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WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 2012

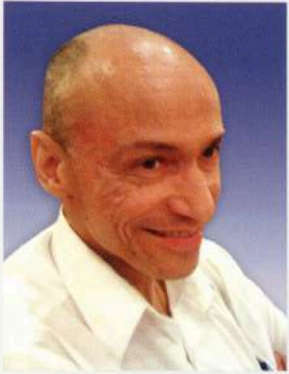
- 9:00-9:45 am **Michael Davis (Dissertation Fellow, History):** "Schemes for Liberty, Schemes for Slavery: North American Freemasonry and Manifest Destiny, 1810-1860" *19th century anti-Masons frequently charged that Freemasonry broke down bonds of national loyalty by replacing patriotic values with fraternal sensibilities. Though these charges have traditionally been dismissed by historians, this study reveals that Masonry was, in fact, frequently used as a tool to break down nationalistic loyalties, particularly by American sympathizers in Latin America.*
- 9:45-10:30 am **Matthew E. Stanley (Dissertation Fellow, History):** "The War Fattens on the Blood of Western Men: Emancipation, Regional Identity, and the Limits of Practical Abolitionism on Slavery's Western Border" *This paper examines the popular response to the Emancipation Proclamation in the Lower Middle West as it related to the region's conservative unionism and understandings of place.*
- 10:30-11:15 am **Poranee Khongkha (Dissertation Fellow, Mathematics):** "Geometric Properties of the Ferrand Distance" *Ferrand geometry lies "midway" between hyperbolic and quasi-hyperbolic geometry. This presentation examines the smoothness of geodesics and geodesic properties of the Ferrand metric.*
- 11:15-Noon **Sasmita Patnaik (Dissertation Fellow, Mathematics):** "Subideals of Operators" *This study examines the structures of principal subideals, finitely generated subideals, and countably generated subideals.*
- Noon-1:00 pm **Catered Lunch:** Baba Budan's: Mediterranean Platter, Falafel Wraps, Greek Salad
- 1:00-1:45 pm **Wes Jackson (Dissertation Fellow, German Studies):** "Historical Gaps and Jewish Bridges" *This study examines how Alfred Döblin's travelogue, "Journey to Poland," illustrates his understanding of time and history as place.*
- 1:45-2:30 pm **Travis Speice (Dissertation Fellow, Sociology):** "The Presentation of (Gendered and Sexual) Selves in Everyday Life" *This study investigates the ways gay men actively manage their gendered (masculine/feminine) identity and their (homo) sexual identity in various social environments.*
- 2:30-3:15 pm **Manuel Iris (Dissertation Fellow, Romance Languages and Literatures):** "Channel of Channels: A Comparative Study of Four Latin American Poets" *This study analyzes the work of poets from four Latin American national traditions and offers comparative analyses of the poetry.*
- 3:15-4:00 pm **Rike Rothstein (Dissertation Fellow, Political Science):** "Out of Sync: Why Did America's Environmental Movement Lose its Political Power?" *This presentation examines the image, issues, strategies, and constituency of four national environmental organizations to explain the insignificance of environmental issues in national electoral politics.*
- 4:00-4:45 pm **Paula G. Garrido (Dissertation Fellow, Romance Languages and Literatures):** "Forms of the Unreal in the Short Stories of Six Contemporary Argentine Women Writers" *This study proposes new approaches for examining fantastic narratives that question the relationship between the real and the unreal.*
- 5:00-7:00 pm **Catered Beer Reception:** Dewey's Pizza and Assorted Micro-brewery selections

THURSDAY, MAY 17, 2012

- 9:00-10:00 am Don French (Center Fellow, Mathematics): "Mathematical and Computational Studies of Problems Arising in the Social, Biological and Physical Sciences" *This study describes the application of mathematical modeling and scientific computation to engineering and social networks problems.*
- 10:00-11:00 am David Stradling (Center Fellow, History): "Where the River Burns: Cleveland, Carl Stokes, and the Collapse of Urban America" *Using Cleveland as a case study, this work brings environmental history methodology into the city in an effort to explain the urban crisis of the 1960s.*
- 11:00-Noon Amy Lind (Center Fellow, Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies): "Governing Sexuality: Development, Family Norms, and the Struggle for Sexual Rights in Ecuador" *This work examines family law and policy in Rafael Correa's Citizen Revolution with the aim of understanding the broader relationship among sexuality and the state in postcolonial Ecuador.*
- Noon-1:00 pm Catered Lunch: Ambar India: Saag Paneer, Lamb Rogan Josh, Chicken Tikka Masala
- 1:00-2:00 pm Todd Herzog (Center Fellow, German Studies): "The Banality of Surveillance: Art and Life after the Death of Privacy" *This paper examines how surveillance has been depicted in art, film, and literature since WWII and offers new theories of power relationships in the post-private world.*
- 2:00-3:00 pm Jay Twomey (Center Fellow, English and Comparative Literature): "2 Corinthians: A New Testament Guide" *This paper critically overviews 2 Corinthians for students, focusing especially on recent approaches to the epistle's context, rhetoric, literary integrity, and historical and autobiographical content.*
- 3:00-4:00 pm Jenefer Robinson (Center Fellow, Philosophy): "Aesthetic Disgust?" *We tend to think of disgust as a primitive emotion, which erupts irrationally when we are faced with objects, activities or people for whom we have a particularly visceral aversion; but disgust can often play important cognitive roles in human life and art.*
- 4:30-6:00 pm **Keynote Dialogue:**
**Contract and Domination:
Talking about Race, Gender, and Power**
Charles W. Mills, Northwestern University.
Carole Pateman, University of California, Los Angeles
- 6:30-7:30 pm Wine Reception

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KEYNOTE PRESENTATIONS



Charles W. Mills is John Evans Professor of Moral and Intellectual Philosophy at Northwestern University. He works in the general area of oppositional political theory, and is the author of five books: "The Racial Contract" (1997); "Blackness Visible: Essays on Philosophy and Race" (1998); "From Class to Race: Essays in White Marxism and Black Radicalism" (2003); "Contract and Domination" (with Carole Pateman) (2007); and "Radical Theory, Caribbean Reality: Race, Class and Social Domination" (2010).

Carole Pateman is Distinguished Professor Emeritus in the Department of Political Science at the University of California, Los Angeles and Honorary Professor in the School of European Studies at Cardiff University (UK). She is Past-President of the American Political Science Association (2010-11) and the first woman President of the International Political Science Association (1991-94), and a Fellow of the American Academy for Arts and Science and the British Academy. Her best-known books are "Participation and Democratic Theory" (1970) and "The Sexual Contract" (1988). She published "Contract and Domination" with Charles Mills in 2007, and "Basic Income Worldwide: Horizons of Reform" (co-editor with Matthew Murray) will appear later this year. Professor Pateman's Presidential Address to the APSA meeting in 2011, "Participatory Democracy Revisited," is available in the current issue of Perspectives on Politics.



*"A concentration of interest in
the development of ideas."*

-Annie Sinton Taft



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