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Conference Registration

Location: Thompson Conference Center
2405 Robert Dedman Drive
Austin, TX  78712
(Registration booth located in main lobby of conference center—ground floor)

Hours: Thursday, March 26 from 12:00-5:00 pm
Friday, March 27 from 8:00 am-5:00 pm
Saturday, March 28 from 8:00 am-12:00 pm

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  Hat Creek Burger Co., Subway
• Student Activity Center (2201 Speedway, 0.8 miles away)
  Chick-fil-A, Zen, Taco Cabana
• The Texas Union (24th St. and Guadalupe, 0.9 miles away)
  Field of Greens, Quizno's Subs, Revolución Tacos y Tortas, Panda Express

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2020 Conference Theme: Borders/Bridges

In the current historical moment, many countries are experiencing resurgent racism, nativism, and authoritarian politics. As global economic instability and demographic changes transform entire nation-states, demagogues are testing the limits of political and legal systems, inflaming followers by scapegoating ethnic and religious minorities, immigrants, and refugees for social problems. In the United States, these trends take a variety of shapes, including efforts to politically polarize the citizenry, rising white nationalism, draconian immigration policies, attempts to restrict the movement of those seeking asylum, and proposals to extend a separation wall across the entire US-Mexico border. Despite these developments, many groups and individuals are attempting to heal the wounds of xenophobia and fear by building bridges of empathy, compassion, and cross-cultural understanding. They are also crafting new legal responses, engaging in political activism, and creatively re-imagining citizenship in these challenging contexts.

How should anthropologists respond, at a time when so many political figures around the world prefer to build barriers rather than bridges, to sow hostility rather than humanity? For our Spring 2020 meeting, we invite anthropologists and other scholars and activists to join the American Ethnological Society (AES) and the Association for Political and Legal Anthropology (APLA) to consider the cultural, historical, legal and political implications of these troubling transformations. In a national election year, Austin--the capital city of a border state undergoing tectonic political shifts--is a particularly appropriate site to reflect upon and challenge these global trends.
Welcome from the Section Presidents

Our theme this year, Borders/Bridges, draws attention to the contingency of borders and their crossings; to the fluidity and precariousness of boundaries of all sorts including race, class, territory, nation, and humanity. Borders and bridges can be hard, soft and seemingly arbitrary, imbued with multiple forms of power that can include, exclude and criminalize. They are sites of violence, redemption, optimism, connection and disconnection; they are creatures of history, culture and construction and reconstruction. Borders are articulated by laws that promote rights, solidify identities, build walls, and authorize detention centers. They also designate spaces of solidarity and resistance, for example, sanctuary cities. They are emergent sites of political imagination, animation, activism and creativity; they are both ordinary and extraordinary. As such they are the raw material of anthropological inquiry, and, at this historical juncture, urgent subjects.

The American Ethnological Society and the Association for Political and Legal Anthropology welcome you to our joint conference to critically engage with these issues and others central to our discipline. We hold this conference in Austin, Texas, beautiful in its own right but also a symbol, an exemplar of a region that is one of the world’s epicenters of fraught and contentious borders. While bitter borders are a global phenomenon, the 2020 US election brings border zones like Texas into particular focus. In spaces like these we anthropologists find avenues to witness, address, critique, and challenge borders and bridges, and to strategize new ways to engage. We look forward to several days of stimulating papers, sessions, workshops, analytic collaborations, discussions, debates, inspiration and a little fun!

Warm Regards,

Jacqueline Solway, President                Erica Bornstein, President
American Ethnological Society (AES)        Association for Political & Legal Anthropology (APLA)

Overview of Plenaries

Opening Plenary (Thursday, March 26—5:30-7:00 pm in TCC Auditorium 1.110)
Contested Territory: Ethnography at the Edges
Jason Cons (U Texas-Austin)
Christen Smith (U Texas-Austin)
Jacqueline Solway (Trent U)
Susan Terrio (Georgetown U)

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Carolyn Rouse (Princeton U), “We Once Had a Country: Declining Life Expectancies and the Loss of a National Narrative”
Nancy Scheper-Hughes (U California-Berkeley), “Maverick Methods: Undercover Research and Other Ethnographic Blasphemies”

Closing Plenary (Saturday, March 28—3:30-5:00 pm in TCC Auditorium 1.110)
Fronteras/ Frontiers: Anthropology, Advocacy and Activism on the US-Mexico Border
Miguel Diaz-Barriga and Margaret Dorsey (University of Richmond)
Ricky Garza (Texas Civil Rights Project)
Martha Menchaca (U Texas-Austin)
Alicia Torres (Grassroots Leadership)
Denise Gilman (U Texas-School of Law)
Day 1 | Thursday, March 26

Opening Events

Workshop 1 (12:30-2:00 pm)  Location: Room 3.108
1.1.1 How to Get Your Papers Published in *American Ethnologist* and *PoLAR*: Perspectives from Two Journal Editors

  Panelists:  Stacy L. Pigg (Simon Fraser U), *American Ethnologist*
  Jessica Greenberg (U Illinois), *PoLAR*

Workshop 2 (2:00-3:30 pm)  Location: Room 3.110
1.2.1 Speed Mentoring: Give Your CV a Makeover (with Help from Experienced Academics)

  Mentors:  Carolyn Rouse (Princeton U)
  Erik Harms (Yale U)
  Erica Bornstein (U Wisconsin-Milwaukee)
  Katherine McCaffrey (Montclair State U)
  Roberto González (San Jose State U)
  Jason Cons (U Texas-Austin)

Workshop 3 (3:30-5:00 pm)  Location: Room 3.108
1.3.1 #AnthroTwitter—How to Use Social Media and Other Platforms to Get Your Ideas Out (and Change the World)

  Moderated by Chelsey Carter (Washington U-St. Louis)

  Panelists:  Sarah Bruno (U Wisconsin-Madison)
  Baird Campbell (Rice U)
  Bret Gustafson (Washington U-St. Louis)
  Christen Smith (U Texas-Austin)
  Sarah Shulist (Queens U)

Welcome and Opening Plenary (5:30-7:00 pm)  Location: TCC Auditorium 1.110

  Contested Territory: Ethnography at the Edges

  Moderated by Christopher Loperena (CUNY)

      Jason Cons (U Texas-Austin)
      Christen Smith (U Texas-Austin)
      Jacqueline Solway (Trent U)
      Susan Terrio (Georgetown U)

Opening Reception (7:00-8:00 pm)
Location: Under the Oaks Cafe (first floor of conference center)

Graduate Student Meet-up (8:00-10:00 pm)
Venue: Hole in the Wall, 2538 Guadalupe Street, Austin 78705
Panel 2.1.1 ● Room 1.124
From Advocacy to Activism to Upheaval: Networks of Support and Resistance
Chair: Carwil R. Bjork-James (Vanderbilt U)

Nicole Kinbarovsky (Texas State U), “Exploring the Support Networks of Those Caring for Loved Ones on Texas Death Row”
Livnat Konopny-Decleve (Tel Aviv U), “Crossing the Lines of Fear: Jewish Left-wing Activist Women in Palestine”
Nadege Nau (U South Florida), “Balancing Act: State University of Haiti Professors' Labor and Civic Duty amid Political Unrest”
Alyssa Paylor (U Notre Dame), “It's about Their Commitment to Each Other’: The Spatial Politics of Peace Activism on the Palestine-Israel Border”
Gracia Silva (U Cincinnati), “Social Trauma and Solidarity Networks: The Experience of Nicaraguan Political Refugees in Costa Rica”
Cynthia M. Strathmann (Strategic Actions for a Just Economy), “Increasing Social Justice Organizing Capacity through an Intermunicipal Activist Exchange”

Panel 2.1.2 ● Room 1.126
Sensory Ethnography (Roundtable)
Organizer/Chair: Marina Peterson (U Texas-Austin)

Megan J. Gette (U Texas-Austin)
Victoria Mogollón Montagne (U Texas-Austin)
Yesmar S. Oyarzun (Rice U)
María Fernández Pello (U Texas-Austin)
Jeffrey Gan (U Texas-Austin)
Andrew Normann (U Texas-Austin)

Panel 2.1.3 ● Room 2.120
Agriculture, Property, and the Knowledge Economy in the Global South
Organizer/Chair: Ali Malik (York U)

Ali Malik (York U), “Technologies of Legibility: Mapping Emergent Properties in India’s Climate Smart Agriculture Assemblage”
Andrew Ofstehage (Cornell U), “Building Soil, Making Land, and Becoming Better Farmers: Claiming Property through Expertise and Improvement”
Panel 2.1.4  ●  Room 2.122

*The Human Consequences of US Immigration Policy*

Chair: Erin D. Routon

Elizabeth Farfán-Santos (U Houston), “¿Qué más puedo pedir? Undocumented Mothers and the Politics of Maternal Health in the United States”


Sara Mosher (Southern Methodist U), “Creative Resistance in Troubled Times”


Robin Valenzuela (Indiana U-Bloomington), “Limits to Governmentality’: Consular Notification and Transnational Family Reunification”

Panel 2.1.5  ●  Room 3.120

*Corruption across Place and Scale*

Organizers: Tali Rosenman Ziv (U Pennsylvania), Katherine Culver (U Pennsylvania)

Chair: Katherine Culver, (U Pennsylvania)


Katherine Culver (U Pennsylvania), “Narratives of Corruption and (Anti-)Legal Practice among Cambodian Lawyers”


Xiao Ke (U Pennsylvania), “‘Who Are the “Black Forces” Among Us?’: Anxieties of Traditionalism on a Sino-Tibetan Frontier”

Waqas Hameed Butt (U Toronto) and Maira Hayat (Stanford U), Discussants
Day 2 | Friday, March 27  Session 2 (10:00-11:45 am)

Panel 2.2.1 ● Room 1.124

Racialization and Race Matters
Chair: Jennifer G. Curtis

Ben Chappell (U Kansas), “Mexican American Fastpitch: Cultural Citizenship at Home and out of Bounds”

Kelsey Marie Chatlosh (CUNY), “‘If I Can’t Dance Your Revolution, I’m Not Interested’: Afro-descendant Recognition and Anti-austerity Politics and Poetics in Northern Chile”

Jennifer G. Curtis (U Edinburgh), “‘I’m Not Black. I Can’t Understand’: Persuasion and the Limits of Empathy in Red State America”


Kartikeya Saboo (Wichita State U), “Internal Bridges as Internal Borders”


Panel 2.2.2 ● Room 1.126

Bordering Texas: Detention, Tracking and Surveillance of Migrants (Roundtable)
Organizer: Carolina Boe (Université de Paris); Chair: Mark Drury (Princeton U)

Denise Gilman (U Texas-School of Law)
Elissa Steglich (U Texas-School of Law)
Lena Dennington (U Texas-School of Law)
Nicholas James Rodrigo (CUNY-John Jay College)
Peter Hervik (Aarhus U), Discussant

Panel 2.2.3 ● Room 2.120

The Infrastructures and Technologies of Trust
Organizers: Shaila Seshia Galvin (Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies), Ramah McKay (U Pennsylvania)
Chair: Shaila Seshia Galvin (Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies)

Kelly McKowen (Southern Methodist U), “Counting on Each Other: Audit Culture, Unemployment, and Social Trust in Norway”


Kate McClellan (Mississippi State U), “Building Trust: Materials of Interspecies Security in Jordan”

Nicolas I. Sternsdorff Cisterna (Southern Methodist U), “Trust and Governance in Japan’s Society 5.0”

Diana Paola Pardo Pedraza (U California-Irvine), “Landscapes of Suspicion: Minefields and the Suspension of Certainty in Rural Colombia”

Shaila Seshia Galvin (Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies) and Ramah McKay (U Pennsylvania), Discussants
Day 2 | Friday, March 27    Session 2 (10:00-11:45 am)

Panel 2.2.4 ● Room 2.122
Making Connections: the Good, the Bad, and the Contradictory (Roundtable)
Organizers: Tessa R. Farmer (U Virginia), Kali Jessica Rubaii (Purdue U)
Chair: Tessa R. Farmer (U Virginia)

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Lupe Alberto Flores (Rice U)
Alize Arican (U Illinois-Chicago)
Brittany Celeste Birberick (U California-Berkeley)

Panel 2.2.5 ● Room 3.108
New Directions in Political and Legal Anthropology, Part I
Chair: Juan del Nido

Deeple Das Acevedo (U Alabama), “Originalism as Cultural Translation”
Juan del Nido (U Manchester), “Signatures as Bordering Device: The Political Economy of Liability”
Colin Pitet (CUNY), “Speculating on Blockchain: Some Potential Political and Economic Implications”
Autumn Zellers (Temple U), “The Drug Trade and Indigenous Peoples of Latin America”

Panel 2.2.6 ● Room 3.120
Rethinking Decolonization in Papua New Guinea
Organizers: Alex J. Golub (U Hawai‘i-Manoa), Courtney J. Handman (U Texas-Austin)
Chair: Courtney J. Handman (U Texas-Austin)

Alex J. Golub (U Hawai‘i-Manoa), “Were the Highlands 'Pacified'? Discipline and Punishment in Enga Province, 1952-2015”
Victoria Stead (Deakin U), “Colonial Returns: Reckonings With a Shared Past in the Oro Province War Tourism Industry”
Michael L. Cepek (U Texas-San Antonio), Discussant

Graduate Student Luncheon (12:00-1:00 pm)
Location: Room 2.102
Panel 2.3.1 ● Room 1.124
The Meantimes of Displacement
Organizers: Alize Arican (U Illinois-Chicago), Matthew DeMaio (George Washington U)
Chair: Matthew DeMaio (George Washington U)

Matthew DeMaio (George Washington U), “Accommodating in the Meantime: Resurgent Instability and Precarity among Palestinian Refugees from Syria in Lebanon”
Sabrina Lilleby (U Texas-Austin), “Healing the Self: Infrastructural and Emotional Labor among Women in Cairo”
Elif Sari (Cornell U), “Political Agents and Vulnerable Victims: Iranian LGBTQ Refugees Waiting in Turkey”
Kerem Can Ussakli (Stanford U), “You Cannot Wash It Away: Accusations and Morality in the Era of Returns”
Kristin Monroe (U Kentucky), Discussant

Panel 2.3.2 ● Room 1.126
Toward a Global Anthropology of Race and Racism: From Arequipa to Dakar and Beyond (Roundtable)
Organizers: Rhea Rahman (CUNY-Brooklyn), Diego Arispe-Bazan (Northwestern U)
Chair: Celina de Sa (U Pittsburgh)

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Jordan Lynton (Indiana U)
Deniz Duruiz (Northwestern U)

Panel 2.3.3 ● Room 2.120
Health, Healing and Medicine: Ethnographies of Care, Trust and Mistrust
Chair: Shanti Parikh

Maria Lourdes Alcántara (U Sao Paulo), “Dialogues on Indigenous Issues and Mental Health”
Rebecca Melanie Irons (U College London), “Perú libre de venecos’: Stigma and Silence Facing Venezuelan Migrants and Reproductive Health in Lima”
Amy L. McLachlan (U Chicago), “Ontological Displacement and Migrant Medicines: Curing and Cosmopoiesis among Uitoto Desplazados in the Colombian Armed Conflict”
Savannah E. Melvin (Brigham Young U), “Aspects of Traditional Healing among the Amazonian Quichua Surrounding Tena, Ecuador”
Krystalynn Moreno Castaneda (U Oklahoma), “Crossing to Care: Trust in Massage Therapy”
Xisai Song (Cornell U), “Trust and Social Inequality: Narratives of Lower-class Patients with Chronic Kidney Diseases in China”
Day 2 | Friday, March 27  Session 3 (1:00-2:45 pm)

Panel 2.3.4 ● Room 2.122
**Unexpected Encounters: Fieldwork and Contingency**
Organizer/Chair: Jon Horne Carter (Appalachian State U)

Lindsey Freeman (Simon Fraser U), “Duplicity/Double City”
Allen Clifton Shelton (SUNY-Buffalo State), “Dark Waters, Dark Waters”
Susan Lepselter (Indiana U), “In a Field, I Am the Absence of Field”
Erin D. Yerby (Rice U), “Toward a Spectral Anthropology”

Panel 2.3.5 ● Room 3.108
**New Directions in Political and Legal Anthropology, Part II**
Chair: Mark Drury (Princeton U)

Aiman Mustafa (Emory U), “The Blasphemous Cartoon and the Deafening Silence: Being a Muslim Cleric and the Denial of Publicity”
Ryan Ozar (College of Wooster), “Public School Educators of the Amish: Bridge Builders in a Liberal Democracy?”
Sarah Richardson (George Washington U), “There Is No Justice Here. They’re Laughing at Us’: State Terror, Clashing Symbolic Orders, and Not Being Heard in Colombian Courtrooms”
Day 2 | Friday, March 27  
Session 4 (3:00-4:45 pm)

Panel 2.4.1  ●  Room 1.124
Touristic and Expatriate Encounters: Labor, Migration, Privilege
Chair: Heather Hindman (U Texas-Austin)

Heather Hindman (U Texas-Austin), “After Package—After Field”
Brandon Hunter (Princeton U), “Criminal Labor”
Steve Moog (U Arkansas), “Translocal Punk, Blurred Borders, and the (A)politics of Anarchist Vacations in West Java, Indonesia”
Kathleen N. Skoczen (Southern Connecticut State U), “The Dominican Tourist-Host Encounter under Scrutiny”
Tess Sullivan (Brigham Young U), “Capitalism and the Question of Authenticity in Cross-cultural Understanding”

Panel 2.4.2  ●  Room 1.126
Democracy and Ethnography: Reflexivity in Carol Greenhouse’s Footsteps (Roundtable)
Organizer/Chair: Erica Bornstein (U Wisconsin-Milwaukee)

Jessica Greenberg (U Illinois)
Heath Pearson (U Michigan-Ann Arbor)
Anna Offit (Southern Methodist U)
Sebastian Ramírez (Princeton U)
Carolyn Rouse (Princeton U)

Panel 2.4.3  ●  Room 2.120
Ethnographic Environments, Interspecies Relations
Chair: Kyrstin Mallon Andrews (U California-Irvine)

Ryan Ashley Cook (Brigham Young U), “What It Means to Be a Strongwoman: Empathy and Cultivation among the Runa”
Lilianna Quiroa-Crowell (CUNY), “The Border of Bananaland: The 'Everyday' Making of Puerto Barrios, Guatemala”
Tlacael el Rivera-Nuñez and Sophia Alex Walters (El Colegio de la Frontera Sur), “Building Bridges across Two Mayan Cultures in Mexico: Linguistic and Ecological Anthropology”
Panel 2.4.4  ●  Room 2.122
Catastrophe and Normalcy: A Roundtable Discussion on the Politics of Doom and Other Endtime Affects (Roundtable)
Organizer: Julian B. Brash (Montclair State U), Jeff Maskovsky (CUNY)
Chair: Jeff Maskovsky (CUNY)

Elan L. Abrell (Western Connecticut State U)
Julian B. Brash (Montclair State U)
Susan Falls (Savannah College of Art and Design)
Jeff Maskovsky (CUNY)
Deborah Pellow (Syracuse U)

Panel 2.4.5  ●  Room 3.108
Intimate Protections: Care and Kin in the Face of Global Anti-Blackness
Organizer: Sara Rendell (U Pennsylvania)
Chair: Tracie Canada (U Virginia)

Tracie Canada (U Virginia), “‘The Year My Mom Was Born’: Black Mothering and American Football”
Sara Rendell (U Pennsylvania), “Severed Protections: When 'You Haven’t Got Your Family’”
Marlaina Martin (Rutgers U), “To Be Black, Woman, and Director: Analyzing Intimacies with(in) Media-making”
Sheyda Michelle Aboii (U California-San Francisco), “Socialites of Subsistence: Fishing for Food along the Anacostia”
Sarah Bruno (U Wisconsin-Madison), “Mujeres, ya no tienen que llorar (Women, you no longer have to cry): Puerto Rican Bomba, Disaster, and Choreographing Emotional Dexterity and an Affective Archive”
Riché Daniel Barnes (Mount Holyoke College), Discussant

Panel 2.4.6  ●  Room 3.120
Legal Matters: Unexpected Affordances of Law, Citizenship, and Im/mobility
Organizers: Valentina Ramia (Stanford U), Charles A. McDonald (Rice U)
Chair: Christopher Krupa (U Toronto)

Christopher Krupa (U Toronto), “The Sympathetic Heart of Capital: Further Thoughts on Law, Sovereignty, and Primitive Accumulation”
Valentina Ramia (Stanford U), “Psychic States: 'Subjective' and 'Objective' Evidence of Fear in Asylum Law”
Charles A. McDonald (Rice U), “Exodus and Return: Populism, Migration, and Europe's Jewish Citizenship Laws”
Keith E. McNeal (U Houston), “Legal Fetishism, Lawfare, and the Dialectics of Homophobia and Homonationalism in Global Trinidad and Tobago”
Rosemary J. Coombe (York U), Discussant
Day 2 | Friday, March 27  

**Evening Events**

**Plenary Keynote Session**  
**Location:** TCC Auditorium 1.110  
**Crossing Boundaries, Building Bridges (5:30-7:00 pm)**

Moderated by Katherine McCaffrey (Montclair State U)

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**AES/APLA Joint Reception and Awards Ceremony (7:00-8:00 pm)**  
**Location:** Under the Oaks Cafe (first floor of conference center)

Elsie Clews Parsons Prize

AES Diversity Travel Grant Awards

**After-party! (8:30-10:30 pm)**  
Organized by the UT Austin Anthropology Department  
Venue: Sahara Lounge, 1413 Webberville Road, Austin 78721
AES Board Meeting and Breakfast (7:45-10:00 am)
Location: TCC 1.122

Panel 3.1.1 ● Room 1.124
Infrastructures, Inequality, and Independence
Chair: Blake Harding

Blake Harding (Columbia U and U of Witwatersrand), “To Make Society Uneven: Tracing the Life Lines of Infrastructure”
Rebecca Peters (SUNY-Oswego), “Borders, Bridges, and Autonomy in Contemporary Barotseland”
Jason Scott (U Colorado-Boulder), “In the Ruins of Policy: An Ethnography of Failure Concerning Rio de Janeiro's Collapsing Cable Car System”
Catherine Whittaker (Ludwig Maximilian U and U California-San Diego), “A Bridge That Divides: Hostile Infrastructures and Vigilance in a Californian Border City”

Panel 3.1.2 ● Room 1.126
Revisiting Rappaport’s Ritual and Religion in the Making of Humanity (Roundtable)
Organizer: Vlad Naumescu (Central European U), Jacob Bessen (U Toronto)
Chair: Michael Lambek (U Toronto)

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Jacob Bessen (U Toronto)
Vincent Brillant-Giroux (U Toronto)
Thomas J. Csordas (U California-San Diego)
Connie Gagliardi (U Toronto)
Robert P. Weller (Boston U)

Panel 3.1.3 ● Room 2.120
Sex, Gender, and Anthropology in the 21st Century
Chair: EJ Jetmore (Rice U)

Mariam Banahi (Johns Hopkins U), “Conditionality of Welcome: Integration and the Sexual Life of Muslims in Germany”
Thermal Indula Ellawala (U Illinois-Chicago), “The Erotics of Violence: Imagining the Utopic and Intimate Possibilities of Queerphobia”
EJ Jetmore (Rice U), “Let's Read Margaret Mead: Truth, Gender, and the Anthropological Canon”
Eulalia Larsen (Brigham Young U), “‘Only Women Work’: Agency and Hmong Gender Roles in France”
Aaron Su (Princeton U), “The Natural Life of Authoritarianism: Queer Politics against the People”
Panel 3.1.4  ●  Room 2.122
“*It’s an Act of Murder*: Creating Borders, Outsourcing Death, and Displacing Communities
Organizer/Chair: Kenza Yousfi (U Texas-Austin)

**Jorge Choy-Gómez** (U Texas-Austin), “Care and Violence. Humanitarian Bureaucracy for Migrants and Refugees in Mexico’s Southern Border”

**Olimpia Montserrat Valdivia Ramírez** (U Texas-Austin), “*‘Hay cipotes que solo matar saben’: Adolescent Central American Asylum Seekers in Mexico Fleeing Gangs*”

**Sarah Eleazar Sadiq** (U Texas-Austin), “Louder than Bombs”

**Kenza Yousfi** (U Texas-Austin), “As the Rain Drifts the Mines”

Panel 3.1.5  ●  Room 3.108
Multispecies Ethnography: Projects and Possibilities I
Organizers: Michael L. Cepek (U Texas-San Antonio), John Hartigan (U Texas-Austin)
Chair: Eliot Storer (Rice U)

**Danielle Good** (U Texas-Austin) “Iridescent Tumors: Illness and Multispecies Relations after BP Horizon”

**Michael L. Cepek** (U Texas-San Antonio), “Murderous Others: Human/Nonhuman Violence in Cofán Shamanism”

**James Beveridge** (U Texas-Austin), “Huibana: Cultivating Amazonian Quichua and Forest Animal Relations of Mutual Utility and Care”

**Adam Patrick Johnson** (U Texas-San Antonio), “Mediating Multispecies Relations through Western and Indigenous Conservation”

**Allison Koch** (U Texas-San Antonio), “Stars of the Story: Starfish, People, and Economy at Starfish Beach”

**Eliot Storer** (Rice U), “A Phenomenology of Sphagnum Moss: Monitoring, Palliation, and Co-Presence”
Panel 3.2.1 ● Room 1.124

Re-Approaching Religion, Part One: Cuts and Links
Organizer: Naveeda Khan (Johns Hopkins U)
Chair: Michael Lambek (U Toronto)

Thomas Frederick Thornton (Johns Hopkins U), “A Pastoral Prison: Ethics, Obedience, and Violence in an Alabama Prison Faith Dorm”
Megha Sharma Sehdev (Tufts U), “Laws of Maya: Deception and Irresolution in Indian Domestic Violence Cases”
Veena Das (Johns Hopkins U) and Michael Lambek (U Toronto), Discussants

Panel 3.2.2 ● Room 1.126

Centering the Border at the Heart of Transformative Pedagogy (Roundtable)
Organizer: Alicia Re Cruz (U North Texas)
Chair: Mariela Nuñez-Janes (U North Texas)

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Andrew S. Nelson (U North Texas)
Ana M. Fores Tamayo (Adjunct Justice)

Panel 3.2.3 ● Room 2.120

Transforming Urban Spaces
Chair: Brittany C. Birberick

Brittany C. Birberick (U California-Berkeley), “Undoing and Rebuilding: Temporalities of Infrastructure, Re-development and Transformation in Johannesburg, South Africa”
Mohamad M. Jarada (U California-Berkeley), “Securing the Mosque: On the Logic of Fortification and Risk after Hate Violence”
Kimberley McKinson (CUNY-John Jay College), “The Domestic Fortress: Excavating Archives of Metal and Memory in Jamaica”
Panel 3.2.4 ● Room 2.122

Data/Sovereignty
Organizers: Alix Johnson (U Florida), Elliott Prasse-Freeman (National U Singapore)
Chair: Alix Johnson (U Florida)

Elliott Prasse-Freeman (National U Singapore), “Dividuality Divided...and Reassembled: toward a Post-Sovereign Data-Subject”
Alison Cool (U Colorado-Boulder), “Possessing Privacy”
Maria Sidorkina (U Texas-Austin), Discussant

Panel 3.2.5 ● Room 3.108

Multispecies Ethnography: Projects and Possibilities II
Organizers: John Hartigan (U Texas-Austin), Michael L. Cepek (U Texas-San Antonio)
Chair: Jamon A. Halvaksz (U Texas-San Antonio)

K.T. Hanson (U Texas-San Antonio), “Steps to a Monkey Mind: Accessing the Perspective of a Crested Black Macaque”
EJ Jetmore (Rice U), “Social Species and Ethnographic Collaboration: Learning from Nonhuman Refusal in Chicago’s Dog Parks”
Megan McQuiad (U Texas-Austin), “Volcano as Agent: Mobile Landscapes and Environmental Intimacy in the Italian Volcanic Zones”

Panel 3.2.6 ● Room 3.120

Ethnographic Perspectives on Contemporary Turkey
Chair: Hayal Akarsu

Hayal Akarsu (Brandeis U), “Suffocating Care: Police as Social Workers in Turkey”
Hikmet Kocamaner (U North Carolina), “Populism and Religious Media Infrastructures in Contemporary Turkey”
Romm Lewkowicz (CUNY), “Towards a Flexible Body: Migrant Responses to Biometric Regulation beyond the Resistance/Compliance Paradigm”
Panel 3.3.1 ● Room 1.124
Re-Approaching Religion, Part Two: Terrain as Angle of Entry
Organizer: Naveeda Khan (Johns Hopkins U)
Chair: Michael Puett (Harvard U)

Calynn Dowler (Boston U), “Water as Border/Bridge: Narrative, Ritual, and Pluralism in the Sundarbans”
Sanaullah Khan (Johns Hopkins U), “Frontiers and Ritual Practice: Balti Cosmologies, Sufi Islam and the Militarization of the Siachen Glacier”
Onder Celik (Johns Hopkins U), “The Dig: Traces of the Dead in Turkish Kurdistan”
Michael Puett (Harvard U) and Swayam Bagaria (Johns Hopkins U), Discussants

Panel 3.3.2 ● Room 1.126
Walls of Detention and Walls of Policy: Documenting and Denouncing the Criminalization of Migrants (Roundtable)
Organizer: Christine Kovic (U Houston-Clear Lake)
Chair: Katherine McCaffrey (Montclair State U)

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Alicia Torres (Grassroots Leadership)
Josefina Castillo (Austin Tan Cerca de la Frontera)

Panel 3.3.3 ● Room 2.120
Border Crossings—Real and Metaphoric
Chair: Jeffrey T. Jurgens

Gorkem Aydemir Kundakci (George Washington U), “Mapping and Telling the Cherny Vxod: Unofficial Crossings and ‘Senses of Borderness’ in the Disputed Periphery of Georgia”
Martha Lagace (Boston U), “Becoming Strangers in a Homeland: Border-Border Taxi Drivers and Their Accidental Journeys in Northern Uganda”
Amir Reicher (CUNY), “Messianic and Post-messianic Things: On Intergenerational Shifts of Temporal Understanding among Settlers in the West Bank”
Hosna Sheikholeslami (Denison U), “How Do You Trust a Book? Book-knowers and the Circulation of Texts in Iran”
Lia Morgan Siewert (U Texas-Austin), “Clowns, Tricksters and Emergent Indigeneities: Voicing and Authority in the Performances of an Indigenous Community Theater”
Day 3  |  Saturday, March 28  |  Session 3 (1:00-2:45 pm)

Panel 3.3.4  ●  Room 2.122

**Journal Editors Reflect on Publishing in Unsettled Times (Roundtable)**
Organizer: Jacqueline Solway (Trent U)
Chair: Stacy L. Pigg (Simon Fraser U, editor for *American Ethnologist*)

*Carol J. Greenhouse* (Princeton U, former editor for *American Ethnologist*)
*Brigitte M. French* (Grinnell College, book review editor for *American Ethnologist*)
*Derek Pardue* (Aarhus U, editor for *City & Society*)
*Brad Weiss* (College of William & Mary, editor for *Cultural Anthropology*)
*Pablo Morales* (AES, senior copy editor for *American Ethnologist*)
*Gustaaf Houtman* (Royal Anthropological Institute, editor for *Anthropology Today*)
*Lindsay Bell* (U Western Ontario, editor for *Journal for Anthropology of North America*)
*Jessica Greenberg* (U Illinois, editor for *PoLAR*)

Panel 3.3.5  ●  Room 3.108

**Art, Therapeutics, and Displacement: Healing at the Boundaries of Normative Therapeutic Practice**
Organizers: Talia Katz (Johns Hopkins U), Sebastian Ramírez (Princeton U), Sarah E. Roth (Johns Hopkins U)
Chair: Clara Y. Han (Johns Hopkins U)

*Talia Katz* (Johns Hopkins U), “Displacing the Site of Healing: Migration, Drama Therapy, and an Alternative Genealogy of Trauma”
*Sebastian Ramírez* (Princeton U), “Arts of Loss: Memory and Well-being as Aesthetic Gambits in Colombia”
*Sarah E. Roth* (Johns Hopkins U), “Choreographing Mortality: Death, Dying, and Cancer Care in Mexico City”
*Lupe Alberto Flores* (Rice U), “Migration Therapeutics: Art and Creativity in Experiences of Im/mobility in Northern Mexico”
*Clara Y. Han* (Johns Hopkins U), Discussant

Panel 3.3.6  ●  Room 3.120

**Populist, Nationalist and Supremacist Rumblings: Global Views**
Chair: Melissa K. Wrapp (U California-Irvine)

*Veit Erlmann* (U Texas-Austin), “Noisy Politics: Hate Speech, Sound and Violence”
*James G. Ellison* (Dickinson College), “Populism, Infrastructures, and Emergent Assemblages of Agency in Tanzania”
*David K. Frey* (Brigham Young U), “Dissenting Nationalists: Realism and Values among Working-Class Catholics of West Belfast”
*Gabriela Manley* (U St. Andrews), “Scottish Nationalism: A Liberal Alternative to Brexit”
*China Sajadian* (CUNY), “‘Syria Was the Mother of the Poor’: Post-socialist Nostalgia at the Lebanese-Syrian Border”
*Melissa K. Wrapp* (U California-Irvine), “Whiteness as Property, Expropriation as Murder”
Break and Light Refreshments (3:00-3:30 pm)
Location: Under the Oaks Cafe (first floor of conference center)

Closing Plenary

Fronteras/Frontiers: Anthropology, Advocacy and Activism on the US-Mexico Border (3:30-5:00 pm)

Moderated by Roberto González (San Jose State U)

Miguel Díaz-Barriga and Margaret Dorsey (University of Richmond)
Ricky Garza (Texas Civil Rights Project)
Martha Menchaca (U Texas-Austin)
Alicia Torres (Grassroots Leadership)
Denise Gilman (U Texas-School of Law)

Closing Remarks (5:00-5:30 pm)
Location: TCC Auditorium 1.110 and Main Lobby
**Restaurants**

**On Campus**

**Under the Oaks Café (TCC)**
Sandwiches, soups, coffee
Downstairs

**DKR Stadium Food Court**
Hat Creek Burger Co., Subway
405 E. 23rd St (471-7887)
0.4 miles

**Student Activity Center**
Chick-fil-A, Zen, Taco Cabana
2201 Speedway
0.8 miles

**The Texas Union**
Chick-fil-A, Field of Greens, Quizno’s Subs, Revolución Tacos y Tortas, Panda Express
24th & Guadalupe
0.9 miles

**Hyde Park**

**Hyde Park Bar & Grill**
Comfort food, drinks
4206 Duval St. (458-3168)
1.5 miles

**Mother’s Café**
Vegan and vegetarian food
4215 Duval St. (451-3994)
1.5 miles

**Julio’s Café**
Mexican, tacos, enchiladas
4230 Duval St. (452-1040)
1.6 miles

**Santa Rita Tex-Mex Cantina**
Tex-mex
1206 W. 38th St. (419-7482)
2.3 miles

**North Campus/Speedway**

**Red River Café**
Diner/cafe
2912 Medical Arts (474-8609)
0.1 miles

**Posse East**
Hamburgers
2900 Duval St. (477-2111)
0.4 miles

**Sao Paolo Restaurant**
Brazilian, Tex-Mex
2809 San Jacinto Blvd (473-9988)
0.4 miles

**Subway**
Subs
2906 Duval St. (322-9111)
0.4 miles

**Aster’s Ethiopian Restaurant**
Ethiopian, meat and vegetarian dishes
2804 N 1-35 (469-5699)
0.5 miles

**Jimmy John’s**
Sandwiches
3203 Red River (499-0100)
0.5 miles

**The Varsity Pizza & Pints**
Pizza, lunch buffet
3000 Duval St. (538-1514)
0.5 miles

**Taco Joint**
Mexican, tacos, coffee
2807 San Jacinto (473-8223)
0.6 miles

**Trudy’s Restaurant and Bar**
Tex-Mex, American, Mexican
409 W 30th (477-2935)
1.0 mile

**Hancock Center**

(1000 E 41st St.)
1.6 miles

**Freebirds World Burrito**
Burritos
(451-5514)

**Jack in the Box**
American, burgers
(458-6252)

**Jason’s Deli**
Sandwiches, soups, salads
(453-8666)

**Pei Wei Asian Dinner**
Asian food
(382-3860)

**POK-E-JO’s Smokehouse**
Barbeque
(302-1200)

**Quizno’s Subs**
Subs
(451-8918)

**Wendy’s**
American, burgers, chicken nuggets
(377-2400)
## Restaurants

### Manor

- **El Chilito**  
  Creative Mexican food  
  1809 Manor Rd. (457-9900)  
  0.7 miles

- **Hoover’s Cooking**  
  Southern comfort food  
  2002 Manor Rd. (479-5006)  
  0.7 miles

- **Salty Sow**  
  American gastropub  
  1917 Manor Rd. (391-2337)  
  0.7 miles

- **Thunderbird Coffee**  
  Coffee  
  2200 Manor Rd. (472-9900)  
  0.7 miles

- **Mi Madre’s**  
  Breakfast tacos, Tex-Mex  
  2201 Manor Rd. (480-8441)  
  0.8 miles

- **Haymaker**  
  Craft sandwiches  
  2310 Manor Rd. (243-6702)  
  0.9 miles

### The Drag (Guadalupe St.)

- **Madam Mam’s Noodles and More**  
  Thai cuisine, noodles  
  2514 Guadalupe St. (472-8306)  
  0.8 miles

- **Einstein Bros Bagels**  
  Bagels, sandwiches  
  2404 Guadalupe St. (457-8722)  
  0.9 miles

- **Kerbey Lane Café**  
  American café, 24hrs.  
  2606 Guadalupe St. (477-5717)  
  0.9 miles

### South of Campus/ MLK

- **Which Wich**  
  Sandwiches  
  2348 Guadalupe St. (478-WICH)  
  1.0 mile

- **Noodles & Company**  
  Pasta, noodles, salads  
  2401 Guadalupe St. (499-0016)  
  1.0 mile

- **Chipotle’s Mexican Grill**  
  Tacos, burritos  
  2230 Guadalupe St. (320-0238)  
  1.0 mile

- **Odoba Mexican Grill**  
  Burritos, tacos, 3-cheese queso  
  2402 Guadalupe St. (243-8118)  
  1.0 mile

- **Qdoba Mexican Grill**  
  Burritos, tacos, 3-cheese queso  
  2402 Guadalupe St. (243-8118)  
  1.0 mile

- **Whataburger**  
  American, hamburgers  
  2800 Guadalupe St. (480-5993)  
  1.1 miles

- **Changos Taqueria**  
  Tacos  
  3023 Guadalupe St. (480-8226)  
  1.1 mile

- **El Patio**  
  Mexican, tacos, enchiladas  
  2938 Guadalupe St. (476-5955)  
  1.4 miles

### Downtown

- **Brick Oven Restaurant**  
  Italian, pizza, pasta  
  1209 Red River (477-7006)  
  1.6 miles

- **Stubb’s Barbeque**  
  Barbeque  
  801 Red River St. (480-8341)  
  1.9 miles