

Sociology Department Presentations Around the World Academic Year 2009-2010

Canada

In October, Susan Eckstein presented "Clientelism in Developing Countries" at McGill University, Montreal.

In May, Ashley Mears presented "Fashioning Desire: Race, Class, and Sexuality in the Field of Cultural Production" at a conference on "*Bringing Bourdieu to Sexual Life: A Conference On Sexuality And The Sexual Field*" at the University of Toronto.

Boston Area

In November, Itai Vardi presented "Feeding Race: Eating Contests, The Black Body, and the Social Production of Group Boundaries in Turn of the Twentieth Century America" at the *Mid-Atlantic Popular/American Culture Annual Conference*.

In February, Susan Eckstein presented "The Making of the Vietnamese Manicure Niche" [co-authored] at Harvard University. Also in February, she presented "The Changing Cuban Diaspora" at UMass Amherst.

In February, Patricia Rieker, was interviewed on CNN /KSRO Radio about "Why Men's Health is a Feminist Issue."

In February, Ashley Mears presented "High End Ethnic: Cultural Production and the Reproduction of Culture in Fashion Modeling" as part of the Sociology Department Spring Colloquium Series at Brandeis University.

In March, Nancy Ammerman presented "A Primer on American Religious Traditions" during an International Fellows Workshop at Harvard University's Weatherhead Center for International Affairs.

In April, Patricia Rieker, gave an invited lecture titled "Constrained Choice: A Framework for Understanding and Addressing Gender Differences in Health Status" at Harvard School of Public Health.

Also in April, Prof. Ammerman presented the annual keynote address "The Stories of our Lives: The Academy, Faith Communities, and the Production of Spiritual Narratives" at the Association for Practical Theology annual meeting.

East Coast

In October, Liah Greenfeld spoke about capitalism at *The Burden of Our Times*, a conference on the intellectual foundations of current economic crisis at Bard College's Hannah Arendt Center in Annandale-on-Hudson, NY.

In November, Prof. Greenfeld presented "Mental Illness in Contemporary American Society" at Bates College in Lewiston, ME.

In November, Sigrun Olafsdottir and Jason Beckfield presented "Health Inequities in Global Context: Evidence from the World Values Survey" at the American Public Health Association in Philadelphia, PA.

In November, Nancy Ammerman presented the *Scholar in Residence and William C. Fowle Address*, "Church, Synagogue, Mosque, Temple -- Why Should I Care?" at Mercersburg Academy in Mercersburg, PA.

In December, Emily Barman was invited to present "Counting Good and Counting Well: Accounting for Quantification in the Nonprofit Sector" at Brown University's Department of Sociology in Providence, RI.

In April, Liah Greenfeld presented "Mind, Culture, Humanity: Reconsidering the Nature of Social Sciences" as part of the *Social Thought and Research (STAR)* lecture series at Bard College's Hannah Arendt Center in Annandale-on-Hudson, NY.

Washington, D.C.

In April, Susan Eckstein presented "Cuban Americans and US Cuba Policy" at American University.

Also in April, Laurel Smith-Doerr was invited to present "A Feminist Approach to University-Industry Research Relations: Integrating Theories of Gender, Knowledge, and Capital" at the 7th annual conference on Gender/IP: *Mapping the Connections* at the Washington School of Law at American University.

Mid-West

In October, Emily Barman presented "The United Way: Rationales and Realities" as part of a Research Seminar in Philanthropic Studies at Indiana University in Bloomington, IN.

That same month, Sigrun Olafsdottir and Emily Bowman presented "Invisible Differences: The Role of Culture in Shaping the Educational Experiences of International Graduate Students from Western Countries" at The International Society for Scholarship on Teaching and Learning, also in Bloomington, IN.

In November, Emily Barman and Heather MacIndoe presented "How Are We Doing? Understanding Outcome Measurement in a Metropolitan Nonprofit Sector" at the annual conference of the *Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action* in Cleveland, OH.

In November Prof. Barman also presented "Measuring the Nonprofit Sector: A Review of Data" at the *AIM Alliance Nonprofit Data Conference* in Cleveland, OH.

In April, Alya Guseva presented "Coping with Uncertainty: Individual Challenges and Institutional Change Twenty Years after the Introduction of Market Economies" as part of a *Roundtable on Postcommunism* at Indiana University in Bloomington, IN.

South

In October, Patricia Rieker was the meeting facilitator, and presented "Why Do Evaluation?" for the Evaluation Advisory Committee at the Center for Disease Control, Division of Nutrition, Physical Exercise and Diet in Atlanta, GA.

In October, Nancy Ammerman presented the Pruitt Symposium Keynote Address, titled "Citizen/Baptists: Equal Souls, Voluntary Churches, Missionary Ambassadors" at Baylor University in Waco, TX.

In November, Sigrun Olafsdottir presented "Successful Health Care Systems? Variations and Determinants of Public Attitudes in 33 Nations" at the Duke Center for European Studies in Durham, NC.

In February, Susan Eckstein presented on "US-Cuba Foreign Policy Cycle" at Florida International University in Miami-Dade County, FL.

In March, Prof. Rieker was invited to present "Partnership Evaluation: Principles and Practicalities" at the State Program Training Meeting for the CDC: Division of Nutrition, Physical Exercise and Diet in Atlanta, GA

In March, Ashley Mears presented "Size Zero High-End Ethnic: The Production of Culture in Fashion Modeling Markets" as part of the AKD Induction Ceremony Event in collaboration with Women's History Month at University of Mary Washington, Fredricksburg, VA.

West Coast

In September, Laurel Smith-Doerr presented "A Sociological Perspective on Studying Organizations and Innovation: Qualitative and Quantitative Methods and Ethical Issues" at Microsoft Research's workshop on *Confidential Data Collection for Innovation Analysis in Organizations* in Redmond, WA.

In October, Roman Williams presented "Lived Religion Beyond Borders: Evangelical Christianity in the Everyday Lives of International Students in the USA" at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion in Denver, CO.

In November, Julian Go participated in an Author Meets Critics Session on his book *American Empire and the Politics of Meaning* at the Social Science History Association in Long Beach, CA.

In February, Prof. Smith-Doerr presented "Are Ethics Gendered? Exploring Women and Men Researchers' Approaches to Science and Engineering" at the American Association for the Advancement of Science's annual meeting in San Diego, CA.

In April, Sigrun Olafsdottir gave a talk titled "Gendered Welfare Support? Exploring Public Attitudes toward State Involvement in the Mental Health Field" at the University of California, Irvine.

Caribbean

In February, Liah Greenfeld gave the annual Arts and Sciences Lecture, titled "American Nationalism and Obama's Victory" at St. George University in Grenada.

In March, Susan Eckstein gave two lectures – one on "The Changing Cuban Diaspora" and the other on "Florida Politics" at the University of Havana in Cuba.

Europe

In November, Sigrun Olafsdottir and Jon Gunnar Bernburg presented "Do Icelanders have Prejudice toward Mental Health Problems?" at the University of Iceland in Reykjavik.

In September, David Swartz gave a talk titled "Bringing Bourdieu into International Relations" at the *5th General Conference for Political Research* in Potsdam, Germany.

In October, Prof. Swartz presented "Bourdieu and the Sociology of Politics" at University of Bielefeld's conference on *Was tun mit dem Erbe?* in Germany.

In January, Alya Guseva was the keynote speaker at the *Cultures of Indebtedness* conference at New Europe College in Bucharest, Romania.

In February, Julian Go presented the talks "Patterns of Empire" and "Matters of Meaning: US Colonialism in Puerto Rico" as part of the *Latin American Modernities Symposium* at Warwick University's Social Theory Centre in Coventry, UK.

And beyond...

In October Alya Guseva, participated in a roundtable on *Russia in Global Social Sciences and Global Social Sciences in Russia: The Role of National Academic Diaspora* at the Center for Economic and Financial Research at the New Economic School and the Russkiy Mir Foundation in Moscow, **Russia**

In December, Nazli Kibria presented "The Good Society, Women and Purdah: The Social Remittances of Bangladeshi Labor Migrants to Malaysia" in a plenary session on *Globalization and Social Process* in Asia at India International Center's 2nd China-South Asia International Cultural Forum in Dew Dehli, **India**.

In January Susan Eckstein talked about "Social Movements in Latin America" at American University in Cairo, **Egypt**.

In early June, Nancy Ammerman will participate in a summer workshop on Religion and Society at Fudan University in Shanghai, **China**.