

How Does Anthropology Know? Ethnographic Fieldwork and the Co-Production of Knowledge

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Thursday, September 25th

9:00am Opening Remarks

Joseph Hubert (vice-recteur à la recherche, Université de Montréal)

Pierrette Thibault (Directrice, Département d'anthropologie, Université de Montréal)

Bob W. White (Université de Montréal)

9:30am – 12pm

Morning Session: Theories and Practices of Intersubjectivity

Moderator: Gilles Bibeau (Université de Montréal)

Johannes Fabian (University of Amsterdam)

Ethnography and Intersubjectivity: Loose Ends

Christine Jourdan (Concordia University)

Intersubjectivity and the Making of Resina's Life History

Coffee break

Michael Agar (University of Maryland)

Speaking of Ethnography

Lunch

1pm—3pm

Round Table Discussion: Not So Ideal Speech Situations

Moderator: Shelly Errington (University of California, Santa Cruz)

Blair Rutherford (Carleton University)

The "(K)No(w)" of Politics: Fieldwork During the Time of Jambanja on Zimbabwean Farms

Rafael José de Menezes Bastos (Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina)

The Production of Knowledge about Amerindian Music, and the Indigenous Appropriation of "Phonography": The Brazilian Case Today

Nancy Chen (University of California, Santa Cruz)

Cultural Knowledge and Biocitizens: Perspectives on the Biotech Industry in China

Coffee break

3:30-5:30

Workshop Activity: Approaches to Intersubjectivity

Moderator: Bob W. White (Université de Montréal)

Facilitators: Louise Lachapelle (Collège de Maisonneuve, Université Laval, U.Q.A.M.)

Devora Neumark (Goddard College-Vermont, Concordia U., Engrenage Noir-Projet LEVIER)

Drawing from their own fieldwork experience, participants will be asked to think critically about the role that intersubjectivity plays in the process of ethnographic research.

Friday, September 26th

9am—12 pm

Morning Session: Time, Space and Rapport

Moderator: Unni Wikan (University of Oslo)

Triloki Pandey (University of California, Santa Cruz)

Old Sites and New Knowledge

John Galaty (McGill University)

The Never-Ending Field: Friendship, Technology and the Refashioning of Ethnographic Experience

Coffee break

Eric Gable (Mary Washington College)

Guilt and Fieldwork

Lunch

1pm – 3pm

Round Table Discussion: Collaboration and Ethnographic Practice

Moderator: Sylvie Poirier (Université Laval)

Shiho Satsuka (University of Toronto)

Strong Collaboration as a Method for Multi-sited Ethnography: On Mychorrizal Relations

Luke Eric Lassiter (Marshall University Graduate College)

Reflections on the Other Side of Middletown Project

Coffee break

3:30pm - 5:30pm

Workshop Activity: Breakdown and Breakthrough

Moderator: Bob White (Université de Montréal)

Presenters identify a defining moment in their collaboration that led either to a breakdown in communications or to a reassessment of the project's future. Workshop participants will attempt to formulate an overview of the lessons that can be applied to situations of intercultural collaboration in ethnographic research.

Luke Eric Lassiter (Marshall University Graduate College)

Hurley Goodall (State of Indiana House of Representatives, Retired)

Michael Agar (University of Maryland)

James Peterson (George Washington University)

Saturday, September 27th

9am—12 pm

Morning Session: Ethnography of / Ethnography With

A Panel on Ethnographic Knowledge in the Work of Johannes Fabian

Moderator: Christine Jourdan (Concordia University)

Jean-Guy Goulet (St. Paul University)

Devenir autre afin de connaître l'autre?

Corinne Kratz (Emory University)

In and Out of Focus

Coffee break

Kiven Strohm (Université de Montréal)

The Ethics of Confrontation

Lunch

1pm – 3pm

Roundtable Discussion: Intersubjective Dilemmas in First Fieldwork

Moderator: Denis-Constant Martin (Centre d'études et de recherches internationales)

Short student presentations on a particular aspect of intercultural dynamics in the context of their first period of extended ethnographic fieldwork, followed by comments from workshop participants

Véronique Audet (Université de Montréal)

Pascal Gaudet (McGill University)

Lea Kalaora (Université de Montréal)

Alexandrine Boudreault-Fournier (University of Manchester)

Alberto Sánchez (University of California, Berkeley)

Coffee break

3:30pm - 5:30pm

Workshop Activity: Wrap-up and Synthesis

*Exploration of preliminary findings and future areas of inquiry
Discussion of plans for publication and future collaborations*