

(RE)DEFINING POWER PARADIGMS OF PRAXIS

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SPEAKERS

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Saturday October 15

9:00-9:45 Opening Remarks and Breakfast

MGC 247

10:00-11:30 Panel Session 1

ReDefining Power in History and Education:

MGC 203

“Creating a Christian Scotland: The Contested Tale of Globalization and Resistance Among the Gaels”

Lauren McKown (American University)

“Reading pre-statehood Muskogee: Racial-political discourse in Native American, African American, and white newspapers, 1905-1907”

Angela Person (University of Oklahoma)

“‘We broke it down, criticized and critiqued... but we could have done better’: Implementing Freirean cultural circles in an urban, college-preparatory high school”

Amy Brown (CUNY Kingsborough)

“Faltamos Mucho”: Bolivian History and Contested Notions of Political Power

Nell Haynes (American University)

Public Anthropologist/Public Servant (Or How to Work for the Federal Government and Keep Your Soul)

MGC 205

Chelsea L. Booth (Center for Mental Health Services)

Michelle M. Carnes (Center for Mental Health Services)

Charity Goodman (Center for Mental Health Services)

WORKSHOP: Exploring the Power Within: Mindfulness and Meditation as a Tool to Create Change

MGC 245

Mahri Irvine (American University)

11:30-1:00 Lunch Service (Performance by Ted Samuel)

MGC 247

Saturday October 15

1:00-2:15 Panel Session 2

**Non-Monogamy, Activism, and Social Change:
Paradigms of Power & Praxis in Everyday Intimacy**

MGC 203

Kristina Sweet (Columbia University)
Adam Piontek (Independent scholar)
Jason Cherry (John F. Kennedy University)
Meitar "Maymay" Moscovitz (Independent activist and social justice technologist)

**Queer Theory as a Paradigm of Praxis:
How Sexuality and its Discontents Provide
Entry Points for Locating and Redefining Power**

MGC 205

Audrey Cooper (Gallaudet University)
Melinda Michels (Independent scholar, Founding Board Member of the Alliance Against LGBT Discrimination, Albania)
William L. Leap (American University)
Brock Thompson (Author of The Un-Natural State: Arkansas and the Queer South)

WORKSHOP: Keeping the Roots Intact: Empowering Communities through Self Advocacy

Parisa Norouzi (Empower DC)

MGC 245

2:30-3:45 Panel Session 3

Negotiating Identity and State Recognition

MGC 203

“Humanitarian Practice, Necropolitics, and North Korea”
Joowon Park (American University)

“Will NGOs still be remained “non-governmental” and “non-profit”? The exploration of changing relationship between NGOs and government in neoliberal South Korea”
Seo yeon Park (University of South Carolina)

“Somaliland: Negotiating Statehood in the Horn of Africa”
Sean Connolly (Ithaca College)

Saturday October 15

**Uncovering Power Dynamics through
Visual Anthropology and Image**

MGC 205

Anthropology by the Wire

Matthew Durlington (Towson University)

Samuel Collins (Towson University)

"Community Media and the Politics of Hope in Caracas, Venezuela"

Naomi Schiller (Temple University)

"Reading Between the Li(n)es: Analyzing Historical Trends in Marketing Media"

Rahima Schwenkbeck (George Washington University)

"Doing Urban Ethnography, Visually: Making Power Relations (in)visible in the Contemporary City"

Lidia Manzo (University of Trento, Italy and CUNY)

**Workshop: "Hey, Listen UP& STAND Up!:
AUDism & Social ACTivism"**

MGC 245

Bridget Klein (American University)

Ruthie Jordan (Front Range Community College, Audism Free America)

Patti Durr (National Technical Institute for the Deaf, Audism Free America)

4:00-5:15 Panel Session 4

**A Swamp, Some Researchers, and Publics:
Updates from the Interdisciplinary Great Dismal
Swamp Landscape Study**

MGC 203

Dan Sayers (American University)

Carolyn Finney (University of California – Berkeley)

Sue Taylor (American University)

Dan Lynch (University of Massachusetts – Amherst)

Will Moore (William and Mary Center for Archaeological Research)

Jordan Riccio (American University)

"Architectural Signatures of Resistance Communities within the Great Dismal Swamp"

Jordan Riccio (American University)

Saturday October 15

Transnational Migration and National Belonging

MGC 205

“Disrupting the Bounds of Immigrant Belonging: Flexible Citizenship and Privilege in an Upper-Caste South Indian Diaspora”

Binnie Katti (American University)

“The Ethics of Documenting the Undocumented”

Noelle Brigden (Cornell University)

Amelia Frank-Vitale (American University)

“Tu Que Sabes Mucho y Si No Lo Inventas: The Anthropologist as an Activist, Community Liaison, Community Member, ‘Expert,’ Friend, and Whatever Else Might be Needed”

Gwendolyn Ferreti Manjarrez (University of Texas)

“Borders and Barriers: Perspectives on Aging, Agency and Alternative Medicine among Senior North Indian Transnational Immigrants”

Kanan Mehta (Georgia State University)

**Circulation of Knowledge on Immigrant Issues:
a Case from Prince George's County**

MGC 245

Dr. Judith Freidenberg (University of Maryland)

Dr. Gail Thakur (University of Maryland)

Amy Carattini (University of Maryland)

5:30-6:30 Keynote Speaker: Max Forte

Ward 2

Sunday October 16

9:30-10:45 Panel Session 5

Latin American States and Citizenship

MGC 203

“Same-Sex Marriage: *Escrache* or *Gambeta*?”

Melissa Maldonado-Salcedo (CUNY)

“Amazon Development and the Viability of Indigenous Lifeways: Forging Alliances and Disrupting the Juggernaut”

Bill Fisher (College of William & Mary)

“Experiences of the Minga de Pensamiento collective of the Universidad del Valle, Colombia.”

Autumn Zellers (Temple University)

“Human Rights: How Do We Tackle the Problems of Indigenous Youth?”

Maria de Lourdes (University of Sao Paulo)

“Still Civilizing the Garifuna: A Case Study of Orientalism in Honduras”

Laura Jung (SOA Watch)

Empowerment Discourse and the Non-Profit Industrial Complex

MGC 205

“50 million (or 600?) solutions: Challenging Acculturation and the Distributive Paradigm of Social Justice in Foreign Aid Discourse”

Matt Thomann (American University)

“Youth, NGOs, and American Reform Agendas in Jordan”

Mayssun Sukarieh (Center of Arab and Middle Eastern Studies at CAMES)

"Immigrant Identities: Queer Latin@ Development in Columbus"

Nic Flores (DePauw University)

Praxis, Individual Experience, and the State

MGC 245

“US State surveillance, and the (missed) potentialities of Latino-South Asian coalition building in a post-9/11 America”

Ahmed Afzal (Purchase College, SUNY)

“Confronting micro-level systems of power: some ethical dilemmas”

Emily Steinmetz (Northwestern University)

Sunday October 16

Panel Session 6 11:00-12:15

Political Economy

MGC 203

“Ethnography of the Emergent Right and Fledgling Left in the US Midwest”

Chris Grove (City University of New York)

“Drugs in the United States”

Jason Ward (California State University)

“Anti-Corruption and the Dilemma of India’s Independent Left”

Megha Sehdev (Johns Hopkins University)

**ROUNDTABLE: Feminist Activist Ethnography
in the Wake of Neoliberalism: Possibilities and Challenges**

MGC 205

Christa Craven (The College of Wooster)

Dána-Ain Davis (Queens College, New York)

**WORKSHOP: Institutionalized Objectivity:
Destabilizing Control through Subjective Experience**

MGC 245

Scott Schwartz (CUNY)

12:30-1:15 Lunch Service

MGC 247

1:30-2:30 Keynote Speaker: Barbara Rose Johnston

Ward 2

2:45-4:00 Panel Session 7

Challenging the Status Quo

MGC 205

““Ukraina ne bordel!”: Feminist Activism and Gender Politics in Post-Socialist Ukraine”

Emily Channell (City University of New York)

“A Brief History of the Nonhuman Animal in Appalachia.”

Leigh Walters (Appalachian State University)

“Publicly Reformed Education”

Matthew Carlson (University of Minnesota)

“Praxis and Global South”

Jeanine Anderson (Catholic University of Peru)

“Anthropological theory, ethnographic research and nonprofits: collaborating with and questioning a medical/peacemaking program in Iraq”

Alexander Phillips (Georgia State University)

Micah Hughes (Alliance of Civilizations Institute, Fatih Sultan Mehmet Vakıf Üniversitesi)

“We Hear You: Participatory Museology, Empowerment, and Exhibitions at the Anacostia Community Museum”

Alcione Amos, Museum Program Specialist (Smithsonian Institution Anacostia Community Museum)

Anthony Gualtieri, Museum Specialist -History (Smithsonian Institution Anacostia Community Museum)

Green Anti-Capitalism & Animal Liberation:
The Erosion of State Power through Direct Action

MGC 203

Jenny Grubbs, PhD Student (American University)

Michael Loadenthal, PhD Student (George Mason University)

4:15-4:30 Closing Remarks

Note about the Food:

The meals provided this weekend are entirely vegan and many of the ingredients are local. In preparing the menu, the planning committee brainstormed about ways to provide meals that reflected multiple commitments to social justice, food equality and ending human and animal exploitation. We do not assert that providing a vegan and local menu is the end-all-be-all of food activism or that it entirely skirts the issue of social justice in the food industry. Rather, the meals provided this weekend represent an attempt by graduate students to find common ground and foster discussion. We hope that you enjoy the food and have the opportunity to engage with one another on these issues.