

ANTHROPOLOGY IN TRANSIT 2020

Stories-So-Far: Spatial Knowledges and Imaginaries



FRIDAY & SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7-8
KEYNOTE SPEAKER: DR. ANDREA BALLESTERO

Social and Behavioral Sciences Gateway (SBSG)
University of California, Irvine

BREAKFAST 8:30 – 9:00am

OPENING REMARKS 9:00–9:15am

PANEL ONE: DIGITAL SPACE 9:15–11:00am

Facilitator: Dr. Tom Boellstorff (UCI Anthropology)

SCOTT JUNG, "Chronotopic Bureaucracy"

ROSE O'LEARY & BENEDICT TURNER, "Regenerative Data Futures"

BEN JAMESON-ELISMORE, "Hackerspaces in the US Spatial Imaginary: Modular Enclaves or Integrated Urban Hubs"

DIJIA CHEN, "Voicing through the Mediated Self: The Democratization of China's Architectural Discourse on ABBS

Online Forum in the Early 2000s"

PANEL TWO: THE STATE, CITIZENSHIP, AND IDENTITY 11:00–12:45pm

Facilitator: Dr. Anneeth Kaur Hundle (UCI Anthropology)

HAE SEO KIM, "North Korean Migration to South Korea"

TAWFIQ ALHAMEDI, "Wapwani na Wabara: Contesting Belonging, Identity, and Nation along the Swahili Coast"

GEHAD ABAZA, "Making home(s) in the 'Non-Existent': Syrian War-Time Migration in Abkhazia"

MARWA BAKABAS, "No Space for Birth – No Space for Death: Looking at the Refugee Slot and How the Physical Body of the Refugee Has Been Deprived of a Place in the World"

JEMUEL JR. GARCIA, "Circling Through the Space of Affect: When a Filipino 'Dances' with Filipino-Americans"

LUNCH

PANEL THREE: CITIES & SPACE 2:00–3:45pm

Facilitator: Dr. Sylvia Nam (UCI Anthropology)

DIANA GAMEZ, "Erasure via inclusion: Mexican and Central American Communities in Los Angeles"

EMANUEL PRECIADO, "Seeds of Resistance: Combating Spatial Inequality with Community Urban Gardens"

LAWRENCE RAMIREZ, "Making Waves: Constructing Aquatic Imaginaries of Purity in an Industrial Harbor"

SHAHAB ALBAHAR, "Planning the Spatial Imaginaries of Urban Sexualities"

DR. ANDREA BALLESTERO: "SURRENDERING TO THE PULL: AQUIFERS, MODELS AND THE CULTIVATION OF VOLUMETRIC AWARENESS" 4:00–5:15pm

Dr. Ballestero is Associate Professor of Anthropology at Rice University and author of *A Future History of Water*. Her work looks at the unexpected ethical and technical entanglements through which experts understand water in Latin America.

BREAK

CONVERSATION ON THE ETHNOGRAPHY STUDIO WITH DR. BALLESTERO 5:30–6:00pm

The Ethnography Studio at Rice University is an interdisciplinary experimental space that brings together students interested in the peculiarities of ethnography as a textual form, as a research strategy and as a modality of knowledge production.

DINNER (BY RSVP ONLY) 6:30–8:30pm

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BREAKFAST

8:30 – 9:00am

WORKSHOP: ARRANGING VISUALS SPATIALLY: ANTHROPOLOGY AND COMICS WITH DR. SHERINE HAMDY 9:00–11:00am

Dr. Sherine Hamdy is Associate Professor of Anthropology at the University of California, Irvine. Dr. Hamdy is co-author of *Lissa: A Story about Medical Promise, Friendship, and Revolution*, a graphic novel based on her research on organ transplantation, Muslim bioethics, and health and inequality.

PANEL FOUR: POLITICAL ECOLOGIES

11:00–12:30pm

Facilitator: Dr. Eleana Kim (UCI Anthropology)

SHILPA DAHAKE, "Riverscape as Spatiotemporal Subjects: Narratives of Wetness, Dryness, and Socio-Cultural Interactions along Godavari River, Nashik"

MARIANA JUNQUEIRA, "Homemaking in Transition: The Role of Temporary Housing in the Lives of the Woolsey Fire Survivors"

LUCY GILL, "Frictions in Transit: Tracing Watery Historical Ecologies"

LARYSSA SHIPLEY, "A Phenomenological Approach to the Kom el-Shuqafa Catacombs"

LUNCH**PANEL FIVE: SETTLER COLONIALISM & URBAN PLANNING**

1:30–3:00pm

Facilitator: Dr. David Goldberg (University of California Humanities Research Institute)

JANELLE LEVY, "Kingston as City and Plantation: The Racial Organization of Space in a Black Atlantic City"

JASON PALMER, "Sacred White Places of Color: Peruvian Temple Mormonism"

IAN BARAN, "Planning in the Insurgent (Under)commons"

MARIANNA REIS, "Urban (In)formality and the Ambivalence of Infrastructural Upgrade in Nazareth"

PANEL SIX: TOXICITY & EVERYDAY MILITARISM

3:00–4:30pm

Facilitator: Dr. Jennifer Terry (UCI Gender and Sexuality Studies)

RILEY TAITINGFONG, "Engineering Island Laboratories: Gene Drive and the Myth of Isolation"

JÉSSICA COYOTECATL, "How to See a Clean Beach: Summerland, CA and its seeping 'legacy wells'"

EMMA SHAW CRANE, "The Counterinsurgent Suburb: War Aftermaths and Urban Futures at City's Edge"

D BUSTILLO, "With and Beyond the Daddy Tank: Gender, Confinement, and Queer Desire"

WORKSHOP: PLATFORM FOR EXPERIMENTAL, COLLABORATIVE ETHNOGRAPHY WITH DR. KIM FORTUN AND TIM SCHÜTZ 4:30–5:30pm

The Platform for Experimental, Collaborative Ethnography (PECE, pronounced "peace") is an open source digital platform that supports multi-sited, cross-scale ethnographic and historical research. Tim Schütz is a first year PhD student in the Department of Anthropology whose research is informed by science and technology studies, environmental anthropology, and data ethnography. Dr. Fortun is Professor and Chair in the Department of Anthropology and the author of *Advocacy After Bhopal: Environmentalism, Disaster, New World Orders*.



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