Welcome! The University of Illinois at Chicago Sociology Department, along with the Graduate Student Council, are excited to host this year's Chicago Ethnography Conference. This graduate student conference brings together interdisciplinary ethnographic work. The conference theme, On the Ground: Ethnography and Contemporary Social Crises, has brought together ethnographic work on topics such as Youth & Migration, Bodies & Disabilities, Racialized Identities and Policing Boundaries. We hope you enjoy!

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Keynote Speaker: **Celeste Watkins-Hayes, Ph.D**

Celeste Watkins-Hayes is an Associate Professor of Sociology and African American Studies at Northwestern University and a Faculty Fellow at Northwestern’s Institute for Policy Research and Cells to Society (C2S): The Center on Social Disparities and Health. Her research focuses on urban poverty; social policy; HIV/AIDS; non-profit and government organizations; and race, class, and gender. Her first book, *The New Welfare Bureaucrats: Entanglements of Race, Class, and Policy Reform* (University of Chicago Press, 2009), was a Finalist for the 2009 C. Wright Mills Book Award from the Society for the Study of Social Problems and the 2011 Max Weber Book Award from the American Sociological Association. Dr. Watkins-Hayes is currently Principal Investigator of the *Health, Hardship, and Renewal Study*, which explores the economic and social survival strategies of a racially, ethnically, and socioeconomically diverse group of women living with HIV/AIDS in the Chicago area. Watkins-Hayes received a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Investigator Award and a National Science Foundation Early CAREER Award to conduct this research. Her book, *Remaking a Life, Reversing an Epidemic: HIV/AIDS and the Politics of Transformation*, will be published by the University of California Press. In addition to her academic articles and essays, Watkins-Hayes has published pieces in *The New York Times*, *The Atlantic*, *Al Jazeera English*, and *Chicago Magazine*. She holds a Ph.D. and M.A. in Sociology from Harvard University and a B.A. from Spelman College, where she currently serves on the Board of Trustees. Dr. Watkins-Hayes’ intellectual commitments are motivated by a desire to offer analyses and prescriptions, based on empirically- and conceptually-rich research, that address the real-world issues that limit human potential. Her scholarship therefore speaks directly to current policy debates.

Plenary Speaker: **Nadine Naber, Ph.D**

Nadine Naber is an Associate Professor in the Gender and Women's Studies Program and the Asian American Studies Program and holds an affiliation with the Department of Anthropology at the University of Illinois, Chicago. Dr. Naber is author of *Arab America: Gender, Cultural Politics, and Activism* (NYU Press, 2012). She is co-editor of the books *Race and Arab Americans* (Syracuse University Press, 2008); *Arab and Arab American Feminisms*, winner of the Arab American Book Award 2012 (Syracuse University Press, 2010); and *The Color of Violence* (South End Press, 2006). Nadine’s research interests lie at the intersections of transnational feminisms; women of color and queer of color theory; de-colonizing feminisms; empire studies; critical race studies; and Middle East Studies; and Arab American Studies. Nadine’s current book in progress, *Ending Violence* is a transnational feminist ethnography focusing on feminist and queer activism in Beirut, Cairo, Chicago, and Detroit and the ways gendered and sexualized state violence in Arab homelands and diasporas magnify one another and take place within a similar spatial-temporal imperial context.
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**Schedule of Events**

8:30-9:00  Registration & Breakfast, SCW 2nd Floor Lobby
9:00-9:15  Welcome, UIC Sociology DGS, Dr. Claire Decoteau, Thompson A/B
9:30-10:45  Sessions 1-4
10:45-11:00  Break
11:00-12:15  Sessions 5-8
12:30-1:45  Lunch & Plenary Speaker, Dr. Nadine Naber, Thompson A/B
2:00-3:15  Sessions 9-12
3:15-3:30  Break
3:30-4:45  Sessions 13-15
4:45-5:00  Break
5:00-6:30  Reception & Keynote Speaker, Dr. Celeste Watkins-Hayes, Thompson A/B

**Sessions 1-4: 9:30 a.m. -10:45 a.m.**

**Session 1: Political Power & Socioeconomic Status  Thompson C**

Atticus Ballesteros, *University of Chicago*, “The Politics Governing Historical Memory: From Sewing Groups to Debt Crises”

Jennifer W. Bouek, *Brown University*, "Sites of Immobilization"

Minjee Kim, *Massachusetts Institute of Technology*, "Enduring Informality: Informal Communication as a Complement and a Necessity to Formal Public Participation"

Xiaoyun Shen, *University of Chicago*, "A System with Two Faces - A Bureaucracy Case Study of Chinese Petitioning System"

**Discussant:** Marco Garrido, *University of Chicago*

**Session 2: Youth & Migration  206 A/B**

Sevda Arslan, *University of Notre Dame*, “Impact of Migration on Zazaki Language and Identity Formation”

Nicole Perez, *University of Notre Dame*, “Coming of Age at the Crossroads of America: New Latino Immigrants in Northern Indiana”

Emily Ruehs, *University of Illinois at Chicago*, "Borderland Legendry: The Paradoxes of Ideal Victimhood for Unaccompanied Immigrant Youth"

**Discussant:** Xochitl Bada, *University of Illinois at Chicago*
Session 3: Organizations & Networks 213 A/B

Franco Bavoni, University of Chicago, “Soccer and Translocal Networks of Mexican Immigrants in Chicago: The Case of San Rafael”

Jun Fang, Northwestern University, “The Convergence of Tight and Loose Coupling in Private Education Organizations: The Case of Chinese Art Test Prep Schools”

Sarah Beth Nelson and Samantha Kaplan, University of North Carolina, “That’s Not Funny!: Understanding AskReddit Users by the Jokes They Tell”

Melissa Osborne, University of Chicago, “Who Gets ‘Housing First’?: Determining Eligibility in an Era of Housing First Homelessness”

Discussant: Paul-Brian McInerney, University of Illinois at Chicago

Session 4: Policing Boundaries 218&219 SRH

Elizabeth Derderian, Northwestern University, “Floating and fixed hudood: citizenship, belonging, and exhibitionary practice in the UAE”

Stefanie Israel, University of Notre Dame, “Pacification of Rio’s Favelas and the ‘Pacification of the Pacifying Police:’ The Importance of Mediation in Community Policing”

Discussant: Andy Clarno, University of Illinois at Chicago

*****Break: 10:45am-11:00am*****

Sessions 5-8: 11:00 a.m. -12:15p.m.

Session 5: Racialized Identities 206 A/B

Ahmed Alansari, Southern Illinois University, “The Identities of Iraqi-Americans in Dearborn, Michigan”

Monica Murillo & Briana Galvan, Little Village High School, “‘They Say I’m Too White, Don’t Look Mexican’: Ethnic-Identity Conflict for Female High School Students”


Discussant: Radha Modi, University of Illinois at Chicago
Session 6: Bodies & Disabilities


Lisa Buchter, Northwestern University, “Tell me your story!” When Corporations Work with Activists to Circumvent Legal and Market Ambiguities

Edgardo Rodea & Johuan Hernandez, Little Village High School, “Resilience in Disabled Minority High School Students in Chicago: Student’s Experience and Teacher’s Perceptions”

Discussant: Claire Decoteau, University of Illinois at Chicago

Session 7: Gender & Space

Aditi Aggarwal, University of Illinois at Chicago, “The Ladies Compartment: Producing Space and Negotiating Mobility in a Women-only Crowd”

Sarah Brothers, Yale University, “Degendering Vulnerability: Power and Emotion in Assisted Injection Interactions”

Sarah Outland, University of Chicago, “Women’s Double Hurdle: Gaining the Skills, and Adapting to the Social Expectations, of Masculine Spaces”

Morgan Purrier, University of Michigan, “Lady Gazing at the Gay Bar: How Women Use Gay Bars as Sites of Sexual Presentation”

Discussant: Judson G. Everett, Loyola University

Session 8: Labor & Worker Identities

Amanda McMillan Lequieu, University of Wisconsin-Madison, “From Paternalism to Precarity: Living the End of the Blue-Collar, Middle Class”


Hannah Wohl, Northwestern University, “The Soft Power of Creative Visions: Authority and Autonomy in the Art Market”

Discussant: Gary Alan Fine, Northwestern University
Break for Lunch, Thompson A/B
Plenary: Dr. Nadine Naber: 12:30-1:45

*****Break: 1:45-2:00*****

Sessions 9-12: 2:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

Session 9: Education I

Heidi Gansen, University of Michigan, "Push-ups versus Clean Up: Preschool Teachers’ Gender Ideologies and Gendered Disciplinary Practices"

Giovanni Hernandez, Janet Aleman & Magali Garcia, Little Village High School, “‘My Baby Motivates Me’: Latina Teenage Mothers’ Resilience in Graduating High School in Chicago"

Egle Salgado, Guadalupe Rangel & Cristal Angel, Little Village High School, “Perceptions of Mental Health Issues and Available Resources in a Hispanic High School in Chicago”

Serena Koissaba, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, “The Nexus of Gender Justice and Education Rights Discourse: Massai Girls’ Subjectivities.”

Discussant: Nilda Flores Gonzalez, University of Illinois at Chicago

Session 10: Social and Economic Inequality Reproduction

Paige Ambord, University of Notre Dame, “The Making of a Change Maker: Mobilization in a Rust Belt City”

Charity Hoffman, University of Michigan, “I Got Lucky”: Class Reproduction and the Transition to Motherhood

Becca Williams, University of Notre Dame, “Visions of Peace in the Colombian Countryside”

Discussant: Elise Martel Cohen, Loyola University
Session 11: Neighborhoods

Joy Kadowaki, Purdue University, “The Contemporary Defended Neighborhood: Collective Efficacy, Social Capital, and Community Defense Mechanisms”

Sharon Cornelissen, Princeton University, “Changing the Atmosphere, Changing the Neighborhood: Public Life As Place-Making in Northwest Detroit”

Steven Tuttle, Loyola University, “Locating the Extra-Local: A Comparative Case Study of Commercial Gentrification in Two Chicago Neighborhoods”

Alan Grigsby, University of Cincinnati, “Does Diversity in a Neighborhood Lead to a Diverse Social Life”

Discussant: Stephanie Farmer, Roosevelt University

Session 12: Social Movements

Mariacarmen Hernandez, University of Texas at Austin, “Living in the Vicinity of Oil: An Informal Settlement and Environmental Inequality in Ecuador”

Jennifer Cossyleon, Loyola University, “Coming Out of the Shell: Conquering Fear, Vulnerability, and Despair through Family-Focused Community Organizing”

Prisca Gayles, University of Texas at Austin, “Let’s Tango: Black Women and the Struggle for Social Transformation in Argentina”

Gamze Evicmen, Binghamton University, “Between the Local and the Global: The Subjectivity and Politics of Professionals in Istanbul”

Discussant: Michael Rodriquez, Northwestern University

*****Break: 3:15-3:30*****

Sessions 13-15: 3:30 p.m. -4:45 p.m.

Session 13: Education II


Caleb Butler, University of Illinois at Chicago, “Unseen and Unchecked Advantage: Using Critical Race Theory to Study White Teachers and the Persistence of Whiteness in Education”
Alaina Johnson and Callista Regis, *University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Education*, “Supporting Black Caribbean Immigrant Families through Educational Third Spaces”

**Discussant:** Zitlali Morales, *University of Illinois at Chicago*

**Session 14: Religion** 206 A/B


**Discussant:** Omar McRoberts, *University of Chicago*

**Session 15: State, Economy and Organizational Systems** 213 A/B


Sarah M. Neitz, *University of Notre Dame*, “Stonehenge Lives: Play and the Emergence of Meaning”


Neslihan Sen, *University of Illinois at Chicago*, “I believe in Vaginismus”: How to Domesticate Medical Knowledge on Sexuality in Turkey

**Discussant:** TBD

*****Break: 4:45-5:00****

**Reception, Thompson A/B**

**Keynote:** Dr. Celeste Watkins-Hayes

5:00-6:30