SOCIETY CULTURE THOUGHT FALL 2015 COLLOQUIUM

SEPTEMBER 21 Inequalities in Educational Transitions

DEBBIE WARNOCK is an Assistant Professor of Sociology at SUNY Cortland. She holds a PhD in Sociology from the University of Washington and a BA in Psychology and German Studies from Vassar. Her work focuses on racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic inequalities in transitions to and from, and in experiences of, higher education. Her research is motivated by her experience of having grown up in a low-income family and the accompanying challenges she faced in her own educational transitions.

MONDAYS 7:00 PM CAPA SYMPOSIUM BENNINGTON COLLEGE

SEPTEMBER 28 Towards an Ethnography of Experimental Psychology

EMILY MARTIN | Historians of psychology have described how the "introspection" of early Wundtian psychology largely came to be ruled out of experimental settings by the mid 20th century. Emily Martin (NYU) takes a fresh look at the years before this process was complete—from the vantage point of early anthropological and psychological field expeditions. She will take this opportunity to reconsider the importance of the Cambridge Anthropological Expedition to the Torres Straits Islands in 1898 in the history of anthropology and to explore some possible ways of approaching experimental psychology ethnographically.

OCTOBER 5 The Sixth Extinction

ELIZABETH KOLBERT is a journalist and author of The Sixth Extinction: An Unnatural History, a book about mass extinctions that weaves intellectual and natural history with reporting in the field. Ms. Kolbert won the Pulitzer Prize for General Nonfiction for the book in 2015. In 2010, she received the prestigious Heinz Award, which recognizes individuals who are addressing global change caused by the impact of human activities and natural processes on the environment. Ms. Kolbert is a staff writer for The New Yorker, where she writes about politics and the environment.

OCTOBER 26

JESSE CASANA is a specialist in the archaeology of the Middle East. His talk will be about the destruction of Syrian artifacts. Dr. Casana holds his degrees from the University of Chicago and the University of Texas at Austin. He works in the Anthropology Department at the University of Arkansas.