

FALL 2008

September 25: Sasha Turner, Tulane University
"Her West Indian Fortune: White Women and Plantation
Management in Jamaica, 1765-1812"
Respondent: Shakti Jaising

October 2: Ousseina Alidou, African, Middle Eastern
and South Asian Languages and Literature
"Muslim Women and Rights Discourse: Kenya in
Comparative Perspective"
Respondent: Catherine Sameh

October 9: Dorothy Hodgson, Anthropology & IRW
"These are not our Priorities': Maasai Women,
Development and the Problem of Culture"
Respondent: Susan Smith-Peter

October 16: A Conversation with Jane Real

October 23: Guest: Ayesha Imam

October 30: Scholarly Publishing with Karen Alexander,
Signs and Adi Hovav, Rutgers University Press

November 6: Sally F. Goldfarb, School of Law-Camden
"A Clash of Cultures: Women, Domestic Violence, and
Law"
Respondent: Rebecca Tuuri

November 13: Robyn Magalit Rodriguez, Sociology
"Rights and Belonging in New Jersey after 9/11"
Respondent: Johanna Wagner

November 20: Heather Hewett, SUNY-New Paltz
"African Literary Representations of Human Rights,
Women's Bodies, and Culture"
Respondent: Sasha Turner

December 4: Stacey Leigh Hunt, Political Science
"Culture of Citizenship, Culture of Violence: Inculcating
Differentiated Citizen Participation and Rights under
Democratic Neo-liberal Governance in Contemporary
Colombia"
Respondent: Robyn Rodriguez

SPRING 2009

January 22: Laura Lomas, English-Newark
"Undocumented Subjects: Migration, Criminalization and
Economic Integration in the Americas"
Respondent: Annalisa Butticci

January 29: Shakti Jaising, English
"Global Neoliberalism and Human Rights Discourse"
Respondent: Laura Lomas

February 5: Debotri Dhar, Women's & Gender Studies
"Reading Bodies, Writing Culture: Postcoloniality and
Women's Rights in Contemporary India"
Respondent: Heather Hewett

February 12: Annalisa Butticci, Univ. of Padua, Italy
"Female Genital Mutilation: Culture, Rights and Power on
Women's Bodies"
Respondent: Ousseina Alidou

February 19: Johanna Rossi Wagner, Italian
"Interstitial Cultures: Women of the Italian Colonial Empire
in the Works of Erminia Dell'Oro"
Respondent: Leslie Fishbein

February 26: NO SEMINAR

March 5: Catherine Sameh, Women's & Gender Studies
"Islamic Feminism in Iran: Rights, Religion, and New
Transnational Feminist Discourses"
Respondent: Dorothy Hodgson

March 12: Rebecca Tuuri, History
"'Building Bridges of Understanding' in the Pursuit of
Welfare Rights: The Activism of the National Council
of Negro Women in the War on Poverty"
Respondent: Enikö Magyari-Vincze

March 26: Leslie Fishbein, American Studies
"Tangled Tropes: Blacks and Jews in Vexed
Conversation"
Respondent: Salma Maoulidi

April 2: Salma Maoulidi, Sahiba Sisters, Tanzania
"Between Law and Culture: Contemplating Rights for
Women in Zanzibar"
Respondent: Stacey Hunt

April 9: Karen Gainer Sirota, School of Social Work
"Narrative Ethics and Women's Rights: Gender,
Discourse, and the Micropolitics of Everyday Life in
US Dual-Earner Families"
Respondent: Sally Goldfarb

April 16: Enikö Magyari-Vincze, Babes-Bolyai
University, Romania
"Culture, Rights and Moral Entitlement"
Respondent: Debotri Dhar

April 23: Susan Smith-Peter, College of Staten Island
"From Creole Estate to Native Corporation: Indigenous
Rights in Alaska"
Respondent: Karen Sirota

April 30: Final meeting
Reflections, evaluation