Libidinal Investments
Emerging Scholarship on Sexualities and the Social
March 29-30, 2012 • Northwestern University, Evanston
Free and open to the public

Thursday, March 29 • John Evans Alumni Center
5:30 pm Keynote Address by Richard G. Parker, Columbia University: “Sexual Matters, the Politics of HIV and AIDS, and the Invention of Global Health”
7:00 pm Reception

Friday, March 30 • Hagstrum Room, University Hall 201

8:30 am Continental Breakfast
9:00 am Welcome
9:15 am Panel 1: Categories and Boundaries: The Making of Subjectivities
Ben Singer (University of Pennsylvania): “The Profusion of Things: Transgender Umbrellas and Categorical Excess”
Tey Meadow (Princeton University): “Studying Each Other: Gender, Fieldwork, and Transgender Kids”
Kirsten Leng (Northwestern University): “‘Troubling ‘Normal’: Early Twentieth Century Feminist Critiques of Male Sexuality”
Comments by Elias Krell (Performance Studies, Northwestern), Clare Forstie (Sociology, Northwestern), and Christine Wood (Sociology, Northwestern)
11:00 am Break
11:30 am Publishing in the Field of Sexuality Studies
Q&A with Doug Mitchell, Executive Editor, University of Chicago Press, and Richard Parker, Columbia University
12:30 pm Lunch

1:30 pm Panel 2: New Intimacies, Global Economies, and the Nation-State
Evren Savci (Northwestern University): “Queer in Translation: Paradoxes of Westernization and Sexual Others in the Turkish Nation”
Kimberly Hoang (Rice University): “Chasing the Dragon: Sex, Finance, and Masculinities in the New Global Economy”
John Song-Pae Cho (University of California, Berkeley): “Post-IMF Anxieties: The Luxury of Love and the Retreat/Retirement of Single Gay Men”
Comments by Savina Balasubramanian (Sociology, Northwestern), Anna Terwiel (Political Science, Northwestern), Greg Mitchell (Performance Studies, Northwestern)
3:15 pm Break
3:45 pm Panel 3: Regulation, Subversion, and the Transformation of Space
Andrew Ross (Kenyon College): “The Politics of Pleasure: Sex and Space in Nineteenth-Century Paris”
Danielle Hidalgo (University of San Francisco): “Performing Pleasure, Transforming Desire: Embodying Geographies of Genders and Sexualities in Bangkok Nightclubbing”
Julio César Capó, Jr., Yale University: “‘Support All Groups Who Face Any Infringement of Their Rights’: Sexuality’s Role in Redefining Ethnicity and Race in Miami, 1978 – 1994”
Comments by Tera Agepong (African American Studies, Northwestern), Melissa Minor Peters (Anthropology and Public Health, Northwestern), Theo Greene (Sociology, Northwestern)
5:30 pm Reception

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