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CHICAGO ETHNOGRAPHY CONFERENCE

Beyond the Case Study: Connecting Theory and Generalizability

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Chicago, IL 60604
Registration Opens 8:00am
Conference Begins 8:45am
Welcome,

The Department of Sociology at DePaul University is pleased to announce the 18th Annual Chicago Ethnography Conference. We are excited to have Claudio Benzecry from Northwestern University and Michael Burawoy from the University of California Berkeley as keynote speakers. This annual graduate student conference is hosted on a rotating basis by one of several Chicago-area sociology departments, including DePaul University, Illinois Institute of Technology, Loyola University Chicago, Northern Illinois University, Northwestern University, University of Notre Dame, The University of Chicago, and University of Illinois at Chicago. The conference provides an opportunity for graduate students to share their ethnographic scholarship with one another and get feedback from faculty and other graduate students based in and beyond the Chicago area. A special thank you goes to Gary Alan Fine for his inspiration and consultation in making this event possible. Thank you all for your commitment to the field of ethnography. Enjoy the conference!

Sincerely,

The 2016 Chicago Ethnography Conference Planning Committee

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Keynote Speakers

Michael Burawoy

Michael Burawoy is Professor of Sociology at the University of California Berkeley. He has been a participant observer of industrial workplaces in four countries: Zambia, United States, Hungary, and Russia. In his different projects he has tried to illuminate — from the standpoint of the working class — postcolonialism, the organization of consent to capitalism, the peculiar forms of class-consciousness and work organization in state socialism, and, finally, the dilemmas of transition from socialism to capitalism. Over the course of four decades of research and teaching, he has developed the extended case method that allows broad conclusions to be drawn from ethnographic research. He is the author of several books, including *Manufacturing Consent: Changes in the Labor Process under Monopoly Capitalism* (1979), two volumes co-authored with graduate students, *Ethnography Unbound: Power and Resistance in the Modern Metropolis* (1991) and *Global Ethnography: Forces, Connections, and Imagination in a Postmodern World* (2000), as well as a collection of theoretical and methodological essays, *The Extended Case Method: Four Countries, Four Decades, Four Great Transformations and One Theoretical Tradition* (2009). Throughout his sociological career he has engaged with Marxism, seeking to reconstruct it in the light of his research and, more broadly, in the light of historical challenges of the late 20th and early 21st centuries. He is the editor of Global Dialogue, the newsletter and magazine of the International Sociological Association.

Claudio Benzecry

Claudio E. Benzecry is Associate Professor of Communication Studies and Sociology (by courtesy) at Northwestern University. His book, *The Opera Fanatic: Ethnography of an Obsession* (University of Chicago Press, 2011), received the Mary Douglas Award for best book in the Sociology of Culture (2012) and Honorable Mention for the American Sociological Association Distinguished Scholarly Book Award (2014). He is also the editor of two books on culture and knowledge, and has published articles on sociological theory, sociology of culture, and the arts in journals such as Sociological Theory, Ethnography, British Journal of Sociology, and Theory & Society, among others. He’s currently conducting research on fashion, creativity, and globalization.
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8:45am - 10:15am Sessions 1-4

Session 1: Parenting and Education, 8009

“Intersections of Mothering Identities and Student Identities in a Classroom”
Abigail Kindelsperger, University of Illinois at Chicago

“Academic Resilience of Latino/a College Students from Single-Parent Households”
Damian Almaraz, University of Illinois at Chicago

“Parental Influence on Gender Self Concept of Mexican-American High School Female Athletes”
Jasmine Zavala, University of Illinois at Chicago

“The Maternal Aspects of Early Childhood Education”
Michael Stephens, Binghamton University

Discussant: Tracey Lewis-Elligan, DePaul University

Session 2: Collective Action and Social Movements, 8010

“Local Support, Structures of Legitimation, and the Polysemic Framing of Cannabis Use: Cultivating Legitimacy for a Quasi-Legal Organization”
Brandon Finlay, Indiana University

“Building and Burning Bridges: Emotional Histories and Interactional Styles of Peace Actors in Mindanao”
Deborah Kwak, University of Notre Dame

“’How Do You Define Yourself?’: Mobilizing Leadership in the Graduate Employee Union Movement”
Kathleen Ragon, University of Connecticut

Discussant: Simón Weffer, Northern Illinois University
Session 3: Immigrants, Identity, and Culture, 8011

“Practicing Blackness: Jamaican Immigrants and the Game of Cultural Respectability”
Marcelle Medford, University of Chicago

"An Apple is Better Than Lanzones': Filipinos Negotiating Immigrant Status Through Language Use"
Rachelle Jereza, State University of New York at Binghamton

“Discrimination and Ethnic Identity Construction Among South Asian Muslims”
Fatema Zohara, DePaul University

Discussant: Jennifer Jones, University of Notre Dame

Session 4: Language, Emotions, and Dialogue, 8014

“'Love Isn’t Too Strong a Word': Emotional Support and the Persistence of a Voluntary Association"
Clayton Thomas, Indiana University at Bloomington

“Dialogue in the University: A Case Study”
Stephanie Hicks, University of Illinois at Chicago

Discussant: May George, The College of William and Mary

10:25am - 11:55am Sessions 5-8

Session 5: Corporations and Legal Issues, 8009

“Gifts, Identity, and Corporate Culture: Mistakes and Personal Experiences in a Bangkok Law Firm”
David Dayton, Florida International University

“Navigating the ‘Victim Role’ in the Courtroom”
Anne Groggel, Indiana University at Bloomington

“Judgment Devices and Ambiguity in Corporate Philanthropy”
Vontrese Pamphile, Northwestern University

Discussant: Rhys Williams, Loyola University Chicago
Session 6: Consumption, Culture, and the Arts, 8010

"You Have to Taste It': An Exploratory Analysis of Craft Beer Culture"
Yingkun Hou, *Southern Illinois University Carbondale*

"Managing Amidst Mosaic: Integrating Values and Professionalism in the Nonprofit Arts"
Leah Reisman, *Princeton University*

"Producing and Receiving the Cosmos in Planetariums"
Megan Albaugh Bonham, *Northwestern University*

"Surviving Decline: A Field Analysis of Challenger Emergence and Legitimacy in Changing Markets"
Jerome Hendricks, *University of Illinois at Chicago*

**Discussant:** Claudio Benzecry, *Northwestern University*

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Session 7: Ethnicity, Migrants, and Identity, 8011

"Mexican or American? Ethnic Identity Struggles of Mexican American High School Students in Chicago"
Nathaniel Balderas, *University of Illinois at Chicago*

"Why and How to be a Roma: Identification Processes and the Relationships of Power at an Affirmative Action Institution — The Case of a Roma Access Program"
Hazal Hurman, *State University of New York at Binghamton*

"Whose Beijing? The Construction of Identity and Exclusion in an Era of Social Change"
Mobei Zhang, *Boston University*

**Discussant:** Robert Moorehead, *College of DuPage*

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Session 8: Crime, Deviance, and Resilience, 8014

"Deserving Thugs? Unaccompanied Youth in the Immigration System"
Emily Ruehs, *University of Illinois at Chicago*

"Making it out of Da Hood.’ A Phenomenological Perspective of Resiliency and Spirituality Amongst African American Adolescents and Young Adults"
Cynthia Stewart, *Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary*

"The Influences of Older, Deviant Siblings in Making Resilient Mexican-American High School Students"
Silvia Olayo, *University of Illinois at Chicago*

**Discussant:** Jill Weinberg, *DePaul University*
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Session 9: Gender, Masculinity, and Sexual Harassment, 8009

“Violent Video Games and Rape Myth Acceptance for Male Latino High School Students”
Kevin Nunez, University of Illinois at Chicago

“Are You Nervous Yet? Sexual Harassment of Mexican American High School Students in Chicago”
Odaliss Cornejo, University of Illinois at Chicago

“Power, Dominance, and Emasculation: Invisibility of Sexual Violence as Experienced by Men During Armed Conflict in Sri Lanka”
Nishanth V. Sanjithkumar, Southern Illinois University Carbondale

“Depictions of Masculinities: Tracing its Cultural Roots and Economic Routes”
Joong Won “James” Kim, DePaul University

Discussant: Michael J. Lorr, Aquinas College

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Session 10: Globalization, Modernity, and Immigration, 8010

“Revisiting Migration as Theologizing: Meaning-Making Among Colombian Evangelicals in Spain and the United States”
Diego de los Rios, Northwestern University

“Geographical Indication, Capitalism, and Place: The Case of Kars Kaşar Cheese”
Mehmet Fatih Tatari, University of California Davis

“The Politics of Western Muslim Intellectuals: The Rise Islamic Modernism in the West”
Serhan Tanriverdi, Loyola University Chicago

Discussant: Andy Clareno, University of Illinois at Chicago

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Session 11: Urban Settings and Issues, 8011

“The Unwell City: Wellness Centers in Perspective”
Sneha Annavarapu, The University of Chicago

“Seeing the State: The View from the Tenements”
Pranathi Diwakar, The University of Chicago

“Neoliberal Claims-Making and Rhetorical Strategies in a Community-Based Non-profit Yoga Organization”
Zelda Mayer, The University of Chicago

Discussant: Jeff Kidder, Northern Illinois University
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**Session 12: Culture, Organizations, and Religion, 8014**

"Photography, Tribal Critical Race Theory, and the Misappropriation of Indigenous Cultures: Perspectives from a Chicana behind the Lens"
Heather Hathaway Miranda, *University of Illinois at Chicago*

"From Emic to Etic: The Performativity of Organizational Culture in an Urban Charter School"
Jason Radford, *The University of Chicago*

"Social Location and Ethnography"
Karen Michalka, *University of Notre Dame*

**Discussant:** Rhys Williams, *Loyola University Chicago*

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**Session 13: Work and Occupations, 8009**

“**A Server One Moment, a Customer the Next: The Fluid Boundaries of the New Service Economy**”
Taylor Laemmli, *University of Wisconsin Madison*

“**’You’re Good’: Mechanisms of Civility**”
J.J. Christofferson, *University of Notre Dame*

“**An Ethnographic Study of the High School Counselor**”
Mary Kate Blake, *University of Notre Dame*

**Discussant:** Michael J. Lorr, *Aquinas College*

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**Session 14: Sexualities and LGBTQ Studies, 8010**

“**Civilian Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell**”
Jaclyn Wypler, *University of Wisconsin Madison*

“**(Ir)Reconcilable Subjectivities: Muslim Sexual Minorities and the Ethnographic Lens**”
Jim Powell, *University of Albany*

“**Contested Space, Contested Identities: Drag Performance and Gay Space in the ’Post-Gay’ Era**”
Nisarg Mehta, *The University of Chicago*

**Discussant:** Brett C. Stockdill, *Northeastern Illinois University*
Session 15: Democracy and Governance, 8011

“Internet Governance and Digital Inclusion: The Search for Democracy in Rio's New 'Smart' City”
Jeffrey Omari, University of California Santa Cruz
“Color and Control: Politics of Cultural Production in the Age of Decentralized Democracy”
Rahardhika Utama, Northwestern University
“Beyond Poverty: Vote Buying as a Cultural Practice”
Mariana Borges Martins da Silva, Northwestern University

Discussant: Jeff Kidder, Northern Illinois University

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Session 16: School Officials and Progressive Education, 8014

“The Effects of a Leadership Corps on Urban Youth Science Interpretation”
Kristen Vogt Veggeberg, University of Illinois at Chicago
“Immersive Service Learning and Changes in Ideology and Self-Efficacy”
Danielle Sutherland, Temple University
“The Immeasurable Value of Organically Grown Professional Development”
Kelly Tess, DePaul University
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Sumeyra Dogan Coskun, DePaul University

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