



**Race, Ethnicity, and Migration:  
An Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Conference**

Thursday, February 26, 2015

Maison Française/Buell Hall

515 West 116th Street

New York, NY 10027

8:30-9:00 a.m.: **Arrival & Breakfast**

9:00-9:15 a.m.: **Welcoming Remarks**

Mae Ngai (Lung Family Professor of Asian American Studies and Professor of History, Columbia University)

9:15-10:45 a.m.: **Session 1: Racial and Ethnic Identity in Historical Perspectives**

Presider: Tina Jiwatram-Negrón (PhD Candidate in Social Work, Columbia University)

Judah M. Bernstein (PhD Candidate in Hebrew Judaic Studies and History, New York University)  
*Zionism from Below: Immigrants and Jewish Nationalism in Early Twentieth Century America*

Sean P. Fraga (PhD Candidate in History, Princeton University)  
*“Chinese Birdmen”: Aviation and Race in the Transnational American West, 1895-1919*

Jessica H. Lee (PhD Candidate in History, Columbia University)  
*The Italian Vote: Local, National, and International Politics in an Immigrant Community*

Discussant: José C. Moya (Professor of History, Barnard College/Columbia University)

10:45-11:00 a.m.: Coffee break

11:00-12:30 p.m.: **Session 2: The Global Construction of Race and Ethnicity**

Presider: Bailey Brown (PhD Candidate in Sociology, Columbia University)

Nathanael Shelley (PhD Candidate in MESAAS, Columbia University)  
*Earliest Ethnicities: Concepts of Social Differences in Antiquity*

Douglas de Toledo Piza (PhD Candidate in Sociology, New School for Social Research)  
*Chinese Sellers: A Story of Globalization as Told by Downtown São Paulo*

Pedro A. Regalado (PhD Candidate in American Studies, Yale University)  
*Bodegas y Colmados: 20<sup>th</sup>-Century Dominican Vernacular Space across Borders*

Discussant: Margaret M. Chin (Associate Professor of Sociology, CUNY-Hunter College & Graduate Center)

12:30-12:45 p.m.: Lunch break

- 12:45-2:00 p.m.: **Luncheon Keynote**
- President: Van C. Tran (Assistant Professor of Sociology, Columbia University)
- Speaker: Philip Kasinitz (Presidential Professor of Sociology, CUNY-Graduate Center)  
*Comparative Study of Race, Ethnicity, and Migration: New Directions for Research*
- 2:00-2:15 p.m.: **Transition break - afternoon panels will reconvene in Fayerweather 411**
- 2:15-3:45 p.m.: **Session 3: Transnational Involvements in Comparative Perspectives**
- President: Nicol Valdez (PhD Candidate in Sociology, Columbia University)
- Rachel G. Newman (PhD Candidate in History, Columbia University)  
*A Biography of Transnational Mexicanidad in the Borderlands: Education and Identity in the Life of Filiberto Gómez*
- Sung-Choon Park (PhD Candidate in Sociology, New School for Social Research)  
*Transnational Lives of International Students and Transmission on Race to Their Country of Origin*
- Cathi Choi (MA Candidate in International History, Columbia University)  
*Protection against Good Intentions: The Ban of Proxy Adoption of Korean Children*
- Discussant: Dan J. Wang (Assistant Professor of Management & Sociology, Columbia University)
- 3:45-4:00 p.m.: Coffee break
- 4:00-5:30 p.m.: **Session 4: Deportation, Displacement, and Return Migration**
- President: Kathleen Griesbach (PhD Candidate in Sociology, Columbia University)
- Irina Levin (PhD Candidate in Anthropology, New York University)  
*Every Bird in Its Nest: Return and the Long-Term Aftermaths of Forced Displacement*
- Shirley Leyro (PhD Candidate in Criminal Justice, CUNY-Graduate Center)  
*The Fear of Deportation as a Barrier to Assimilation and Integration*
- Daniel Morales (PhD Candidate in History, Columbia University)  
*The Counted and the Uncounted: Mobility in Mexican Migration 1910-1930*
- Discussant: Rebecca A. Kobrin (Russell and Bettina Knapp Associate Professor of American Jewish History, Columbia University)

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