

Neither Hide nor Hair: Tracing Radiation, Risk, and Rumor in Post-Fukushima Japan

Satsuki Takahashi (Department of East Asian Studies, Princeton University)

Hide and Seek: A Family Secret Exposed

Haeng-ja Chung (Hamilton College)

Marcie Middlebrooks (Cornell University)

Discussant: Yukiko Hanawa (New York University)

Room: C611

Date: Friday, April 20
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ENGAGING THE SHIFTING BORDERLANDS OF RELIGION

Take Control: The Labor of Immediacy in Yoruba Christian Music
Vicki Brennan (Department of Religion, University of Vermont)

“The Work of Making Public”: Fieldwork with a Christian BDSM Group
Richard Martin (Princeton University)

Ugandan Women in Los Angeles: Searching for Agency and Empowerment within the Patriarchal Structure of Pentecostalism
Kevin Zemlicka (California State University Northridge)

Discussant: Andrew Buckser (Purdue University)

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Date: Friday, April 20
Time: 1:00-2:45pm

POPULAR RESPONSES TO GLOBALIZATION DISLOCATIONS IN SPACE AND TIME: SESSION IN MEMORY OF JUDITH-MARIA BUECHLER

Introduction: June Nash (The Graduate Center CUNY)

Not Just Migrants: People on the Move in Rural Mexico
Frances Rothstein (Department of Anthropology, Montclair State University)

“Interconnected Positionalities”: Foreigners and Foreign Experience in the Lives of Aymara Intellectuals
Hans Buechler (Maxwell School, University of Syracuse)

Relocating the Contributions to Ethnography and Public Anthropology of Antonio Goubaud Carrera (1902-1951), Guatemala's First Official Indigenist
Abigail Adams (Central Connecticut State University)

Responses to the Global Economic Crisis: Brazilian Immigrants and the Retrenchment of Multiculturalism and Economic Opportunities in Newark, New Jersey
Simone Buechler (University of Illinois)

Climate, Water and Globalization: Responses of Women on the U.S.-Mexico Border
Stephanie Buechler (University of Arizona)

Global Tourism/Tropicalization of Women's Work in Jamaica
Lynn Bolles (Illinois State University)

Globalization Dislocation and Contested Space: Migrants, the Drug Trade and Violence on the Mexico/U.S. Border
Scott Whiteford (Illinois State University)

Discussant: Helen Safa (University of Florida-Gainesville)

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Date: Friday, April 20

Time: 1:00pm-2:45pm

RITUAL, EFFICACY, AND THE MAKING OF TRUTH IN CONTEMPORARY ETHNOGRAPHY

Ritual and Wellbeing: Religious and Epidemiological Efficacies of Kenosis

Anna Corwin (Department of Anthropology, University of California-Los Angeles)

The “Headshrinker Tiospaye”: Conjugating Efficacy in an Appropriately Appropriated Tradition

George Laufenberg (Department of Anthropology, Princeton University)

Power Lies in the Tongue: Addressing Metabolic Disorders through Fashioning Intentionality among Evangelical Christians in (Independent) Samoa

Jessica Hardin (Department of Anthropology, Brandeis University)

The Devotees and Ethnographer: Efficacy of Hare Krishna Narrative Practice and Representing Truth

Teruko Mitsuhashi (Department of Anthropology, University of California-Los Angeles)

Unspeakable: The Ritual Clinical Encounter of Borderline Personality Disorder Diagnosis

Sandra Sulzer (Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison)

Discussant: Robert Desjarlais (Sarah Lawrence College)

Room: A803

Date: Friday, April 20

Time: 1:00-2:45pm

(ROUNDTABLE): ANTHROPOLOGY, TRANSLATION AND PROCESSUAL KNOWLEDGE

Chair: Narmala Halstead (UEL)

Judith Okely (Oxford University)

Ronald Jennings (LSE)

Louise De La Gorgendiere (Carleton University)

Neni Panourgia (Columbia University)

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COURTING TRUTH: MEMORY, KNOWLEDGE, AND TRUTH PRODUCTION IN HUMAN RIGHTS INVESTIGATIONS

Excavating Truth: Human Remains and Truth Production in the Former Yugoslavia

M. Elle Saine (Department of Anthropology, New York University)

The (Un)Protection of Right to Truth of Victims of Gross Human Rights Violations in Colombia

Astrid Liliana Sanchez-Mejia (NYU Law)

From Human Form to Anatomical Illusion: Photographing Forensics in Post-Franco Spain

Lee Elizabeth Douglass (New York University)

For Whom is the Truth Produced? Families of Victims in Post-Conflict Exhumation Processes

Jennifer Trowbridge (Department of Anthropology, New York University)

Discussant: Richard Wilson (University of Connecticut)

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RESISTING OUR INTERLOCUTORS: THE DILEMMAS OF DISRUPTION, DECEPTION AND THE MAINTENANCE OF DIFFERENCE IN FIELDWORK ENCOUNTERS

Billie Jean Isbell (Cornell University)

Betrayal, Hospitality, and Stories of Justice among Tamils in Malaysia

Andrew Willford (Department of Anthropology, Cornell University)

Dilemmas of Engagement: Disruption as a “Fertile” Ethnographic Practice

Meghana Joshi (Department of Anthropology, Rutgers University)

Knowledge Production through the Maintenance of Difference in Ethnographic Fieldwork

Kartikeya Saboo (Department of Anthropology, Rutgers University)

The Jewish Kippah as a Veil: Veiling and Unveiling as an Anthropological Praxis

Assaf Harel (Rutgers University)

Discussion

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MAKING CLAIMS: ANTHROPOLOGICAL ENGAGEMENTS WITH INSURANCE

Chair: Casey Golomski (Brandeis University)

Chair: Robert Benjamin Frey (Columbia University)

Rebecca Adkins Fletcher (Ohio University Southern)

Sohini Kar (Brown University)

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Date: Friday, April 20

Time: 3:00-4:45pm

(ROUNDTABLE)

MINDING THE GAP: ANTHROPOLOGISTS AS HUMAN RIGHTS PRACTITIONERS

Samuel Martinez (University of Connecticut)

Sheila Dauer (The New School for Public Engagement)

Sara (Meg) Davis (Asia Catalyst)

Meg McLagan (Independent Consultant)

Daniel Rothenberg (Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law, Arizona State University)

Joe Saunders (Human Rights Watch)

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Time: 3:00-4:45pm

POSTER SESSIONS

Politics of the Secular: Insight from Contemporary U.S. Policy

On "Secular Mythology": The Case of Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission

Christopher Lodgson (Baruch College CUNY)

What Does the Contraception Mandate Tell Us About Secularism and its Effects on Women in the U.S. Today?

Julianne Miller (Baruch College CUNY)

"War on Religion": Finding the Basis of Religious Defense in American Political Life

Andrew Yen (Baruch College CUNY)

Blood, Sweat and Tears: The Experience of Colic Among New Jersey Mothers

Heather Aivaliotis (Rutgers University)

An Archaeological Reading of Modern Street Writing: The Trace Remains of Consumed Ideologies.

Mariya Shalumova (Rutgers University)

Engaging Students in AIDS Activism in Uganda

Miroslava Prazak (Bennington College)

In Search of Albert Gallatin, AES Founder

Jesse Grebler-Hull (New York University)

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Room: A802

Date: Friday, April 20

Time: 3:00-4:45pm

HERE! NOW! TEMPORALITY AND TRANSIENCE IN URBAN POLITICS

Temporary Occupations: Imperial Rituals in Late Colonial India

Leo Coleman (Department of Comparative Studies, Ohio State University)

Disruptive Subjects: Politics of Body and Time in Jewish Buenos Aires

Natasha Zaretsky (Department of Anthropology, Princeton University)

The Remembrance of Development Conflicts Past

Julian Brash (Department of Anthropology, Montclair State University)

Discussant: Carol Greenhouse (Princeton University)

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ON KILLING ANIMALS: ANTHROPOLOGICAL REFLECTIONS ON HUMAN EXCEPTIONALISM

The Medium of Sacrifice: The Cow's Fear and Other Unmarked Symbols of Ritual Sacrifice, Eastern Madagascar

Genese Sodikoff (Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Rutgers University)

2008—The Year of the Frog

Eben Kirksey (Department of Science Studies, The Graduate Center CUNY)

"Hunters Helping the Hungry": Protein, Death, and Jouissance in New Jersey's Central Highlands

John Collins (Department of Anthropology, The Graduate Center and Queens College CUNY)

Re-Presenting the HumanXAnimal: Steps to Practices of Care, Collaboration and Immanence
Brandon Costelloe-Kuehn (Department of Science and Technology Studies, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute)
Discussant: Fran Bartkowski (Rutgers University)

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TOWARD AN ANTHROPOLOGY OF INFRASTRUCTURE: EXAMINING ARCHITECTURES OF POWER

Plumbing, Housing and Personhood: The Politics of Urban Infrastructure in Romania
Livia Chelcea (Department of Sociology, University of Bucharest)

To Condone or To Contest?: Ethnic Identity and Religious Architecture in The Gambia
Steven Thomson (Department of Anthropology, Pacific Lutheran University)

Technology of Administrative (Mis)Communication
Toru Yamada (Law School, Cornell University)

Traffic Management: Engaging an Anthropology of Elites?
Kristin Monroe (University of Kentucky)

Discussant: Andrew Newman (Wayne State University)

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ENGAGING EDUCATION

Creative Competition: “Experiential” Art Pedagogy in Post-Soviet Kazakhstan’s Elementary Schools
Zhanara Nauruzbayeva (Columbia University)

Addressing the “Real Situation” (Shiji Qingkuang): Preparatory Courses for Ethnic Minority Students in China
Naomi Yamada (University of Hawai’i Manoa)

Chinese “Tiger Mothers” and the Conflict of Ambivalence
Susanne Bregnbæk (Department of Anthropology, University of Copenhagen)

The Global Spread of the Service Movement through Education
Yunus Kumek (Department of Anthropology, SUNY Buffalo)

Re-Localizing Creativity Against the Backdrop of its Globalization
Eitan Wilf (Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Discussant: Katherine Hejtmanek (Brooklyn College, CUNY)

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ENGAGING IMMIGRATION

“Thursday is Bakalao’s Day!”: The Labor of Charlotte’s Latina/o Musicians
Samuel Byrd (Department of Anthropology, CUNY Graduate Center)

Engaging the American Public about the Plight of Fractured Immigrant Families
Christine Ho (School of Human and Organization Development, Fielding Graduate University)

Ethnographic Advocacy: Tracking Emotive and Cognitive Paths through Modernity, Tradition, Life, and Death in Rural Mexico

David Sandell (Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Texas Christian University)

Traveling Modes of Morality: The Interface of Local and Global, Individual and Institutional Approaches to NGO Work in China

Friederike Fleischer (Department of Anthropology, Universidad de los Andes)

Discussant: Hanna Lessinger (John Jay College, CUNY)

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Date: Friday, April 20

Time: 5:00-6:30pm

ANTHROPOLOGY AND HUMAN RIGHTS (INVITED PLENARY)

Moderator: Ida Susser (The Graduate Center CUNY)

Don Kalb (Central European University)

Marc Edelman (The Graduate Center and Hunter College CUNY)

Sally Merry (New York University)

Richard Wilson (University of Connecticut)

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RECEPTION

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ANIMALS INTO SCIENCE

Life at the Border: Nim Chimpsky et al.
Gisli Palsson (Department of Anthropology, University of Iceland)

Animal Familiars in Laboratory Science
Lesley Sharp (Department of Anthropology, Barnard College)

Dogs in Science: An Archaeological Perspective on the Definition of “Domestication”
Brian Boyd (Department of Anthropology, Columbia University)

The Life, Suffering and Death of the Research Piglet in Experimental Neonatal Research
Mette N. Svendsen (Centre for Medical Science and Technology Studies, University of Copenhagen)

Babies, Dogs and Microbes: Organisms that Threaten the Wilderness Continent of Antarctica
Ben Orlove (School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University)

Discussion

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SIGNS OF PROTEST: FRAMING UPRISINGS

Signs of Protest: The Semiotics of the Egyptian Revolution of 25 January
Ash Melika (Leicester University)

This is What Democracy Looks Like: Imagery and Discourse During the 2011 Union Protests in Madison, Wisconsin
Matthew Trew and John Garrison (Department of Anthropology, University of Wisconsin, Madison)

Occupy Wallpaper: Framing and Analysis of Critical Domestic Movements
Ayla Samli (Department of Anthropology, University of North Carolina, Greensboro)

OCCUPY: An Analysis of Horizontal Government, Identity Formation and Performativity Within and Surrounding a Global Social Movement
Jessica Dowsett (Department of Anthropology, SUNY at Albany)

Tweeting the Difference: A Case Study of the Occupy Wall Street Movement on Twitter, Tumblr and Facebook
Anastasiya Travina (Texas State University-San Marcos)

Discussant: Rudolf Gaudio (SUNY Purchase)

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WHAT IS POLITICAL ABOUT VIOLENCE IN “POST-CONFLICT” LATIN AMERICA?

Inhabiting Unfinished Pasts: Memory, Violence and Social Protest in Post-Conflict Peru
Isaias Rojas-Perez (Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Rutgers SUNJ)

“We are Illegal but Legitimate”: The “Old” and “New” Violence of the Paramilitaries in Colombia
Aldo Civico (Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Rutgers University)

Violence, Inequality, and Imaginaries of Security, Rights, and Progress in Brazil
Sean T. Mitchell (Rutgers University, Newark)

Discussant: Deborah Poole (Johns Hopkins University)

Discussant: Victoria Sanford (Lehman College CUNY)

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NEOLIBERAL INSTITUTIONS AND THE PRACTICES THEY INSPIRE

“I am the Author”: Conceptions of Digital Authorship and the Management of South Asian Systems of Classical Medicine
Allison Fish (Comparative Studies, Ohio State University)

Selling Yourself: Social Media, Hiring and the Recession Workplace
Ilana Gershon (Department of Communication and Culture, Indiana University)

Rendering Education Technical in Making it Improvable: Scientism and Managerialism in the History of US Federal Education Reform

Kathy Hall (Graduate School of Education, University of Pennsylvania)

Chile's Tsunami Alert System: Decision-Making between the Earthquake and Tsunami on 27/2, 2010

Stephanie Kane (Indiana University) and Eden Medina (Indiana University)

Discussion

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Date: Saturday, April 21

Time: 9:00-10:30am

RECIPROCITY, GIFT, THEFT, DEBT: NEW LESSONS FROM READING MAUSS

The Hau of the Theft

Daniel Bradburd (Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Clarkson University)

Did Credit and Debt Function Like "Gifts" in 18th Century Rural Virginia?

Carrie Douglass (Department of Anthropology, University of Virginia)

Love and Debt in the Time of Legal Prostitution: A Maussian Analysis of a German Brothel

Annegret Staiger (Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Clarkson University)

A Maussian Perspective on Academic Research Ethics

Rena Lederman (Princeton University)

Discussion

Room: A341B

Date: Saturday, April 21

Time: 9:00-10:30am

NEW PERSPECTIVES ON DISCRIMINATION AND SOCIAL INEQUALITY

Racism, Legal Cultures and Cultures of Punishment in Bolivia

Pamela Calla (New York University)

Hierarchical Relations among Women in the Peruvian Andes

Margarita Huayhua (Rutgers University)

Racialization and Economic Development in the US Virgin Islands

Tami Navarro (Rutgers University)

Marginalization at the Margins: Ethnicity, Authenticity, and Inequality among Kenyan Civil Society Actors

Scott Matter (Rutgers University)

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LATE MODERN CHRISTIANITIES: ETHNOGRAPHIC REFLECTIONS ON RELIGIOUS PUBLICS AND PUBLIC RELIGION (Double Session)

Christian Anthropos: Politics of the Soul in Prophecy and Prognosis

Timo Rodriguez (University of California-Berkeley)

Making Space for God: Suburban Christians Wrestle with the Market

Sophie Statzel Bjork-James (New York University)

Creationists at Play: Ethnographic Notes from a Religious Theme Park in-the-Making

James S. Bielo (Miami University)

The Politics of Representation at a Latter-day Saint Pageant

Hillary Kaell (Concordia University)

Resisting the Post-Secular Public Sphere: Progressive Christianity and the Politics of Secularism

Rebekka King (University of Toronto-Scarborough)

Does God Exist in Methodological Atheism?: Notes on Object-Orientated Ontology from the Ethnography of Southern Californian Neo-Charismatics

Jon Bialecki (University of California-San Diego)

Discussant: Pamela Klassen (University of Toronto)

Discussant: Tanya Luhmann (Stanford University)

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(ROUNDTABLE)

ENGAGING MOVEMENTS FOR JUSTICE

Eben Kirksey (The Graduate Center CUNY)

Victoria Sanford (Department of Anthropology, The Graduate Center & Lehman College CUNY)

Sarah Knuckey (School of Law, New York University)

Aldo Civico (Department of Anthropology, International Institute for Peace)

Isaias Rojas-Perez (Department of Anthropology, Rutgers University)

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UNDERSTANDING CRISES, ORGANIZING RESISTANCE

Engaging Labor: The Challenges of Reductionism in Adversity

Kathy Powell (School of Political Science and Sociology, NUI Galway)

Anthropology and Academic Labor: Lessons from the Wisconsin Uprising

Thomas Pearson (Department of Social Science, University of Wisconsin-Stout)

“Only the Rich Score in 2010”: Community Mobilization and the FIFA World Cup in South Africa

Omotayo Jolaosho (Department of Anthropology, The State University of New Jersey)

The Meaning of Work: Voices and Political Representations in a Time of Crisis in Japan

Vincent Mizra (Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Ottawa)

“The Tocqueville Effect” at Occupy Wall Street: Ethnography, Folk Theory, and the Perennial Pursuit of a National Participatory Politics

Averill Leslie (Department of Anthropology, University of Chicago)

Discussant: Sharryn Kasmir (Hofstra University)

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(RE)BUILDING EXCLUSIONS

Unchanging Boundaries: Rebuilding Exclusion in the Reconstruction of Skopje, Macedonia
Fabio Mattioli (The Graduate Center CUNY)

From Immigrant Enclave to Waterfront Citadel: Changing Social Relations of Immigrant Housing in Greenpoint, Brooklyn, 1980-2010
Filip Stabrowski (School of Public Health, Columbia University)

Claiming the Right to the City: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow
Ida Susser (Department of Anthropology, The Graduate Center CUNY)

Discussant and Chair: Laura Adams (Davis Center, Harvard University)

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NEGOTIATING IDENTITY IN TURKEY

Religious Conversion, Music and Resistance in “Border Zone” Populations: The Case of Dialectic Greek Speakers in Turkey
Nikolaos Michailidis (Department of Anthropology, Princeton University)

“You Are From Here, Aren’t You?”: Shifting Locations and/of Selves in Turkey’s Borderlands
Mahiye Secil Dagtas (Department of Anthropology, University of Toronto)

Medico-Legal Demarcations of Sex: Mandatory Therapy Sessions of Trans People in Istanbul
Asli Zengin (Department of Anthropology, University of Toronto)

Chair: Yunus Kumek (SUNY Buffalo)

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**(ROUNDTABLE)
ENGAGING STUDENT ACTIVISM**

Josephine Chumpitaz (John Jay College, CUNY)

Elizabeth Calixto (John Jay College, CUNY)

Yalitza Rodriguez (John Jay College, CUNY)

Matthew Canfield (New York University)

Priya Macwan (Santa Monica College)

Harrison Wills (Santa Monica College)

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REFUGEES, DECOLONIZATION AND BORDERS

Anthropological Engagement and the Somali Diaspora
Neil Carrier (African Studies Centre, University of Oxford)

Coeval Representation Enshrined by Self-Determination Analysis
Eileen Hanrahan (Department of Education, UTS Sydney)

Systemic Illegibility and the Contradictions of Postcolonial Development
Jeffrey Witsoe (Department of Anthropology, Union College)

Discussant: Maria-Luisa Achino-Loeb (New York University)

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AWARD CEREMONY

Elsie Clews Parsons Prize Winner: Sarah E. Vaughn (Columbia University)

Honorable mention: Reighan Gillam (Cornell University)

Awards committee:
Caitrin Lynch, chair (Olin College)
Elizabeth Ferry (Brandeis University)
Anastasia Karakasidou (Wellesley College)

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UPRISINGS! (INVITED PLENARY)

David Harvey (The Graduate Center CUNY)

Farha Ghannam (Swarthmore College)

Jeffrey Juris (Northeastern University)

Matthew Canfield (New York University)

Kate Griffiths (The Graduate Center CUNY)

Moderator: Don Robotham (The Graduate Center CUNY)

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(ROUNDTABLE) ETHNOGRAPHY AND SOCIAL CHANGE

Organizer: Emily Martin (New York University)

Organizer: Katherine McCaffrey (Montclair State University)

Hugh Gusterson (George Mason University)

Ida Susser (The Graduate Center CUNY)

David Vine (American University)

Narges Bajoghli (New York University)

Rachel Lears (New York University)

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Time: 2:45-6:00pm

PROTEST AND LAW IN THE OSTENSIBLY “NON-REVOLUTIONARY” MIDDLE EAST (Double Session)

The Politics of Truth: International Law and the Families of the Missing in Post-War Lebanon
Shea McManus (The Graduate Center CUNY)

The Dog that Didn't Bark: Locating Occupation, 'Good Governance' and the Political in Post-Oslo Palestine

Sophia Stamatopolou-Robbins (Columbia University)

The Paradoxical Success of Tolerance: Religious Freedom and Constitution Making in Turkey
Ceren Ozgul (The Graduate Center CUNY)

Exceptional Situations, Mundane Exceptions: Killability and 'Relative Privilege' in the Turkish Legal Context

Ayse Parla (Sabanci University)

Discussant: Kelda Jamison (University of Chicago)

Discussant: Ceren Belge (Concordia University)

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FINANCE/FINANCIALIZATION (Double Session)

The City as Virtual Object: Financialization, Police Violence and Play in Rio de Janeiro
Alessandro Angelini (Department of Anthropology, CUNY Graduate Center)

Precarity is the Field: Ethnography of Crisis and Recovery in Buenos Aires, Argentina
Emily McDonald (Writing Program, Princeton University)

Moving the Money When the Bank Accounts get “Full”: The Physicality of Finance in Mexico's Narco-Corridor

Shaylih Muehlmann (Department of Anthropology, University of British Columbia)

Currency Contours: Informal Microfinance in 21st Century Cuba
Mrinalini Tankha (Department of Anthropology, Brandeis University)

Money in Her Hand: Microfinance and the Illusion of Automatic Poverty Reduction in Rural India
Patricia Antoniello (Department of Anthropology, Brooklyn College CUNY)

One Thousand Years: The Pasts and Futures of an Indigenous Corporation
Gwendolyn Gordon (Department of Anthropology, Princeton University)

“Who's the Investor?": Financialization, Debt, and Ownership in Mortgage Modification Programs
Anna Jefferson (Michigan State University and Abt Associates)

Putting the Child in the Stomach: Entrustment, Life Insurance and Providence in Swaziland
Casey Golomski (Brandeis University)

Discussant: Gerald Sider (The Graduate Center CUNY)

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**ETHNOGRAPHY OF A GLOBAL FACT: INVESTIGATING THE GROWING ROLE OF INDICATORS
IN GLOBAL GOVERNANCE (Double Session)**

Organizers: Emily Yates Doerr, Rene Gerrets and Jane Anderson

Accounting for Malaria Elimination: On the Rise of Indicators as Technologies of Global Health Governance
Rene Gerrets (Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Amsterdam)

Searching for World Hunger: Shifting between Quotidian Experiences and Global Facts
Emily Yates-Doerr (University of Amsterdam)

Governmentalizing Sovereignty: Indexes of State Fragility and Calculability of Political Order
Nehal Bhutta (The New School)

Quantitative and Qualitative Processes: A Comparison of EU and MCC Conditionality
Nikhil Dutta (USDC Eastern District of PA/NYU Law)

Audit Cultures and Corruption Indicators in the Developing World: The Case of Postsocialist Albania
Smoki Musaraj (Department of Anthropology, The New School)

Accountability through Indicators: How Social and Scientific Orders in Global Health are Co-Produced in Uganda
Sung Joon Park (Department of Anthropology and Philosophy, Martin-Luther University Halle-Wittenberg)

Experimentalization of Governance, Evidentiary Practices, Accountability
Richard Rottenburg (Department of Anthropology and Philosophy, University of Halle)

Discussants: Sally Merry (New York University)
Richard Rottenburg (Martin-Luther University and Max Planck Institute)

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**TOWARD A TRANSNATIONAL, ENGAGED ANTHROPOLOGY: ETHNOGRAPHIC ENCOUNTERS
WITH GLOBALIZED TERRAINS (Double Session)**

Symbolic Toxicities: The Intersection of Ethnicity, Transnationalism, and Sexual Practice
Ryan Levy (University at Albany SUNY)

South Sudan Diaspora in the Forging of a New State
Mwaka Nachilongo (University at Albany SUNY)

Towards a Refugee Pedagogy: An Ethnographic Perspective
Aaron Leo (University at Albany SUNY)

Discourse of Globalization and "Sovereign Democracy"
Yuliya Peshkova (University at Albany SUNY)

Occupy: An Analysis of Horizontal Government, Identity Formation and Performativity Within and Surrounding a Global Social Movement

Jessica Dowsett (University at Albany SUNY)

Beyond Participatory Development: Ambiguous Global to Local Translations

Indrakshi Tandon (University at Albany SUNY)

Multilingual Youth, Literacy Practices, and Scales of Transnationality in an Indonesian City: A Preliminary Exploration

Kristian Tamtomo (University at Albany SUNY)

Chair: Jennifer Burrell (University at Albany SUNY)

Discussant: Alicia Galv  z (Lehman College CUNY)

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INTEROGATING THE FOUNDATIONS OF THE ANTHROPOLOGICAL DISCIPLINE (Double Session)

Assemblages and Anthropology: Origins and Futures

Igor Rubinov (Department of Anthropology, Princeton University)

What's Important Anyway? Some Thoughts on Framing Ethnographic Detail and Setting the Setting

Daniel Souleles (Columbia University)

Ritual and Digitization: How Contemporary Research Strategies are Redefining the Archive

Andrew Hernann (Department of Anthropology, CUNY Graduate Center)

Translating Anthropology: The Ethnographic Project, International Relations, and the Popular Imagination

Megan Foreman (Princeton University, Princeton Writing Program)

Archaeology vs. Anthropology: Engagement within Disciplines Dispute in the Balkans

Goce Naumov (University of Skopje)

Your Science is Too Small: The Allure of Biological Reductionism and Other Particle Theories of Culture

Jocelyn Linnekin (Department of Anthropology, University of Connecticut)

Connective Tissues: Ethnographic Musings on Gender, Genomics, and the Multispecies Turn

Jennifer Hamilton (School of Critical Social Inquiry, Hampshire College)

Discussants: Glenn Petersen (Baruch College and The Graduate Center, CUNY)
Robin Root (Baruch College, CUNY)

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“THE IMPOSSIBILITY OF ANTI-RACIST WHITE SUBJECTIVITY”: ACTIVIST PEDAGOGY AS HEGEMONY

Mr. Kipp, the “Racial Chameleon”: Pedagogy, Privilege and Particularity

Amy Brown (Department of Behavioral Sciences and English, Kingsborough Community College CUNY)

A “White Power” Response to Dominant Racial Discourse: The Construction of Contemporary White National and Transnational Imaginaries

Elizabeth Knauer (Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, New York University)

Discursive Whiteness: White Redemptive Texts and the Hegemony of Multicultural Particularity
Naomi Reed (Department of Anthropology, The University of Texas at Austin)

Discussion

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INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND HUMAN RIGHTS

A Modern Effort Toward Chumash Traditionalism: Employment of Archaeological Research in Indigenous Advocacy

Heather McDaniel (Department of Anthropology, California State University Northridge)

Indicators of Indigenous Peoples' Human Rights: An Assessment of "Development" from the Kuoy Uplands of Cambodia

Neal Keating (Department of Anthropology, The College at Brockport SUNY)

Interviewing Indigenous Activists: (Un)Marking Race in Ecuador's Mainstream Press

Maximilian Viatori (Department of Anthropology, Iowa State University)

Discussant: William Mitchell (Monmouth University)