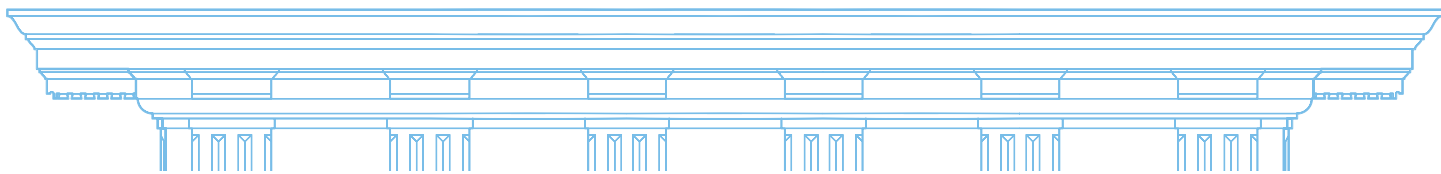


DEAN'S SYMPOSIUM

Presented by the Division of Humanities and
Social Sciences and the Department of the Library



SPRING 2017

FEBRUARY

TU | 21 2:30pm—4:00pm
Center for the Arts (1P), Lecture Hall
Reception to follow.

UNJUST SCHOOLS

John (Jay) Arena, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology

Valkiria Durán-Narucki, Lecturer, Department of Psychology

Michael Paris, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science and Global Affairs

Americans have long professed a belief in equal education for all. Ever since Horace Mann called public schools "the great balance wheel of the social machinery," Americans have made public education central to the tasks of equal opportunity and civic cohesion. Yet, the organization of schooling is marked by deep, nested inequalities, from state to state, district to district, school to school, and classroom to classroom. These inequalities are most troubling when they reflect and foster racial isolation and the concentration of poverty. What is to be done? In this symposium, a sociologist examines the politics of charter school reforms in Newark, NJ; a psychologist explores the relationship between the quality of schools' physical environments and educational outcomes; and a political scientist revisits the issue of school desegregation and wonders whether it is really a lost cause.

MARCH

TU | 21 2:30pm—4:00pm
Center for the Arts (1P), Room 223,
Screening Room.
Reception to follow.

REPRODUCTION IN LATIN AMERICA

Rafael de la Dehesa, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology

Natalie L. Kimball, PhD, Assistant Professor, Department of History

Jane Marcus-Delgado, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science and Global Affairs

Reproductive rights are, and always have been, a contentious challenge in Latin American politics. Scholarship on the issue spans areas ranging from the history of abortion rights and contraception to questions of political representation and the notions of "choice" in diverse societies. In addition, discussions of gender-based rights engage complex debates about public health, human rights, international relations, and traditional practices. This panel brings together a historian, a political scientist, and a sociologist to present perspectives on the politics of reproduction in the region.

APRIL

TU | 25 2:30pm—4:00pm
Center for the Arts (1P), Room 223,
Screening Room.
Reception to follow.

TURKEY AND THE MIDDLE EAST

Ozlem Goner, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology

Halil Ege Ozen, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science and Global Affairs

Bilge Yesil, Associate Professor, Department of Media Culture

From the eruption of a civil resistance against long-lasting authoritarianism in Tunisia in 2010 to the ongoing Syrian civil war, the Middle Eastern political landscape has been in a state of flux, if not chaos. This panel situates the case of Turkey within this landscape by exploring the early phases of democratization (2012-2015) and the rise of authoritarian politics and culture following the 2015 national elections. In this symposium, a sociologist sheds light on the false promises of democratization and the status of state-minority relations, a political scientist examines the 2015 elections and their aftermath, and a cultural critic looks at continuity and change in state-media relationships.

A reception will follow each symposium. CLUE credit is available for all events.

"What we have loved, others will love, and we will teach them how." –William Wordsworth

