

**Community & Environmental Sociology/Sociology 985
Research: Community & Environmental Sociology**

The ComE Soc Seminar

Spring Semester, 2011

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Wednesdays, 12.10 – 1.10 p.m., 301 Agriculture Hall

Purpose

The ComE Soc Seminar is offered each semester to provide opportunities for intellectual exchange on topics relating to the sociological inquiry of community and environment. Like the department, the seminar has changed from its former name, SociETAS, to better reflect the research interests of department faculty and students. Consequently, the seminar is more broadly focused on matters surrounding the sociological study of communities and the environment.

Format

We aim to make the ComE Soc seminar a lively intellectual forum as well as a supportive environment in which students, faculty and staff—primarily from Sociology and Community & Environmental Sociology, but from across campus as well—can present their work. Students, faculty and academic staff members interested in presenting their work should speak to me. As well, we will have occasional outside speakers, panel discussions, and other formats for sessions. If you have an idea for a session, please share it with me.

Talks presented in the seminar should be about twenty minutes long, certainly less than thirty minutes. Disciplining yourself to keep it short is practical training for presentations at professional meetings. Plus it gives us plenty of time to respond and discuss your work. The seminar meeting concludes by 1:10 p.m.

Who Should Participate in the ComE Soc Seminar?

All graduate students, faculty and staff interested in community and environmental sociology are warmly invited to participate. The seminar affords an opportunity for entering students to become acquainted with on-going research on topics and for more senior students to present their work. Presentation of well-developed research being undertaken for master's theses, dissertations, conference papers, journal articles, and books is appropriate for this forum. Practice job talks are also welcome.

Requirements for Enrolled Students

Students who are regular participants in the seminar usually enroll for 1 credit. Students making a presentation to the seminar or who organize a discussion of a reading may take the seminar for 2 credits, assuming that they also attend most of the seminar meetings. Ordinarily the seminar is not graded on an A-B-C basis. If you think you have good reason for being graded on an A-B-C basis, please contact me at the beginning of the semester. Students not formally registered for the class are also strongly encouraged to attend and participate in our discussions of community and environmental sociology.

ComE Soc Seminar Calendar, Spring 2011

January 19th: Organizational Meeting

January 26th: Discussion of Rugh & Massey, “Racial Segregation and the American Foreclosure Crisis” (ASR 2010)

January 31st, **Monday** (in lieu of February 2nd): Paul Hanselman, “Within Group Inequality: Return Migration and Southern Black Status” (Joint with Race & Ethnicity Brownbag; advisor, Adam Gamoran)*

February 9th: *Discussion—Reading TBA*

February 16th: Samer Alatout, Mike Bell and Gary Green, “Pointers to Prepare for the Prelims”

February 23rd: Gregg Mitman (History of Science, Nelson Institute), “The Color of Money: Campaigning for Health in Black and White America”

March 2nd: Catherine Willis, “Present Neoliberal Possibilities: Lesson from American Agricultural History” (advisor, Randy Stoecker)

March 9th: Yifei Li, “Greenbagged Capitalism? An Environmental Sociological Assessment of the Ban on Plastic Bags” (advisor, Gary Green)

March 16th: *No Seminar, Spring Recess*

March 23rd: Rob Mare (Joint Department Brownbag Series, CDHA)*

March 30th: Steve Wing (Doris Slesinger Memorial Lecture), “A Conversation: Ethical and Methodological Issues in Community-Based Public Health Research” (public presentation to follow @ 4P)

April 6th: *No seminar, Joint Department Meeting*

April 13th: Laura Senier, “Green Cleaners in Boston Schools: Community-Engaged Work to Promote Student Employee Health and Safety”

April 20th: Steve Ruggles (Joint Department Brownbag Series, CDE)*

April 27th: John Hagan (Joint Department Brownbag Series, Law & Deviance)*

May 4th: *Majors Capstone Presentations*

* The seminar will meet in Social Sciences. The specific room number will be announced via email.