

# 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)

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**9:40am – 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 26<sup>th</sup>

**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 27<sup>th</sup>

**9am—12 pm**

**Morning Session: Ethnography of / Ethnography With**

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 (Université de Bordeaux)

*Short student presentations on a particular aspect of intercultural dynamics in the context of doctoral field research, followed by comments from workshop participants*

**Véronique Audet** (Université de Montréal)

**Pascal Gaudet** (McGill University)

**Léa 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*

*Photo contest*