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**Trina Vithayathil**, Providence College. *Counting Caste in an Era of Castelessness in India.*

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Series “The Intersections of Gender, Race, Ethnicity, Class, and Citizenship”

**Sanju Mojola**, University of Colorado. *Race, Health and Inequality: Producing and HIV Epidemic in the Shadow of the Capitol*

**Nancy Postero**, University of California, San Diego. *The Indigenous State: Race, Politics, and Performance in Plurinational Bolivia*

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Series “Situated Meanings of the Environment.”

**Shannon Bell**, University of Kentucky. “*They Are Bringing the Message Like No One Else Can*: Fossil Fuel Industries and the Appropriation of Women’s Grassroots Activist Identities.*

**Jill Harrison**, University of Colorado-Boulder. *Institutionalizing Neoliberal Environmental Justice.*

2013-2014

October 11, Frank Lechner, Emory University, Religion and American Exceptionalism: Notes on Identity Change

October 18, Matthew May, University of Georgia, A Change of Heart: The Effect of Religious Participation on Mental and Physical Health among the recently Re-committed

December 6, Geneviève Zubrzycki, University of Michigan, Stretching the Symbolic Boundaries of the Nation: The Philo-Semitic Resurrection of the ‘Jew’ in Poland

February 21, David Smilde, University of Georgia, Sacred and Secular in Venezuelan Socialism

February 28, Phil Gorski, Yale University, The Fall and Rise of American Civil Religion

May 2, Derrick Lemons, University of Georgia (Dept. of Religion), Southern Millennial Christianity: A Personal Religious Experience that Seeks to “Do Not Harm”

2012-2013

September 14, David Smilde, University of Georgia, Beyond the Strong Program in the Sociology of Religion

October 19, Ashleigh McKinzie, University of Georgia, Deviance and Social Control in an Alternative Community: The Unique Case of the Rainbow Family of Living Light

November 2, Matthew Mahler, Yale University, Political Expertise and the Body of the Politico

November 30, Gianpaolo Baiocchi, Brown University, The Civic Imagination

January 25, Taylor Houston, University of Georgia, 'They're Victims, not Prostitutes!' How the Anti-Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children Movement Constructs Collective Action Frames

February 15, Jeffrey Gardner, University of Georgia, Weaving Threads: How the Maya-Mam Imagine the Complex Fabric of Collective Identification.

2011-2012

Series “The Social History of Socialism”

August 26th, David Smilde**, University of Georgia. Hello Lenin: Students and Socialism in Venezuela (a research proposal)

September 16th, Jamie Palmer**, University of Georgia. Representations of Cuban Masculinity in US News Magazines
October 7th, Susan Eckstein**, Boston University. *Cuba: Remittances and their Unintended Consequences*

October 28th, Matthew May, University of Georgia. *Selling Religion: Religious Organizations in a Competitive Market*

November 4th, Jeremy Straughn**, Purdue University. *Culture, Memory, and Structural Change: Explaining Support for "Socialism" in a Post-Socialist Society*

December 2nd, Andreas Glaeser**, University of Chicago. *Political Epistemics: The Secret Police, the Opposition, and the End of GDR Socialism*

March 8, Philip Lewin, University of Georgia. *"It was the Ultimate Embodiment of Actuality": The Concert as a Validating Ritual*

April 6, Pablo Lapegna, University of Georgia. *Social Movements and Patronage Politics in Argentina: Towards a Relational Understanding of Demobilization*

April 11, Timothy Gill**, University of Georgia. *Between Globalization, Elite Allies, and a Troubled History of Relations: Why Venezuelan NGOs Deal with the US State or Not*

April 20, Becca Hanson**, University of Georgia. *Community Policing in 21st Century Socialism: What Role will Citizens Play in Venezuela’s Citizen Security Reform?*

March 1, Melissa Forbis, SUNY-Stony Brook, *Insurgent Indigeneity and the Consolidation of Zapatista Autonomy*

March 29, Timothy Gill, University of Georgia, *The Global Field and the Venezuelan State: The Battle over Legislation to Restrict Democracy Assistance and International Cooperation within Socialist Venezuela*

April 19, Philip G. Lewin, University of Georgia, *Beyond (or Before) Research qua Research: Ethnography and the Politics of Daily Life*

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Sept 24th, Christopher Bail, Havard University. *Terrified: Social Movements, Emotions, and the Collective Identity of Muslims in the U.S. Media, 2001-2008*

Oct 15th, **Erin Winter**, University of Georgia. *An Uncommon Explanation: How Organization Shapes Conflict On Team Spokes*

Oct 22nd, **David Smilde**, University of Georgia. *Venezuela’s Transition to Socialism: Reality-Based Analysis of Politics and Human Rights Under Hugo Chávez, 2008-2011*

Oct 29th, **Jamie Palmer**, University of Georgia. *The Prophecy of Failure: Representations of Cuba in the United States Media; Time and Newsweek 1959-2010*

Nov 12th, **Jon Shefner**, University of Tennessee. *Clients, Protest, and State Transformation in Latin America*

Dec 3rd, **Rebecca Hanson**, University of Georgia. *Avoiding participation: An ethnographic perspective on mobilization in Venezuela's participatory democracy*

Feb 11th, **Philip Lewin**, University of Georgia. *The Cultural Construction of Class in Clay County, KY*

Feb 18th, **Javier Auyero**, University of Texas-Austin. *Visible Fists, Clandestine Kicks, and Invisible Elbows: Three Forms of Regulating Neoliberal Poverty*

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Sept 18th, **David Smilde**, University of Georgia. *Public Rituals and Political Positioning: Venezuelan Evangelicals and the Chávez Government*

Oct 9th, **Christopher Bail**, Harvard University. *Making Terrorists Racist: Drift, Layering, and Synchronization of Multicultural and Domestic Counter-Terrorism Policy in Britain, 2000-2008*

Oct 17th, **Matthew May**, University of Georgia. *Religious Pluralism and Life Satisfaction: A Multi-Nation Assessment*

Dec 4th, **Rebecca Hanson**, University of Georgia. *Centro Civico or Subsidized Food? Contradictions in the Venezuelan Community Councils and the Implications for Participatory Democracy*

Feb 5th, **Chudamani Basnet**, University of Georgia. *Constructing Civil Society: The case of Nepal’s People’s Movement II*

March 19th, **Timothy Gill**, University of Georgia. ‘*Why Mills not Gouldner?: The place of C. Wright Mills and Alvin Ward Gouldner within the history of sociology*’
April 19th, Philip Lewin, University of Georgia. Reawakening Worker Power

April 26th, Patrick Huff, University of Georgia. Fable, myth, and the prophetic: Or the magical realism of revolution

April 27th, Graham Pickren, University of Georgia. The Myth of Green Capitalism: Prison e-waste recycling and the importance of incorporating justice within 'sustainable development'

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Sep 26, David Smilde, University of Georgia. Participation and Politics: Emerging Fragments of Venezuela’s Bolivarian Democracy

Oct 24, Alison McLetchie, University of South Carolina. The Parasitic Oligarchy: Political Elites in Trinidad & Tobago

Nov 7, Ann Mische, Rutgers University. (Cosponsored by the University of Georgia’s Willson Center for Humanities and Arts, Latin American and Caribbean Studies Institute and the Department of Sociology Colloquium Series). Partisan Performance: Stylistic Enactment and Suppression in Brazilian Youth Activist Publics

Nov 14, Daniel Shank, University of Georgia. Perceived Justice in Social Exchange: The Effects of Computer Identity and Gender

2007-2008

Sept 14, Chudamani Basnet, University of Georgia. What’s in a Word? Structure, Culture, and Agency in Nepal’s April Uprising

Sept 28, Barry Schwartz, University of Georgia. Collective Amnesia and The Symbolic Power of Oneness: The Strange Apotheosis of Rosa Parks

Oct 12, Roberto Franzosi, Emory University. Sociology, Narrative, and the Quality Versus Quantity Debate (Goethe Versus Newton)

Nov 9, Nichole Arnault, University of Georgia. Maternal Protest: A Transnational Feminist Analysis

Jan 25, Philip Lewin, University of Georgia and Patrick Williams, Arkansas State University. Reconceptualizing Punk Through Ideology and Authenticity

Feb 8, Elizabeth Cherry, University of Georgia. Deconstructing Symbolic Boundaries: The Culture Work of New Social Movements

Feb 22, Lynette Spillman, University of Notre Dame. Boundaries, Identity, Norms, and Camaraderie: Business Associations as Occupational Communities

Feb 29, Abigail Richardson, University of Georgia. ‘If Oprah can do it…’. The Complex Role of ‘Experts’ In Healthy Eating Advice.
April 4, Ronald Breiger, University of Arizona. *Duality of Cases and Variables*

April 25, Rhys Williams, University of Cincinnati. *Immigration, National Identity, and the Good Society*

**2005-2006**

Sept 16, Adam Henne, University of Georgia. *The Social Life of Wood: Nature, Knowledge and Commodity Fetishism in Chilean Forest Politics*

Sept 30, Abigail Snyder Richardson & Elizabeth Cherry, University of Georgia. *Anorexia as a Lifestyle: Agency Through Pro-Anorexia Websites*

Oct 21, Patricia Richards, University of Georgia. *Bravas, Integradas, Obsoletas: Mapuche Women in the Chilean Print Media*

Nov 18, Erin Winter, University of Georgia. *An Uphill Battle: Gender Construction in Mountain Bike Racing*

Dec 2, Jennifer Lena, Vanderbilt University. *Voyeurism, Authenticity and the Gaze: Rap Music Videos as Cultural Tourism*

**2004-2005**

Sept. 10, James Farrer, Sophia University, Tokyo. *Shanghai’s international community: a symbolic interaction and gender studies approach to understanding China’s rising global city*

Oct. 1, Jim Dowd, University of Georgia. *Consuming Travel: American Students Abroad*

Oct. 15, David Smilde, University of Georgia. *There’s Power in Jesus: Meaning, Networks, and Empowerment in Venezuelan Pentecostalism*

Nov. 5, Dawn Robinson, University of Georgia (Joint Session with the Social Psychology Research Group). *The Asian Parenting Paradox as Affect Control*

Nov. 19, Barry Schwartz, University of Georgia, and Howard Schuman, University of Michigan. *History, Commemoration, and Belief: Reformulating the Concept of Collective Memory*

Jan. 21, Patrick Williams, University of Georgia. *Consumption and Authenticity in the Collectible Games Subculture*

Feb. 4, Brad West, Flinders University, Australia (Sociology) / Yale University (Center for Cultural Sociology). *Engaging With Themed Space: Australian Working Holidaymakers and Banal Nationalism in Aussie Theme Pubs*
Feb. 11, **Paul Lichterman**, University of Southern California / University of Wisconsin. *Rescuing Tocqueville: From Social Capital to Civic Customs*

March 4, **Brent Allison**, University of Georgia. *Authenticity from Cartoons: A Proposal to Research Japanese Animation Fandom*

April 8, **Al Young**, University of Michigan. *The New Old Head: Presentations of Self and Social Purpose*

April 22, **Liz Cherry**, University of Georgia. *The Animal Rights Movements in France and the United States: A Cultural Approach*

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**2003-2004**

Sept. 19, **Mark Jacobs**, George Mason University and **Barry Schwartz**, University of Georgia. *The Ironic Turn in the Sociology of Culture*

Oct. 3, **James J. Dowd**, University of Georgia. *Wanting to be Good: Ethics and Morality in Everyday Life*

Oct. 24, **James Jasper**, Princeton University. *Social Movement Theory after the Big Paradigms: Towards a Rhetorical Vision of Action*

Nov. 14, **David Smilde**, University of Georgia. *Popular Publics: Street Protest and Plaza Preaching in Caracas*

Dec. 5, **Abigail Snyder**, University of Georgia. *Men and Muscularity: Cultural Mediators of Body Dissatisfaction*

Jan. 16, **J. Patrick Williams**, University of Georgia. *Authenticity, Subcultural Capital, and the Rise of an Internet Scene*

Jan. 30, **Jeffrey Kidder**, University of Georgia. *The Meaning of Messenger Style: Decoding Bicycle Messenger Symbols*

Feb. 13 **Elizabeth Cherry**, University of Georgia. *I’m vegan too!: Social Networks in Punk and Nonpunk Vegans*

Mar. 19, **Richard Lloyd**, Vanderbilt University. *Grit as Glamour*

Apr. 2, **C. Nippert-Eng**, Illinois Institute of Technology. *Concealment and Disclosure: Wallets, Purses and Identity Work in Modern Societies*

Apr. 23, **Brent Allison**, University of Georgia. *The Magic Kingdom does not approve!*: Interviews with Late Adolescent Anime Fans
2002-2003


Oct. 25, **Maren Klawiter** Georgia Institute of Technology. *Risk, Prevention and the Breast Cancer Continuum: The NCI, the FDA, Health Activism and the Pharmaceutical Industry*

Nov. 15, **Hilda Kurtz**, University of Georgia. *Negotiating the Meaning of Citizenship: Alternative Visions for Citizenship Practice in an Environmental Justice Dispute*

Dec. 6, **Stephanie Bohon & Jorge Atiles**, University of Georgia *Beyond Barriers: Bottleneck to Immigrant Adjustment*

January 31, **David Smilde**, University of Georgia. *Meaning Networks in Conversion to Venezuelan Evangelicalism: A Qualitative Comparative Analysis*

February 07, **Jay Hamilton**, University of Georgia. *Remaking Media Participation in Early Modern England*

February 28, **Thomas Beamish**, University of Georgia. *Constructing a Market: Sensemaking in Building Markets*

March 07, **Barry Schwartz**, University of Georgia. *The New Gettysburg Address: A Study in Illusion*

March 28, **Michallene McDaniel**, University of Georgia. *New Age Books: Audience and Market*

April 18, **Timothy J. Dowd, Kathleen Liddle**, and **Maureen Blyler**, Emory University *Charting Gender: The Success Of Female Acts In The U.S. Mainstream Recording Market, 1940-1990.*

May 2, **Brent Allison**, University of Georgia. *Fantasy Gaming and Subcultural Capital: An Ethnographic Study*