

## School of Sociology Brownbag Series, Spring 2014

- Jan. 17**      **Corey Abramson, School of Sociology (University of Arizona)**  
"How Culture Connects Prior Inequality to Present Behavior: Lessons from Growing Old in Four Urban Neighborhoods."
- Jan. 24**      **Andrea Romero, Family Studies & Human Development and Mexican American Studies (University of Arizona)**  
"Preventing Adolescent Depression and Suicide Among Latinas"
- Jan. 31**      **Brian Uzzi, Kellogg School of Management (Northwestern University)**  
"Atypical Combinations in Scientific Impact." Talk held at McClelland Hall, Room 208. 11:30-1:30. (Sponsored by McGuire Center for Entrepreneurship at Eller)
- Feb. 7**      **Eyal Oren, Epidemiology and Biostatistics (University of Arizona)**  
"The Social Determinants of Tuberculosis – Theories and Interventions."
- Feb. 14**      **Bill Bielby, Sociology (UC Santa Barbara and University of Illinois-Chicago)**  
"How Group Interests and Inequality Beliefs Shape Americans' Views on Workplace Anti-discrimination Interventions"
- Feb. 21**      **Lisa Jean Moore, Sociology (SUNY-Purchase)**  
"Becoming with Bees: Sociological Imaginations and Intraspecies Engagements" (co-sponsored with GWS)
- Feb. 28**      **Airin Martinez, School of Transborder Studies (ASU)**  
"The relationship between nutrition transition score and measures of obesity among Latino immigrants in Baltimore."
- Mar. 7**      **Zakiya Luna, UC President's Postdoctoral Fellow, Center on Reproductive Rights and Justice at Berkeley Law, and Assistant Professor of Sociology, UC Santa Barbara**  
"'We Have Our Own Voice': Framing, Identity, and Power's Role in Radical Reaffirmation"
- Mar. 14**      **Greeley-Fest**
- Mar. 21**      **No Brownbag (Spring Break)**
- Mar. 28**      **Carol Heimer, Sociology (Northwestern University)**  
"Colonizing the Clinic: The Adventures of Law in HIV Treatment and Research"
- Apr. 4**      **Joseph Broschak, Management and Organizations, Eller College of Management (University of Arizona)**

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- Apr. 11**      **Balazs Kovacs, Organizations and Markets (University of Lugano)**  
"Organization theory meets the sociology of consumption and culture: How online reviews shape organizational behavior. Large-scale empirical evidence from online restaurant, book, and film reviews."
- Apr. 18**      **No Brownbag**
- Apr. 25**      **Jennifer Reich, Sociology (University of Denver)**  
"Neoliberal Mothering and Vaccine Refusal: Imagined Gated Communities and the Privilege of Choice"
- May 2**        **No Brownbag**

## Abstracts:

**Airin Martinez**, "The relationship between nutrition transition score and measures of obesity among Latino immigrants in Baltimore"

This manuscript examines how country of origin's nutrition transition score is associated with Latina/o immigrants' current objective and subjective measures of obesity. The objective measures include body mass index (BMI) and the subjective measure is self-perceived weight. The nutrition transition is a demographic, epidemiological, and nutritional shift that is accelerated by globalization. It is often identified when a low- to middle-income country has the polar phenomenon in which their rural areas have a high prevalence of malnutrition and urban areas have a high prevalence of overweight/obesity and non-communicable chronic diseases. The paper hypothesizes that those Latina/o immigrants from countries further along the nutrition transition are more likely to have higher BMI scores and perceive their overweight/obesity as normal because they have been in an obesogenic society longer. However, our results were completely opposite to our original hypotheses and we ended up discovering, that the nutrition transition score was not related to BMI, but does increase the likelihood for Latina/o immigrants to perceive their overweight as above normal. The extant literature often assumes that Latina/o immigrants become overweight or obese in the US. However, they may have already had a weight problem in their country of origin. This research project encourages researchers to consider the pre-immigration factors of the sender communities and the differences between Latin American subgroups when assessing Latina/o immigrants' obesity.