Migration Without Boundaries Conference 2015

Friday, October 9th

5:00 PM: Registration, 3rd Floor International Center

5:30 PM: Keynote Speaker – Dr. Dawn Chatty, University of Oxford
“Syria: The Making and Unmaking of a ‘Refuge’ State”

Saturday, October 10th

9:00 AM: Check in and Breakfast

9:45 AM: Opening Remarks - Dr. Leslie Page Moch, History

10:00 AM: MORNING SESSION – Panels 1 & 2

1. Mobilizing Religion
Discussant: Delia Fernandez, History
Chair: Rich Mares, History
- James Padilioni, College of William and Mary - “When the Saints go Marching in’: Mobilizing Catholicism for the Making of Community/as"
- Barbara Sostaita, Yale Divinity School - “‘Para Dios No Hay Extranjeros’ (There Are No Strangers For God): Migrant Mobilization and World-Making at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church”
- Raymond Awadzi, Florida International University - “Impact of immigration on the religious landscape of America: A Case for Teaching Religious Subjects"

2. Transnational Families
Discussant: Steve Gold, Sociology
Chair: Crystal Eddins, African American and African Studies, Sociology
- Jihan A. Mohammed, Michigan State University - “Marriage Obstacles in Iraqi Kurdistan Region- Duhok City”
- Kathe Gray, York University - “Doing Migration Otherwise: From antipolitics to transformative political action in transnational adoption”
• Elena Borisova, European University at St. Petersburg - “Parenting at a distance: the case of transnational migrants from northern Tajikistan in Russia”

12:00 PM: LUNCH

1:00 PM: AFTERNOON SESSION – Panels 3 & 4

3. Economics of Mobility
Discussant: Lewis Siegelbaum, History
Chair: Liao Zhang, History
• Linger Ayele, Addis Ababa University - “Patterns and Determinants of Rural-rural Migration in Ethiopia: The Case of Temporary Labor Out-migration in Kuarit District of Amhara Region”
• Mesay A. Tegegne, University of Iowa - “Immigrants' Social Capital and Labor Market Performance: the Effect of Social Ties on Earnings and Occupational Prestige
• Sirinya Siriyanun, Suan Sunantha Rajabhat University - “Ethnic Conflict and Economic Cooperation in the Borderlands: Burma, Thailand, and the Karen”
• April Greenwood, Michigan State University - “Owning the Sidewalk: The Place of Cross-Cultural Businesses in Tanga, Tanzania”

4. Spaces of Mobility, Places of Belonging
Discussant: Stephanie Nawyn, Sociology
Chair: Alison Kolodzy, History
• Katje Armentrout, Purdue University - “Becoming a Cosmopolitan Farmer: The Case of the Millennial Generation's Migration Back to the Agrarian Middle Landscape”
• Milkie Vu, University of Chicago - “Transnational Foodscapes: Consuming Food and Constructing Communities Among Vietnamese Immigrants in Chicago”
• Anh Sy Huy Le, Michigan State University - "The Orientals Strike Back: Struggle for Spatial Justice in 1906 San Francisco's Chinatown"

3:00 PM: BREAK

3:15 PM: AFTERNOON SESSION II – Panels 5, 6, 7

5. States and Statuses
Discussant: Vibha Bhalla, Ethnic Studies, Bowling Green State University
Chair: Heather Brothers, History
• Taylan Acar, University of Wisconsin-Madison - “Social Networks Formation among Immigrant Students: School-Level Variation of Network Effects on Educational Performance in Germany”
• Jacqueline Lyon, Florida International University - “Inheriting Illegality: Race and Haitian Migration to the Dominican Republic”
• Claudia Maria Lopez, University of California, Santa Cruz - “State of Mistrust: Reintegration Failures, Human Security, and the Displacee-State Interface in Medellín”
• Praveena Lakshmanan, Michigan State University - “The Insider-Outsider Dilemmas: Reflections on Positionality while Researching Asian Indian Women on Dependent Visa Status in the United States”

6. Racial Boundaries, Ethnic Ties
Discussant: Glenn Chambers, History
Chair: Eddie Bonilla, History
• MeCherri D. Abedi-Anim, University of Oregon - “Distant Relatives: Racial Identity, Ethnic Identity, and Linked Fate among Generational African Americans and Africans in Post-Civil Rights America”
• Jennifer Sdunzik, Purdue University - “Migration without Boundaries, but Cities with Borders”
• Natalie Fleming, University at Buffalo - “Open Lenses and Closed Cultures: The Imaginary Borders of Arnold Genthe’s Old Chinatown”
• Janette E. Gayle, University of Chicago - “Reframing the Great Migration: The Early Twentieth Century African American and West Indian Migration”

7. Regional Migration: South Africa
Discussant: John Metzler, African Studies
Chair: Linda Gordon, Anthropology and Public Health
• Liz Timbs, Michigan State University - “The Curious Case of the Mercury”
• Abdulmalik Inusa Abdulrasheed, University of South Africa - “An investigation into the Personal intention to change Behaviour towards Preventing HIV among Male Nigerian Migrants in Sunnyside, City of Tshwane”
• Kulubrehan Abraham Teweldemedhin, University of South Africa - “An Assessment of a Social Intervention Programme: A Case Study of UNHCR and Unisa Collaborative HIV Prevention Project amongst Refugees and Asylum Seekers in the City of Tshwane, Gauteng”

5:15 PM: BREAK

5:30 PM: Closing Remarks – Dr. Jamie Monson, Director of the African Studies Program, Michigan State University