



# ETHNOGRAPHY

A CONFERENCE AND A RETREAT

Yale University - April 10th-12th, 2014





Welcome to the 2014 Yale Urban Ethnography Conference and Retreat. As in years past, this will be an opportunity to share new and current work, network among colleagues, and participate in open discussions on sociological philosophy and methodology. We hope coming together in this way will help us share new ideas, address critical issues, and expand current conversations on contemporary ethnography.

## CONFERENCE ATTENDEES AND PRESENTERS:

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| Aasha M. Abdill            | Mike DeLand             | Colin Jerolmack        | Henri Peretz               |
| Wendell Adjetey            | Sean Jackson Drake      | Isabel Jijon           | Aaron Porter               |
| Patti Adler                | Waverly Duck            | Amy E. Jones           | Paul-Jahi Price            |
| Raymond Albert             | Kathryn M. Dudley       | Nikki Jones            | Anne Warfield Rawls        |
| Danelis Alejo              | Mitchell Duneier        | Shatima J. Jones       | Zandria F. Robinson        |
| Celia Bense Ferreira Alves | Marlese Durr            | Jack Katz              | Julia Rozanova             |
| Elijah Anderson            | John Major Eason        | Esther Chihye Kim      | Don C. Sawyer III          |
| Stephane Andrade           | Sarah El-Kazaz          | William Kornblum       | Serah Shani                |
| Kehinde Andrews            | Robert M. Emerson       | Joe Krupnick           | Hilary Silver              |
| Robert Aponte              | Jamie J. Fader          | Vani S. Kulkarni       | David A. Snow              |
| Duke W. Austin             | Nicholas Forster        | Jeffrey Lane           | Casey Stockstill           |
| Jacob Avery                | Charles A. Gallagher    | Jooyoung Lee           | Forrest Stuart             |
| Marcus Bell                | Terran Giacomini        | Charles C. Lemert      | Mauricio T. Torres         |
| Luca Berardi               | Jennifer Gaddis         | Victor Lidz            | Pablo Victoria Torres      |
| Harold J. Bershady         | Alice Goffman           | Carolyn Ly             | Mats Trondman              |
| Kathleen Blee              | Joanne W. Golann        | Matthew Mahler         | David Trouille             |
| Scott N. Brooks            | Judith Gordon           | Peter K. Manning       | K. Nyerere Ture            |
| Kenly Brown                | Kamini Maraj Grahame    | Amy Andrea Martinez    | Nicole Martorano Van Cleve |
| Holly Campeau              | Peter R. Grahame        | Hector Y. Martinez     | Josh Wakeham               |
| Elizabeth Adekur-Carlson   | Saida Grundy            | Philip McHarris        | Michael Lawrence Walker    |
| AnneMarie Cesario          | Julius Haag             | Michael Mckail         | Gail Wallace               |
| Jean-Michel Chapoulie      | Hakim Hasan             | O. Alexander Miller    | Christina Wells            |
| Tony Cheng                 | William Helmreich       | Reuben Jonathan Miller | Frederick F. Wherry        |
| Carol Cleaveland           | Craig Lapriece Holloway | Dana Moss              | Anne White                 |
| Orly Clerge                | Daron Jabari Howard     | Alexandra K. Murphy    | Terry Williams             |
| Shannon Coffey             | Al Hunter               | Nicholas Occhiuto      | Gregory D. Wilson          |
| Harold Cooke               | Marcus Anthony Hunter   | Angela Onwuachi-Willig | Christopher Winship        |
| Martina Cvajner            | Jung In                 | Carlos Javier Ortiz    | Sarah Zelner               |
| Elizabeth Daniele          | Sharmaine Jackson       | Leslie Paik            | Amy Zhang                  |
| Mira Debs                  | Shirley A. Jackson      | Arthur Paris           | Pengfei Zhao               |
| Andrew Deener              |                         |                        |                            |

## THURSDAY, APRIL 10<sup>TH</sup>

6:30p

**WELCOMING RECEPTION AT THE STUDY HOTEL**

## FRIDAY, APRIL 11<sup>TH</sup>

8:00a

**BREAKFAST AT THE GRADUATE CLUB**

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9:00a

**WELCOME**

Elijah Anderson, Richard Breen, Chair of Sociology, Julia Adams, Deputy Provost

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9:30a

**CHALLENGES FOR HUMAN CAPITAL**

Orly Clerge, Yale, Panel Moderator

**Sean J. Drake, University of California, Irvine**

*The Model Majority: How Achievement and Ethnoracial Composition in High Schools Destabilize the Racial Order*

**Joanne W. Golann, Princeton University**

*The Paradox of Teaching Behavioral Norms at an Urban School*

**Vani Kulkarni, Yale University**

*The Rites of Urban Public School Discipline: Restoring Order or Creating Liminality?*

**Jeffrey Lane, Princeton University**

*The Digital Street*

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10:45a

**COFFEE AND SNACK BREAK**

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11:00a

**A ROUNDTABLE: ON DOING FIELDWORK**

Elijah Anderson, Yale; Kathryn M. Dudley, Yale;

Mitchell Duneier, Princeton, Jack Katz, UCLA; William Kornblum, CUNY

Julia Rozanova, Yale University, Moderator

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12:30p

**LUNCHTIME KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

**Patti Adler, University of Colorado**

*Administrative Interference and Overreach: the Adler Controversy and the 21st Century University*

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2:00p

## **POLICING AND IMPRISONMENT**

*Waverly Duck, University of Pittsburgh, Panel Moderator*

**John M. Eason, Texas A&M University**

*Finding Beauty in the Hideous: Prison Placement as Reputation Management*

**Reuben Jonathan Miller, University of Michigan**

*Race, Carceral Devolution and the Transformation of Urban Poverty in America*

**Forrest Stuart, University of Chicago**

*Becoming 'Copwise': How Impoverished Residents Negotiate Hyperpolicing in Everyday Life*

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3:30p

## **COFFEE AND SNACK BREAK**

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4:00p

## **EVERYDAY RACE RELATIONS**

*Martina Cvajner, Yale, Panel Moderator*

**Aasha M. Abdill, Princeton University**

*In & Out: The Public and Private Fathering Behaviors of Men in Low-Income Black Communities*

**Orly Clerge, Yale University**

*The Walk: Class and Ethnic Faultlines in urban Black neighborhood*

**Zandria F. Robinson, University of Memphis**

*Not Stud'n 'em White Folks: Black Racial Epistemologies in the Post-Soul South*

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5:30p

## **BREAK — COCKTAILS**

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7:00p

## **DINNER AT THE GRADUATE CLUB**

**Keynote Address, Alice Goffman, University of Wisconsin-Madison**

*On the Run: Fugitive Life in an American City*



# SATURDAY, APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup>

8:00a

## BREAKFAST AT THE GRADUATE CLUB

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9:00a

## URBAN SPACES AND EVERYDAY INTERACTIONS

Al Hunter, Northwestern University, Panel Moderator

**Martina Cvajner, Yale University**

*Who Owns the Green? Race, Social Marginality and Interactions in a Public Space*

**Mike DeLand, UCLA**

*A Tale of Two Courts: Park Careers and the Character of Public Space*

**Esther Chihye Kim, Researcher, Beijing, China**

*Black in Beijing: Social Attitudes and Racial Interactions*

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10:30a

## COFFEE AND SNACK BREAK

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11:00a

## MIGRANTS AND IMMIGRANTS

Orly Clerge, Yale, Panel Moderator

**Carol Cleaveland, George Mason University**

*'They took all my clothes and made me walk naked for two days so I couldn't escape':  
Latina Immigrant Experiences of Human Smuggling in Mexico*

**Dana Moss, University of California, Irvine**

*Repression's Reach: Dictatorships and Diaspora Communities*

**David Trouille, James Madison University**

*Jugadores del Parque: Immigrants, Play, and the Creation of Social Ties*

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12:30p

## LUNCHTIME KEYNOTE ADDRESS

**Frederick Wherry, Yale University**

*Fragments from an Ethnographer's Field Guide:  
Thick Descriptions, Practical Skepticism, and Big Theory*

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2:00p

## FAMILY, EDUCATION AND SOCIALIZATION

Vani Kulkarni, Yale, Panel Moderator

**Anne Elizabeth Clark White, UCLA**

*Timework: An Occupational Ethnography of Guiding*

**Casey Stockstill, University of Wisconsin-Madison**

*The Stuff of Childhood*

**Amy Jones, University of Wisconsin-Madison**

*The New Affirmative Action: Students of Color and the Burden of Diversity Work*

**\*\*CHANGE IN VENUE\*\*** *Reconvene at Quinnipiac Club: Final Two Panels and Evening Events*

**3:15p** **COFFEE AND SNACK BREAK**

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**3:45p** **PERFORMATIVITY AND IDENTITY**

Martina Cvajner, Yale, Panel Moderator

Celia Bense Ferreira Alves, Paris 8 University, France  
*Peter's Place. The Collective Construction of Charisma*

Christina Wells, Yale University  
*From Margin to Center: The Sociology of Art, Ethnographically Wrought*

Jooyoung Lee, University of Toronto  
*Becoming a Snitch*

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**4:45p** **FRENCH AND AMERICAN TRADITIONS IN URBAN ETHNOGRAPHY**

Elijah Anderson, Yale, Panel Moderator

Carlos Javier Ortiz, Chicago,  
*"We All We Got: A Lost Generation,"*  
*Photography from the streets of Philadelphia and Chicago*

Henri Peretz, Paris 8 University, France  
*The Problem of Black Juvenile Delinquency in the Chicago Tradition*

Jean-Michel Chapoulie, Paris, FR  
*Urban Ethnographic Research in French Sociology*

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**6:15p** **COCKTAIL RECEPTION IN THE MEMBER LOUNGE**

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**7:00p** **DINNER IN THE CENTENNIAL ROOM**

Keynote Address, Mats Trondman, Linnaeus Uni., Sweden  
*Omar's Tale on Two-ness, and Chidra's too: Reconciled Strivings, Doors of Opportunity, and School Achievement in the Multicultural (?) City of Malmö, Sweden*

**CLOSING REMARKS**

Marcus Hunter, Yale University  
Waverly Duck, University of Pittsburgh  
Elijah Anderson, Yale University

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The Yale Urban Ethnography Project seeks to develop a community of ethnographers working in the areas of race, social interaction, urban life, cultural studies, and inequality and to provide a forum for research and discussion. We would like to thank all attendees and presenters at this year's conference and retreat. **Please note their profiles:**



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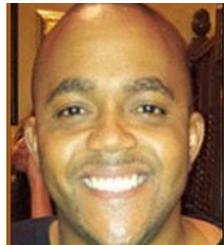
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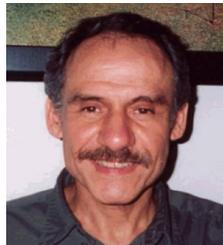
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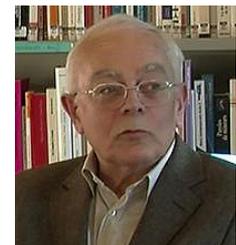
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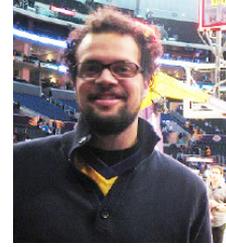
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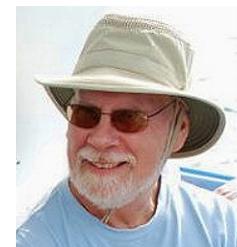
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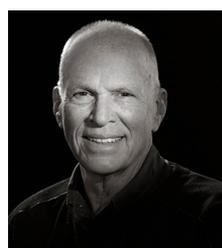
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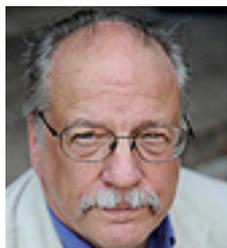


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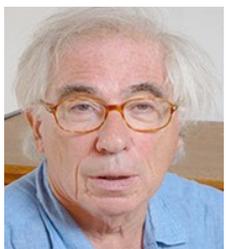
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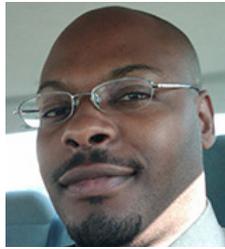
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An alumna of Spelman College, Aasha holds a Masters in Quantitative Methodology in the Social Sciences from Columbia University and is currently a doctoral candidate in Sociology at Princeton University. Her research interests include culture, organizations, the intersection of race and class, and urban ethnography. Aasha is a recipient of the NSF Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant.

Aasha M. Abdill's presentation focuses on the public and private fathering behaviors of men in low-income black communities. In the streets and playgrounds of Bed Stuy, Brooklyn, a longtime resident may or may not notice the increasing number of fathers with their children. Yet, she will quite easily notice that fathers are behaving in ways she does not recall observing before. Men push strollers. Men wear little pink carriers with babies bundled in them over their hoodies and basketball



shorts. Men continue to hang out in front of public housing buildings and corner stores, but now tugging at one of their legs one can often find a toddler. Black men’s fathering behaviors are occurring more within the sight of the public’s eye; influenced, in part, by changing social norms of gender roles. An inability of fathers to assume the role of provider pushes many to the edge of their family units; yet relationships are not completely severed. Based on findings and insights from four years of fieldwork, Aasha focuses specifically on the concept of “In & Out” as a representation of the day-to-day strategies men in low-income black communities employ while trying to reconcile contradictions in beliefs about what makes a good father, what makes one a man, and how aspects of each should be displayed. These strategies are vulnerable to what is communicated by family, peers, community members, local organizations and the public media.



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Wendell Adjetey is a second-year PhD student in the Department of History and the Department of African American Studies. His doctoral research looks at the ways in which civil rights agitation and labour activism enabled African North Americans to forge transnational freedom linkages in the inter- and post-war years. Prior to starting his doctorate, Wendell spent three years working as a case manager in a youth gang intervention initiative in north Toronto. Before this work, he founded and successfully led an award-winning non-profit organization for marginalized youth. Wendell also has several years of experience working in education, health care, and child welfare policy. Wendell obtained an Honours BA in International Relations and History and an MA in Political Science from the University of Toronto in 2008 and 2009, respectively.



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Patti Adler is currently Professor of Sociology at the University of Colorado. Her research interests revolve around symbolic interactionism, ethnographic practices, deviant behavior, sociology of childhood, sociology of sport, and microsociologies. Along with Peter Adler, from 1986-1994, she served as Editor of Journal of Contemporary Ethnography. In 2006-2007, they were Co-Presidents of the Midwest Sociological Society. In 2010, they were honored with the George H. Mead Award for Lifetime Achievement from the Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction. Her current work addresses developments in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century university.





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Raymond Albert received his undergraduate degree from the University of Pennsylvania, his JD and MSW from the University of Connecticut, and his PhD from the University of Pennsylvania. A Professor and Director of the Masters of Law and Social Policy (MLSP) Program, which he has directed since 1988, he also served as Co-Dean of the Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research from 2002 – 2008. He teaches in the MLSP program (*American Legal Processes; Legal Research; Race and the Law*) and in the Masters of Social Services (MSS) program (*Advanced Perspectives in Multiculturalism & Diversity and Community Assessment*). He was instrumental in the creation of the School’s Nonprofit Executive Leadership Institute (NELI), which offers capacity-building content to nonprofit executives to strengthen their individual competencies and thereby the sector generally. He also helped create the innovative Certificate Program in Conflict Resolution. Professor Albert’s books, *Law and Social Work Practice: A Legal Systems Approach* and *Social Welfare: Narratives of Hard Times*, and related articles on the legal dimensions of social services reflect his longstanding focus on making sense of the social work and law connection. He has recently shifted his scholarly and research focus to American race relations, and is currently at work on an ethnography that examines group position and ethnic relations in an urban area. His community service has included his longstanding role as Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Center for Responsible Funding, an innovative agency in Philadelphia that works to expand the funding base of social-justice organizations, and his role as co-founder and former President of the Board of Directors of the Good Shepherd Mediation Program.



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Danelis Alejo is a first year doctoral student in the Sociology Program at Syracuse University. Due to her experiences as a McNair Scholar and recent thoughts about the experiences of Latinos in the United States, her current research interests are focused on the experiences of English Language Learners in middle schools and high schools and increasing their access to college. She is interested in using mixed methods to understand how the expectations that others have of these students, their relationship with the school counselors/teachers, and the track that they are put on academically influence their educational attainment.

Danelis is more specifically interested in investigating if guidance counselors help immigrant youth find and apply to a college, as well as how and if course tracking is done to help these students take the necessary courses to graduate and attend college. One of the main questions that she is interested in answering is if school counselors seek out these students or if these students are expected to seek out the counselors for help on applying to college. She is also interested in finding ways to integrate these students’ cultures with the things they are learning in class since immigrant youth that are able to





retain their ethnic identity do better academically. Understanding the neighborhood and familial factors that influence these students' academic experiences and access to college is also important to her research efforts.

Danelis has published on the language interpreting and translating experiences of immigrant youth for their family members and after completing her PhD, plans to work in the community or in higher education doing research and applied work interacting with low-income students, adults, and/or immigrants.



## **CELIA BENSE FERREIRA ALVES**

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My research and teaching interests are at the intersection of urban issues, art, work and occupations. They rely on ethnography and socio-history and take race, class and gender into consideration.

I am now investigating the notion of community among theater participants in the San Francisco Bay Area by looking at the local and non-local networks individuals set up to maintain and develop theatrical activity at the level of this metropolis. Among other things, I am thus studying when and how identification to a specific locale is being claimed and how such a claim affects theater participants' activities in relation to other claims like identification to an occupational community, to race or gender issues for instance.

At the Conference, I will develop on the collective construction of charisma in a theatrical organization that I am further investigating while rewriting my first book (*Précarité en échange. Enquête sur l'implication au travail*, 2006.) I will focus on the building of the organizational vision and remarkable status of the leaders in a supportive environment, the development of changing organizational conventions, status enhancement and "side bets" as commitment motives.

Finally, the development of the Sociology of theater separate from Drama studies in France while Performance Studies have grown more and more as a social science in the U.S. have brought me to ponder over how this affects our apprehension of the theater world.



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Elijah Anderson is the William K. Lanman, Jr. Professor of Sociology at Yale University. He is one of the leading urban ethnographers in the United States. His publications include *Code of the Street: Decency, Violence, and the Moral Life of the Inner City* (1999), winner of the Komarovsky Award from the Eastern Sociological Society; *Streetwise: Race, Class, and Change in an Urban Community* (1990), winner of the American Sociological Association's Robert E. Park Award for the best published book in the area of Urban Sociology; and the classic sociological work, *A Place on the Corner* (1978; 2nd





ed., 2003). Anderson's most recent ethnographic work, *The Cosmopolitan Canopy: Race and Civility in Everyday Life*, was published by WW Norton in March 2012. Professor Anderson is the 2013 recipient of the prestigious Cox-Johnson-Frazier Award of the American Sociological Association. Professor Anderson's research interests include inequality, race relations, urban ethnography, sociology of culture and crime, and social control.



## STEPHANE ANDRADE

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My current project focuses on the effects of globalization, on local fishing communities in the Cape Verde islands, in West Africa. I am particularly interested how these effects have challenged "national culture." At the micro-level, how it has affected culturally significant small-scale artisanal forms of fishing in these communities. At the macro-level, how these effects have challenged the cultural identity of the community and the country as a whole.



## KEHINDE ANDREWS

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Dr Kehinde Andrews completed his PhD in Sociology and Cultural Studies at the University of Birmingham in 2011. His thesis was based on understanding Black radicalism and exploring contemporary manifestations of Black radical movements in the UK. For his thesis he carried out ethnographic work in a Black alternative education setting run on the weekend (Black supplementary school), started by a Pan African organisation. Work from his thesis has been published in his book *Resisting Racism: Race, Inequality and the Black Supplementary School Movement* (Institute of Education Press/Trentham Books); and articles in *Race & Class* 'From the Bad Nigger to the Good Nigga: an unintended legacy of Black radicalism; and the *Journal of Negro Education* 'Towards a Black radical independent education'.

Kehinde is currently involved in a long term ethnographic project building on his PhD research. The ethnography is with a new Black community organisation in the city of Birmingham and the aims of the research are to explore how Black radicalism is articulated in contemporary society, through the ethnographic work with the organisation. He is also interested in theories of race and racism influenced by Black radical thought and politics.

Kehinde is also co convener of the British Sociological Association Race and Ethnicity Study Group and also involved in the development of Black Studies in the UK. He and his colleague Dr Lisa Palmer at Newman organised a major Black Studies Conference, Blackness in Britain in September 2013, which drew 150 delegates and 40 presented papers. Following on from this they are now working with colleagues to establish a British Black Studies Association to continue support the growth of Black Studies.





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Robert Aponte, currently an Associate Professor of Sociology at Indiana University, Indianapolis, received his PhD at the University of Chicago in 1991. He has published over the years on poverty, the family, immigration, and especially, Latinos in the US. Currently, he is starting his first book on the various forms of intervention into Latin America by the US, tentatively titled, *Intervention, Impoverishment, Migration: the Latinization of the US and the Tragedy of its Genesis*. It will show how these incursions brought forth calamitous suffering and poverty, leading directly or indirectly to the waves of migration that have created the nation's largest minority.



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Duke W. Austin, PhD, works as an Assistant Professor at California State University, East Bay. He studies and teaches about the intersection of race, class, immigration, and gender in the United States.

Dr. Austin received his Ph.D. from the University of Colorado in Spring 2010, and his dissertation explores race, class, and gender in San Francisco community-based organizations. While at the University of Colorado, he received multiple awards for outstanding teaching as well as the 2008 President's Diversity Award for his efforts to improve diversity on campus.

Following the completion of his PhD, Dr. Austin worked with Professor Elijah Anderson as a Postdoctoral Associate in the Urban Ethnography Project at Yale University. While at Yale, he published research on the concept of race as a caste system as it was presented in the classic ethnographies *Caste and Class in a Southern Town* (Dollard 1937) and *Deep South* (Davis, Gardner, and Gardner 1941).

Dr. Austin is currently completing an ethnographic research project on immigrant high school students in the San Francisco Bay Area. The immigration, race, and education literatures have evaluated various factors affecting social mobility; however, the intersection of immigrant status, race, and education remains under-theorized. In particular, minimal inquiry has been devoted to how racial inequality operates within the high school setting for recent immigrant students. Given that the proportion of immigrant students is increasing, his research studies the combined effects of race and immigrant status on educational opportunities.

Dr. Austin's research interests include: Stratification of Race, Class, and Gender; Immigration; Stratification in the Context of Disaster; Community-Based Organizations; Homelessness; Ethnographic Methods; and Mixed Methods.





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Jacob Avery is an assistant professor of sociology at UC Irvine. He holds a BA from Texas Lutheran University, and earned his PhD from the University of Pennsylvania. After graduating from Penn, he spent two years as a Postdoctoral Fellow at the Ford School of Public Policy at the University of Michigan. Currently, he is finishing a book manuscript about how chronically homeless and chemically addicted men conduct the business of survival in Atlantic City, New Jersey. That research has received funding from the Ford Foundation, National Institutes of Health, and Department of Health and Human Services. Along with research and writing responsibilities, he enjoys teaching introductory sociology to undergraduates, and co-teaching (with David Snow) a graduate seminar on fieldwork methods. Also, Avery is a studious listener, so feel free to talk his ear off...



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*Journal of Sociology* 119: 3 (November 2013), emotional dynamics of ethnographic research, and ethical, legal, and IRB issues in ethnographic study. Her current research projects including an ethnography of everyday bus riders in Pittsburgh and a narrative analytic study of exiting and former members of violent extreme-right activist groups as well as an analysis of the ethical and political issues involved in research on perpetrators of violence and social hatred.



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My research investigates how changing macro-level social processes in the ‘field’ of an organization permeate micro-level practices and systems of meaning within. Despite considerable change in Canadian policing over the last three decades, many police studies continue to define the occupational “police culture” using stereotypic typologies based on data gathered over 30 years ago in America’s largest cities. I aim to move beyond this overarching gloss by locally embedding this institution, thereby carving a space to assess cultural categories as both contingent and dynamic. With the police service of a medium-sized city in Ontario as my case study, I examine such influences as new diverse recruits, mediation, legislative change, socio-economic climate and mechanisms for oversight and accountability. Methods involve 18 months of fieldwork, including interviews with officers, ride-alongs and interactions inside the city’s police headquarters and in its streets. This research engages theoretical tools from the sociology of culture to bring important nuance to the study of an institution like policing and its cultural practice. This research *is supported by* the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC).



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During the conference, he will explain impediments in the introduction of fieldwork in French sociology, compare the use of fieldwork with the rather long use of this approach in American sociology, and try to show what has provided an ethnographical point of view in social research about present and past.



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Carol Cleaveland, PhD, is an associate professor in the Department of Social Work at George Mason University. Cleaveland began engaging in ethnographic field work with undocumented Mexican day laborers in 2004 in Freehold, New Jersey, to explore questions of migrant organization, resistance, and the ways in which they made meaning of their labor and immigration. Following her appointment to the Mason faculty in 2007, Cleaveland studied immigrant incorporation and social exclusion in Prince William County, Va., which had passed an ordinance targeting undocumented Latinos for deportation. Cleaveland collaborated with Dr. Debra Lattanzi-Shutika in an ethnomethodological study probing reasons for white opposition to undocumented Latino settlement in the county seat of Manassas.

During that field work, Cleaveland met a number of Latina immigrants who reported high levels of anxiety, fear, and depression. In exploring their histories, she learned that many had suffered traumatic experiences during the journey through Mexico and across the border into the United States. Latina immigrants rely on the services of human smugglers (*coyotes, guias*) to lead them across the Sonoran Desert into the U.S. In January 2013, she began conducting in-depth interviews with survivors of the journey who are now living and working in Northern Virginia. Rapes by multiple men, robbery at gun point, beatings and being held as virtual captives by human smugglers are common experiences. Cleaveland is now collaborating with a team of researchers in family and human development to understand how these experiences may affect women and families as they negotiate life as undocumented immigrants. Her colleague, Dr. Bethany Letiecq, associate professor of Human Development and Family Science, is co-principal investigator.

Cleaveland and Letiecq hope to obtain funding to expand the research to multiple cities and to engage in participant observation at staging grounds along the migration route in Mexico.



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in everyday life. This project focuses on how African American and second generation immigrant teenagers navigate being middle class, black and ethnic in the contexts of their schools and neighborhood public spaces. Her research has been funded by the National Science Foundation and Society for the Study of Social Problems. Orly will be an Assistant Professor of Sociology and Africana Studies at Tufts University in the Fall of 2014.



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Shannon Coffey is a TRiO alumnus who earned her Master's Degree in Sociology from the University of Colorado at Boulder (UCB). Her specialty areas are the Sociology of Gender as well as Criminology & Deviance. Shannon recently completed a mixed-methods thesis titled *Caught Between Conflicting Worlds?: A Du Boisian Study of the Experiences of Students Who Are Under-Represented in Academia*. Through the extension of Dr. W.E.B. Du Bois' concepts of the second-sight, double consciousness, the color-line, and the metaphor of the Veil, insights into Reiland Rabaka's lifeworlds and lifestruggles of underrepresented students were attained. Of pertinent interest is that some of the study participants appeared to be developing early stages of double consciousness particularly as they realized that access to privileges and power within academia were lacking. Shannon served as a McNair Scholars Program instructor and doctoral mentor. She presently mentors undergraduates who have aged out of foster and/or kinship care through the Guardian Scholars Program (UCB). She is also working on a study with Elisa Facio (UCB) titled *The Coatlicue Project: An Anzalduan Study of Academia and the Lived Experiences of Chicanas/Latinas*. This project is principally concerned with (re)constructing Chicana/Latina educational narratives by locating the historical presence and voices of undergraduate students or their sitios y lenguas (spaces and languages). Feminist methods – autohistorias y autohistoria-teorias – are critically engaged within the Anzalduan framework of their study. In addition, Shannon is an Affiliate Faculty member of MSU Denver's Institute for Women's Studies & Services as well as the Department of Sociology. At MSU Denver her primary area of expertise is teaching diverse scholars through the TRiO High School Upward Bound and First Year Success (FYS) Programs. The FYS program facilitates persistence, academic excellence, and lifelong learning through a culturally relevant undergraduate curriculum, student centered pedagogies, and a community-building cohort model.



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Nearing the completion of her first year as a PhD student, Elizabeth attends the Syracuse University Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs on the prestigious University Fellowship. She holds a masters degree in higher education administration from the University of Rochester, where she also worked full time as an academic advisor for Upward Bound and Ronald E. McNair Post Baccalaureate Achievement Programs.

Interested in sociology of race, ethnicity, and immigration—with a focus on persons who migrate north to the U.S. from Latin America—she learned Spanish in the Republic of Mexico after graduating from Smith College. In addition to belief in the benefits of women's colleges and HBCUs, she has an abiding commitment to continued educational opportunities for students who are first-generation college and/or underrepresented minorities in higher education. She coauthored a forthcoming chapter about challenges, opportunities, and best practices for diversity in graduate education in the U.S. (Mitchell Jr. & Daniele in press), and recently presented for an international audience at the European Access Network's World Congress on Access to Postsecondary Education.

While the framework of education remains central to her ways of thinking about equity in the U.S., she opted to pursue a PhD in sociology to look at different angles of social life. She hopes to pursue research examining individual and group identity among Hispanic immigrants who may not identify as “Latinos;” learn more about migrant farmworkers who sustain agricultural enterprises in her home region of New York State; and explore the “unmarked” nature of American whiteness using Critical Race Theory.



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I am a PhD candidate in the sociology department at UCLA. My dissertation is a multi-method ethnography of a public park in Santa Monica, CA where a diverse and fluid group of men gather to play informal pick-up basketball games. Without formal oversight or organization, this open air basketball court pulls men together from different walks of life, class backgrounds, and racial and ethnic groups. They mix together in vibrant, emotional, and physical ways, potentiating social integration across otherwise segregated communities. I analyze the contingencies of this form of park use by studying the historical emergence of the park within its local neighborhood ecology, the biographies of the men and the diverse ways they relate to one another away from the park, and the situated interactions at the park itself as they make and re-make a meaningful, orderly, and fair game. This project has led me to broader interests in the sociology of public parks and public spaces. I plan to develop case studies of public spaces in order to understand how the historical emergence of an openly accessible space shapes the contemporary meanings and patterns of use. My presentation at the Yale Ethnography conference is an initial attempt in this direction. I have been deeply influenced by the phenomenolog-





ical and interactionist traditions in sociology and have been trained in conversation analysis at UCLA. In this light, I also have research interests in games and sports as social forms. Given their universal importance in all types of societies and communities, I see games as strategic sites to study the emergence of the social self through embodied and sequentially organized interaction. I was born and raised in Southern California, attended UCLA as an undergraduate, and have a newfound (if unpolished) love for cooking.



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Social scientists have recently studied how neighborhood context affects racial meanings (McDermott, 2006) and the ways in which the traditional American racial order is changing to reflect the country's increasing ethnoracial diversity and more favorable racial attitudes, particularly among America's youth (Hochschild, Weaver, and Burch, 2011). The current project builds on these lines of inquiry in a study of race, education, and immigration that focuses on the ways in which the academic profile and racial/ethnic composition of high schools affect racial meanings, students' ethnoracial identities, and group boundaries. The study is based on fieldwork in three suburban, middle- and upper-middle-class public high schools in Southern California with divergent academic profiles and racial compositions. Preliminary observations in an elite public high school have revealed two key findings: 1) tension between a professed color-blind racial ideology and a racial academic hierarchy dominated by stereotypes of Asian academic success and Black and Latino student failure; and 2) an educational culture that privileges institutional reputation and reifies racial and achievement gaps. Preliminary observations in the local continuation school reveal a divergent dynamic: a stigmatizing environment for Asians that challenges their ethnoracial identity, even though Asians are frequently the top performers at the school.



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John Major Eason's presentation focuses on prison placement as reputation management. While nearly 70 percent of the 1100 plus U.S. facilities constructed during the prison boom were in non-metropolitan areas, there is little scholarship on why rural towns "demand" prisons and even less on how they make sense of pursuing this stigmatized institution. He asks, given the stigma of the prison as an institution, how do town leaders make sense of pursuing a prison? Guided by an ethnographic case study of a non-metropolitan Southern town he investigates the role of stigma and concentrated racial and economic disadvantage in prison placement. Using a mixed-method community-based approach he reveals that otherwise feuding racial factions of white elites and black middlemen in Forrest City, Arkansas used similar Neighborhood Narrative Frames (NNFs) as a strategy for managing spoiled town identity and justifying prison placement. Ultimately, prison placement was supported across the racially divided political economy as a mechanism to diffuse stigma from the rise of the rural ghetto and as a rallying symbol signaling the economic recovery of the town.



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nizational resources, the materiality of the built environment and everyday tactics to empower their struggles, as well as the consequences of this contestation on citizens' relations to their states and imagined communities. The dissertation's research is based on multi-sited ethnographic fieldwork in Cairo and Istanbul in 2011-2012 that she conducted in Arabic and Turkish. She is currently a Roberts Graduate Fellow at the Eisenhower Institute at Gettysburg College. Sarah will be joining Brandeis University as a Postdoctoral Junior Scholar Fellow at the Crown Center for Middle Eastern Studies for the upcoming academic year.



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In the fall of 2013 Nicholas founded, produced, and began hosting *The Lower Frequencies*, the official podcast of the African American Studies department at Yale. With a mission to interview academics, activists, artists, and scholars from numerous disciplinary perspectives whose experience relates to African American studies, *The Lower Frequencies* examines the relationship between processes behind creative production and the personal lives of the guests. Hoping to amplify stories not often told, *The Lower Frequencies* is part oral history and part interview and reveals the life behind scholarship and art. Interviews thus far have included Professor Jonathan Holloway and Professor Marcus Anthony Hunter.

Nicholas' current research interests include the cinema of Nicholas Ray, sound recording technologies, hip-hop, and contemporary film audiences in urban spaces. He is especially interested in how aurality is translated onto the written page and how technological developments in sound and film have been used to re-inscribe and reconstruct race. He hopes to bridge this theoretical work on film and sound with ethnographic research in the cinema.



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As part of a Pew Charitable Trust funded research grant I am currently interviewing how long-term white and black residents in four Philadelphia neighborhoods perceive how their neighborhoods have changed over the last few decades. My project examines the social factors that undergird beliefs about immigration with a particular focus on the views native-born white and blacks express concerning immigration policy, its implementation and their perception about the relative success of government strategies to manage or curb immigration. Do native-born whites and blacks view new immigrants in zero-sum game terms, that is, are the successes of new immigrants perceived as economic opportunities that are being taken away from them? Are blacks and whites' views on immigration policy regressive, reactionary, positive or benign? How are new immigrant groups perceived and treated by groups who have lived in these communities for multiple generations? Mapping the anxieties, resentments and frustrations that white and black respondents may hold regarding immigration and immigrant communities will allow us to better understand the social roots that motivate reactionary beliefs and behaviors and how social and government policies might be rethought or recrafted to better address and improve relations between these groups.

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Her latest book, *On the Run: Fugitive Life in an American City*. University of Chicago Press, 2014, is an up-close account of that prison boom told largely through the story of a group of young friends in Philadelphia’s 6th Street neighborhood. (The location and names in the book are pseudonyms.) The study describes how fear of confinement has transformed work, health, and family life, causing men to disengage from the very mainstream institutions that might put them on a better path. The threat of incarceration has created “a new social fabric,” Goffman writes, “one woven in suspicion, distrust, and the paranoiac practices of secrecy, evasion, and unpredictability.” It has turned ghettos into “communities of suspects and fugitives.”

Over six years of fieldwork, Goffman shed much of her old life to view the world through her subjects’ eyes. With them, she dodged police, partied, and discussed shootings. She watched a nurse’s aide pull a bullet out of one boy in an off-the-books, kitchen-table surgery; accompanied various people who arranged for drugs to be smuggled into jail; and attended nine funerals of young men killed in the neighborhood. This drama came to a boil the year Philadelphia police officers brought her in for the interrogation.

But after braving violence and intimidation to get this story, Goffman now faces a different challenge. How can she keep the focus on black poverty, and not her own biography?

“This is a community worried that at any moment its members will be taken away,” Goffman says. “So, to me, that’s the story. It’s part of the racial politics of this country, right? It’s way more interesting to people to hear about the experience of a white woman. I’m completely irrelevant to the story that I’m trying to tell.”



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Saida's interests span Qualitative Methodology, Race Class & Gender, Urban Ethnography, Gender & Sexuality, and Feminist Theory. Her most recent publication, "An Air of Expectancy: Class, Crisis, and the Making of Manhood at an Historically Black College for Men" appeared in the July 2012 volume (642) of *The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*. She resides in Ann Arbor, Michigan where she is eager to defend her dissertation in the Spring of 2014.



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Her current work involves an ethnographic study of a new Target of Opportunity program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. More specifically, her work examines how America's evolving relationship to race is playing out and exhibited in alternative affirmative action programs and how those programs are affecting academic and social experience for students of color. The research aims to show how the "diversity benefits all" narrative, prevalent in American higher education, disproportionately loads onto students of color the responsibility for making these benefits happen.





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Throughout his career, Lidz has sustained the broad interests in sociological theory and the history of sociological theory that he gained in his undergraduate and graduate studies. An interest that relates to ethnography has been in the development of interpretive or *Verstehende* methods of understanding empirical situations of interest to sociological researchers. Most of his papers and the edited volumes on which he has collaborated have been concerned with continued development of the theory of social action, the body of sociological theory developed by Talcott Parsons and colleagues.



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“carceral continuum” between urban communities and prison, incorporating visual sociology.

“Being in prison is the closest thing to being dead while your [you’re] alive. Time stops.” (Syko, 23 yrs. old)

Growing out of research undertaken as an undergraduate, my research explores the complicated issues of mass incarceration among Latino males in the California system. Syko’s words quoted above elucidate some of the complications of being an incarcerated person. Building on and departing from much current research, I hope to provide a finely nuanced lens through which, to view the incarcerated Latino “gangster” body. I hope to provide a holistic understanding of how young men of color negotiate and navigate prison. To do this, I am focusing on four of California’s formal carceral spaces. Three are located in California: the state prisons at Kern Valley, Wasco, and High Desert. I am also examining one “rented” prison: the for-profit Tallahatchie County Correctional Facility in Mississippi where California sends some of its prisoners to reduce over-crowding inside the state. This is only one of several private, for-profit prisons, where young California Latinos find themselves “outsourced” to a prison thousands of miles from home. Studies that focus on Latino men’s negotiation of a “gang” identity in their police interactions, and well as in their subsequent incarceration, will, I hope, help suggest policies to encourage social justice to the macro and micro-environments where youth violence, gangs, incarceration, and post-incarceration shape the urban Latino community.



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My research examines pre-migration experiences and their effects on migration and return migration outcomes among voluntary and deported return migrants. I have gathered much primary data and the revealed patterns have been codified as Colonial Capital Theory of Migration (CTM). To briefly review the theory—colonial capital derives from prejudices about: (a) family and skin pigmentation, (b) education, (c) social graces, and (d) financial capital. The mere acquisition of any one element is of little utility in achieving higher class status. The cross-national ethnographic data reveals that there are at least three categories of migrants—voluntary return migrants with high colonial capital who return quickly and resettle happily; disgruntled voluntary return migrants with mid-colonial capital—these are the only migrants who become transmigrants; and, deported return migrants—a group whose low colonial capital make them vulnerable abroad and in their home society. CTM is my major contribution to the existing corpus of sociological literature, and my dissertation explaining this theory was published in 2008 as *Migration Can Fall Apart*. An article about Colonial Capital is published in the *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*.

Currently, I am examining the major micro-level activities that are performed to acquire and improve Colonial Capital—my analyses were published in 2014 as *Colonial Capital Theory at Work*.

My research interest is linked to my biography of being a Caribbean immigrant who has lived in the US. I am a graduate of the University of South Carolina and since 2001 have been teaching sociology at *various* colleges. I am on the job market for a position where colleagues are utilizing ethnographic methods to uncover how ordinary people are pursuing social change.



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Professor Miller’s research, writing, and activism have focused on the lives and livelihoods of former prisoners as they attempt to reenter their respective home communities, and the health effects of contemporary punishment and urban poverty policy on groups stratified by race, class, and region. He completed a three and a half year ethnographic study of prisoner reentry on Chicago’s west side. He has begun a comparative study of former prisoners reentry experiences, doing fieldwork in Detroit, Glasgow and Belgrade. His future work will compare the experiences and outcomes of former prisoners across geographic contexts, examine issues of punishment and public health, and the role families play in former prisoners’ lives.



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Carlos Javier Ortiz focuses on documenting society's most vulnerable communities across the United States, Mexico and Guatemala. His work examines issues of poverty, displacement, racism and marginalized communities. Through his documentary work he aims to provide compassion, optimism and a meaningful understanding of the topics, which he explores through his long-term projects. Carlos Javier uses alternative types of cameras to focus on people, landscapes and structures. His work also encompasses found sound, video, found objects, text and personal narratives.

His long-term documentary photography project, *We All We Got*, reflects on why urban centers in the United States lose so many young people to violence. These stories happen daily, yet they are sometimes overshadowed and erased by the focus on people who die in mass murders. He used the humanities, specifically photography, to explore the complexities of the human condition. His work grapples with violence and brutality while simultaneously emphasizing human resilience. It depicts compassion and optimism while expressing the realities young people face daily. Violence is most usually the final explosion of many forces. Through his photographs, he strives to let viewers see what happens when these forces explode, and where these forces leave their long-lasting scars.

*We All We Got*, is a message of optimism in the face of adversity. The title is influenced from scribbled graffiti on a wall. Written by a teenager who lost his friend to gun violence over lyrics.

Not only does he photograph families during the immediate aftermath of violence, he stays connected to many of the people he meets during the course of his work. It is a matter of personal integrity to acknowledge both their grief and loss at the time but also to photograph moments of joy and peace over time. In this way, he hopes to render the full humanity of all the subjects of his photography.

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whose youths have delinquency cases in Family Court, she has been doing fieldwork for the past 10 months with four of those families, observing them in their home and in court. This fieldwork has revealed the many subtle yet poignant ways that the families' interactions with court staff shape their involvement in the youth's case and the unintended impacts of the court intervention on the family's everyday lives. The fieldwork also is uncovering how families' previous and current experiences with other social control institutions (e.g., child welfare, public housing and schools) shape their involvement in the court system. Starting this fall, she plans to start the second phase of this study, exploring how families and their adolescent youths interact with health care providers and negotiate their increasingly blurred lines of responsibility regarding the adolescents' health management practices for illnesses such as diabetes and obesity.



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In recent years, he has written about the political economy and changing demographics of American cities. His work has also focused on Technology, e.g., (new) market development, innovation, and public policy in the Computing and Telecom industries; and he's also interested in immigration from the circum-Caribbean and African diasporas.

His current work includes a long term project on the Home Owners Loan Corporation (HOLC) maps from the 1930s, which were developed by the federal government during the Depression, as part of a broad intervention in the domestic housing market; an examination of the impact of the subprime mortgage debacle on minority neighborhoods; and current work on Race and Identity in the African Diaspora. In another direction, he continues to monitor the adoption of new networking technologies and the changes they foster in social organization, e.g., the impact of Twitter in recent elections in Africa, et al.



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Having stayed in Chicago during short research sojourns over several years, I am currently working on a large research project on the Chicago Black community, which combines several approaches. Providing a perspective of a social history of the Black community since 1904, I am writing a book, *Black Chicago*, first in French, using the immense social sciences literature (history and sociology) on the topic, the archives, several interviews and a certain direct knowledge of the West and South sides of the city. I am organizing with the French photography gallery, le Bal, an





exhibition of documentary and artistic pictures of the multiple aspects of the life of Black Chicago from 1904 to 1968; this exhibition may take place in a Chicago institution. Taking into account that those projects have their origins in readings of the book *Black Metropolis* by Horace Cayton and St. Clair Drake, I do research on the archives of the making of the book (including WPA projects), but also on the many unpublished intellectual and political projects of Horace Cayton and his role in the South Side institutions.



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He was selected to Who's Who among Teachers in American Colleges while a professor at the University of Illinois, Urbana/Champaign, adding to his list of achievements. At the University of Florida, he collaborated with the noted scholar, Dr. Joe Feagin, in publishing articles regarding Race Relations. Dr. Porter's work on black law firms helps provide insight into changes in American racial relations. His particular work on "Norris, Schmidt, Green, Thomas, Higginbotham, and Associates" (in Austin Sarat and Steward Scheingold (eds.), *Cause Lawyering: Political Commitments and Professional Responsibility*, contributed to establishing a new paradigm in the Professions and Organizations literature; specifically, the African American law firm as an institution. His scholarly concentration centers on new modes of thought, using ethno-historical research in socio-legal studies, detailing the significance of African American lawyers and their role in middle class leadership. In his book, *Social Fabric Transformations: Research on International Perspectives* (Athens Institute for Education and Research, 2013), Dr. Porter serves as editor. This twenty-eight chapter volume reflects complex issues involving cities, in particular communities ranging from small rural towns to cosmopolitan landscapes, and represents a variety of European, African, and US cities.



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Anne, a Professor of Sociology at Bentley University, is a social theorist who makes use of ethnography, ethnomethodology and conversation analysis in her research. Her approach centers on the idea that Interaction Orders become foundational in modern societies. Because Interaction Orders must be performed in details, they require the kind of detailed study that falls within the domain of ethnography. Anne has published theoretical articles and books on the constitutive interactional achievement of social facts – grounding the innovative positions of Garfinkel and Goffman on the foundational argument of Durkheim – who maintained in the *Division of Labor* (1893) that in modern societies the constitutive aspects of occupational practices would become a basis for social cohesion. She has also published several books with Harold Garfinkel that make his early theoretical position available for the first time. Her research includes ethnographic studies of Information Systems Design work, ethnomethodological and ethnographic research on interracial interaction, and ethnographic research on drug dealing and drug culture (the latter coauthored with Waverly Duck). The study of IS design work applies an understanding of processes involved in the social performance of social facts to the design of information objects. The data come from a working meeting of a design group during which designers articulate their challenges. The difficulties involved in facilitating system interoperability are explained in terms of social fact making processes. The research on Race and Interaction Orders of drug dealing takes the understanding of race and marginality in a new direction. The argument is that interactional expectations that must be met for sensemaking and identity achievement can vary in communities that have been isolated or segregated such that basic constitutive requirements may not only differ but clash. The overall objective is to clarify the understanding of Interaction Orders in contemporary society and social research.



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Stuart's current book project (under contract with the University of Chicago Press) is an in-depth ethnography of Los Angeles' Skid Row district, an area long regarded as the “homeless capital of America.” Beginning in the early 2000s, Skid Row became distinguished as the site of one of the most aggressive “broken windows policing” campaigns to date, characterized by arguably the largest concentration of standing police forces found anywhere in the United States. Drawing on five years of fieldwork, interviews, and archival research, the project analyzes daily life on Skid Row's streets. Examining the interactions between police officers and the neighborhood's impoverished and homeless inhabitants, the book documents the emergence of a new model of urban social control that combines both rehabilitative and punitive interventions, what Stuart terms “therapeutic policing.” The project considers how this new configuration of social welfare, urban development, and criminal justice is re-constituting the meanings and contours of poverty, crime, and urban space, as well as the relationship existing between the police and the policed.

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Broadly speaking his interests and areas of focus are race and ethnicity, inequality and stratification, the sociology of education, the sociology of law, qualitative methods, and narrative methods. His current projects are varied. Over the course of the last two years he has closely followed the death of Trayvon Martin and trial of George Zimmerman. The Project as a whole is tentatively titled On What Grounds?: Fear and Exception in the Death of Trayvon Martin. In the face of the deweaponization of Civil Rights logics, in a nation where the death of Black men and boys can be seen as anything other than criminal homicide and Blackness itself becomes an ontological crime, this work asks where might we stake an antiracist politics that makes the death of Martin, and countless other Black bodies, intelligible not just as murder but as an egregious injustice. His second major ongoing project is titled Everything that Matters Most: Violence, Desire, and Labor in Institutional Diversity. This work draws, in part, on his own experiences as a Harlem born Black-Brown working class student in a historically White private preparatory school and interrogates the ways in which institutional claims of diversity come to signify their own accomplishment, effectively limiting the avenues through which White supremacy can be challenges and interrogated, all the while subsuming the labor and energies of students of color towards non-performative institutional diversity.



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Pablo's current work examines the sport of bodybuilding in Southern California. He has recently employed ethnographic methods to delineate processes that are essential to the creation of the bodybuilder identity. In his research, he finds that bodybuilders engage in *identity work*, as conceptualized by Snow and Anderson (1987, 1994), to create the social and symbolic boundaries that pervade the sport. One such set of boundaries consists of the distinction between natural bodybuilders (non-PED users) and mainstream bodybuilders (PED users). Pablo is currently pursuing a study that would explore bodybuilding in the prison setting.





In addition to his interests in symbolic interactionism and the sociology of sport, Pablo is also passionate about issues pertaining to inequality in higher education. In the future he plans to conduct a study of how students from underprivileged backgrounds navigate the educational system at the collegiate and graduate levels.



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I am currently an Assistant Professor of Sociology at James Madison University. In 2013, I received my Ph.D. in sociology from UCLA. I was born and raised in Evanston, a suburb of Chicago.

My research focuses on the active making and sustaining of social ties in everyday life. Specifically, it shows how a group of primarily Latino immigrant men make and sustain social ties through their repeated interactions in a Los Angeles public park. The study specifies how park life is made meaningful in ways that affect the men's social networks and life chances, shedding new light on the role of play and sociability in generating social connections and facilitating resource exchanges.

The social life of the park works effectively as a site of network formation and resource exchange because it is made fun, compelling, and revealing. The findings show that people require shared commitments, in this case, a fascination with soccer, beer drinking, and fighting, to create new relations. These emergent qualities not only bring the men together and break down boundaries between them, but help them develop trust in one another over time. With greater knowledge and confidence, the men are more willing to network and exchange resources, a key way they make ends meet.

As opposed to seeing networks as innocently "there" or passively reproduced, this study shows how the men manufacture





a basis and foundation for networking and making new ties in their everyday lives. Migrant networks remain essential but they emerge under changing and dynamic conditions. By showing how relationships and resources emerge as a byproduct of creative, intimate, and at times destructive social activity, this study pushes network analyses beyond static and narrow representations of their form and function.



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Joshua Wakeham is currently the Harvard College Fellow in the Department of Sociology at Harvard University. Joshua received his Ph.D. in Sociology from Harvard University in 2012. His research has focused primarily on organizations dealing with the problems of juvenile delinquency and youth crime. His dissertation is based on fieldwork in a juvenile treatment facility, a state's juvenile justice agency, and an experimental gang intervention program. From these field experiences, Joshua explored how the bureaucratic organization of work shapes the way people are able to conceive of and respond to problems marked by moral ambiguity, epistemic complexity, and practical uncertainty. In the organizations that Joshua has studied, he has noted a consistent ability to put aside differences in substantive interpretation—understanding of the problem, definitions of justice, etc.—in order to move organizational action forward. This work has implications not only for how we think about how justice works on the ground in street-level bureaucracies, but also for a broader set of questions about organizational action and the problems of interpretation and collective action. Currently, Joshua is building off several theoretical themes from his fieldwork. This includes developing a sociology of justice (thinking about justice as a category of practice), applying pragmatist theories of action and mind to organizations, and examining the problem of bullshit through the lens of social epistemology. Moving forward, he hopes to expand his fieldwork outward to the social service agencies and public schools that act as feeders to the juvenile justice system to better understand how differing conceptions of justice, institutional logics, and organizational premiums have given shape to the school-to-prison pipeline.

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Frederick F. Wherry is Professor of Sociology at Yale University and Co-Director of the Center for Cultural Sociology. He is a cultural and economic sociologist who is currently investigating the meanings of money and the financial inclusion of immigrants and ethnic minorities in the US. His current project recognizes that scholars studying immigrant and





minority adaptation in the United States traditionally did not ask questions about savings, debt, *and* credit scores. They focused instead on remittances to the countries of origin (in the case of immigrants) and on labor market participation for both immigrants and native-born minorities. The experience for immigrants the native-born has now greatly changed. Without a credit score, economic adaptation is stifled: it is harder to rent an apartment, to obtain a formal sector job, and to acquire lower-cost terms of credit. He and his four collaborators are studying an innovative policy intervention whereby the Mission Asset Fund (MAF) helps low-income populations in the United States build assets and credit. MAF helps clients form lending circles that combine the traditional features of a ROSCA with a unique innovation: the loans and payments that members of the lending circle make to one another are recorded as formal financial transactions, and the information on payments is reported to credit bureaus. This innovation has provided an on-ramp to better financial health for people with thin or non-existent credit histories. Professor Wherry is also author of *The Culture of Markets*, *The Philadelphia Barrio: The Arts, Branding, and Neighborhood Transformation*, and *Global Markets and Local Crafts: Thailand and Costa Rica Compared*. He is co-editor (with Nina Bandelj) of *The Cultural Wealth of Nations* and is the editor of a new four-volume *Encyclopedia of Economics and Society* (Sage, expected 2015). He currently serves on the Council of the Economic Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association and represents the ASA on the Policy Board of the *Journal of Consumer Research*.



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I'm a 4<sup>th</sup> year graduate student in the Sociology Department at UCLA. For my MA research, I conducted an occupational ethnography of sea kayaking guides in Alaska. For 3 summers I led clients on day and overnight trips in remote, wilderness areas. I was curious—how do guides, given what is at stake (the harsh climate, the inexperience of guests, their differing ability and interests), get the trip to come off? Guides do this through what I call timework. Through the processes of juggling temporal orders, manipulating time, synchronizing guests, setting the pace, and playing games with time, guides hope to create a unique experience, generate “oh wow” moments, and facilitate a rare escape from the constraints of time for their clients.

In my presentation, I will demonstrate the intricacies and tricks guides use in performing timework. While my fieldsite may be as far removed from urban-life as one can get, I think my findings are generalizable to other settings (e.g. waiter-customer, teacher-student, or parent-child) where someone has deontic authority over another.

This MA project spurred my interest in how time is talked about and referred to in conversation, which led to a collaborative paper establishing a taxonomy of time reference. My other research interests include doctor-patient interaction and learning Bahasa Indonesia!





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He has been a consultant to private and public organizations on a range of issues, from developing training modules for drug abuse practitioners to devising conceptual guidelines for park planning and restoration. He has appeared as an expert witness on cases involving: capital murder, racketeering, drug dealing gangs and decoding street language obtained by wiretapping.

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At present, I serve as Researcher in the Social Sciences, Visiting Lecturer of African American Studies, and Instructor of English at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. My current work in twofold: (1) I am continuing an examination into the persistence of social disorganization in an urban space where a high degree of collective efficacy is present. Preliminary findings suggests collective efficacy is not enough to mediate social disorganization because of an oversaturation of community organizations, tensions between homeowners and indigenous residents, and the presence of what





some community members characterize as ‘poverty pimps.’ (2) I am in the beginning stages of a project that examines how the civil justice system structures (or mediates) social inequality. More specifically, I am interested in marginalized groups’ perceptions of and experience with civil justice in the context of the administrative hearings division in the City of Chicago. In general, my research interests include questions of how neighborhoods, particularly community-based organizations, structure (or mediate) social inequality in the lives of the most disadvantaged groups. I am interested in how disadvantaged groups interact with these organizations in an effort to access resources that improve their life chances.



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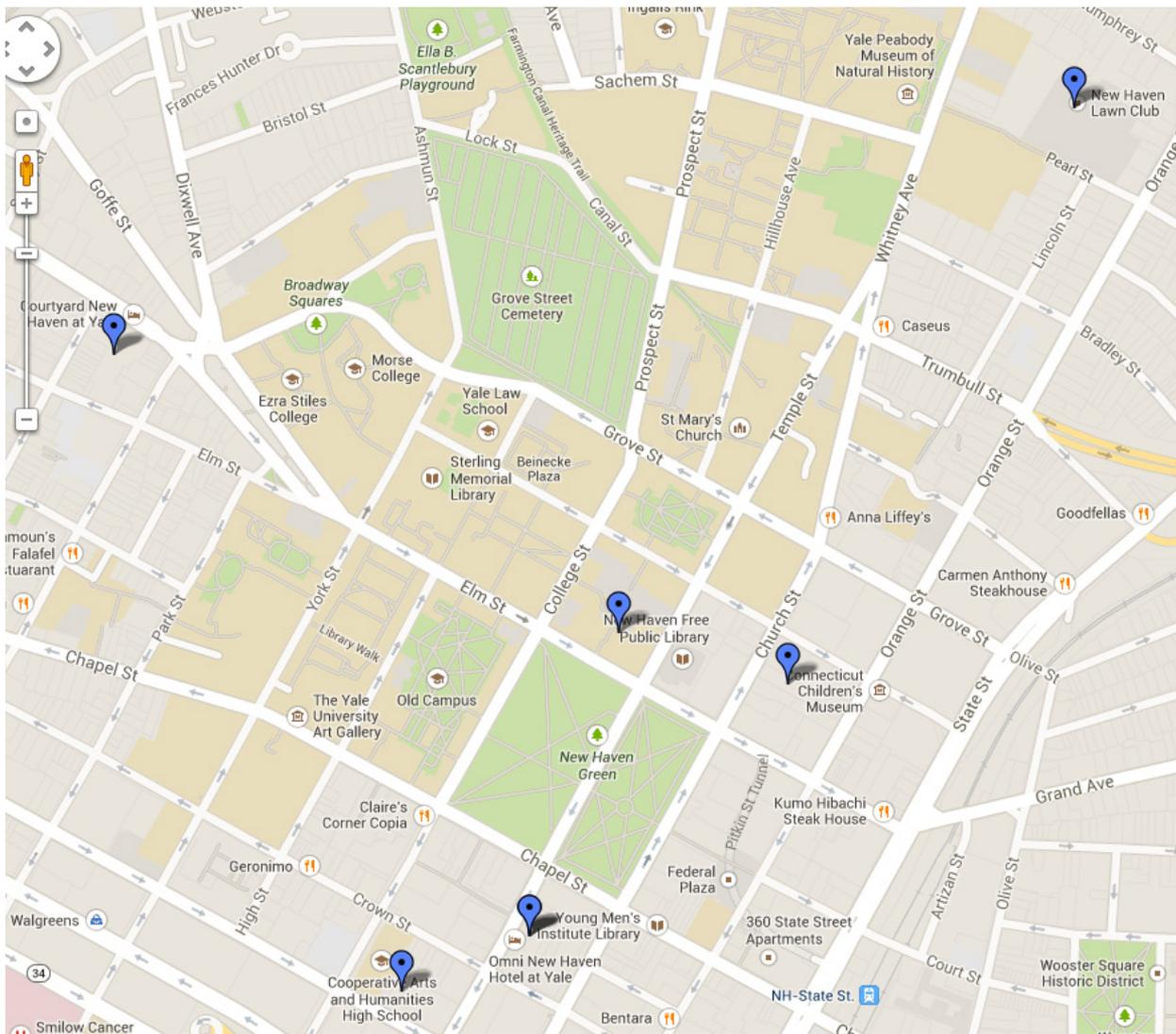
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