

2018-2019 Colloquia



Shahzeen Attari, Indiana University Bloomington

Friday, October 5, 2018

12:00 noon – 1:30 p.m., Olson Room, Gowen 1A
“Climate Change Advocacy and Ad Hominem Attacks”

Shahzeen Attari's research focuses on the psychology of resource use and climate change. Her work draws on cognitive and environmental science, and focuses on perceptions, motivations, and biases of how people understand complex systems and how to motivate behavior change. She is an Associate Professor at the School of Public and Environmental Affairs (SPEA) at Indiana University Bloomington. She was a postdoctoral fellow at the Earth Institute and the Center for Research on Environmental Decisions (CRED) at Columbia University. She holds a PhD in Civil and Environmental Engineering & Engineering and Public Policy from Carnegie Mellon University, and a Bachelors of Science in Engineering Physics from University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She is currently an Andrew Carnegie Fellow.



Neil A. Lewis, Jr., Cornell University

Friday, November 2, 2018

12:00 noon – 1:30 p.m., Olson Room, Gowen 1A

“The Complex Relationship Between Climate Change Beliefs and Sustainable Behavior”

Neil Lewis, Jr. is Assistant Professor of Communication and Social Behavior at Cornell University, where he is also a Faculty Affiliate of the Roper Center for Public Opinion Research and Cornell Center for the Study of Inequality. He earned his BA in Economics and Psychology at Cornell University, and his MS and PhD in Social Psychology at the University of Michigan. Lewis’s research examines the interplay between identity and social contexts and its influence on people’s motivation to pursue education, health, and environmental goals. This research has been published in the *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, *Psychological Science*, *Journal of Environmental Psychology*, and elsewhere, and has been featured in public outlets such as *The Washington Post*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and *The Atlantic*. Lewis is co-editing a special issue of the *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*, and is on the editorial board of *Analyses of Social Issues and Public Policy*.



Mike Tomz, Stanford University

Friday, December 7, 2018

12:00 noon – 1:30 p.m., Olson Room, Gowen 1A
“Does Private Regulation Preempt Public Regulation?”

Michael Tomz is a Professor of Political Science at Stanford University. Tomz has published in the fields of international relations, American politics, comparative politics, and statistical methods. He is the author of *Reputation and International Cooperation: Sovereign Debt across Three Centuries* and numerous articles in political science and economics journals. Tomz received the International Studies Association’s Karl Deutsch Award, given to a scholar who, within 10 years of earning a Ph.D., has made the most significant contribution to the study of international relations. His research has been supported by the National Science Foundation. He has been a visiting scholar at the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, the Hoover Institution, the Institute for Research in the Social Sciences, and the International Monetary Fund.



Alexandra Brewis, Arizona State University

Friday, January 11, 2019

12:00 noon – 1:30 p.m., Olson Room, Gowen 1A

“Biocultural Perspectives on Coping with Water Insecurity (and other Extreme Climate Challenges)”

Alex Brewis (Slade) has a long career of collaborative, community-based field research, addressing the biocultural dimensions of complex environmental and health issues. For the last decade she has collaborated on the Global Ethnohydrology Study, a major effort to understand how people across the global north and global south recognize and respond to water insecurity and other climate challenges. At ASU, Alex teaches global health and anthropology and co-directs the Global Impact Collaboratory. She founded ASU’s Center for Global Health in 2006 and served as Director of the School of Human Evolution and Social Change from 2010-17 and Associate Vice President for Social Sciences from 2014-17. She is an AAAS fellow and current President of the Human Biology Association. Alex received a PhD in anthropology from University of Arizona (1992) and was an Andrew W Mellon Foundation postdoctoral fellow in demography at Brown University.



Matthew Turner, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Friday, February 8, 2019

12:00 noon – 1:30 p.m., Olson Room, Gowen 1A

“Climate proofing the Sahel: the knowledge politics surrounding the causation of impoverishment”

Matt Turner is a professor of Geography at University of Wisconsin-Madison. His research program is broadly concerned with the relationship between social and environmental change in dryland areas of world. Over the past decade, he has focused on understanding the root causes of the agropastoral transitions occurring in dryland West Africa (from intrahousehold to national social scales) and the environmental implications of these transitions. His work contributes to theoretical literatures of political ecology; political institutions and resource management; and the management implications of nonequilibrium ecological dynamics.



Rachel Morello, University of California, Berkeley

Friday, March 1, 2019

12:00 noon – 1:30 p.m., Olson Room, Gowen 1A

“Harmonizing sustainability and environmental equity goals in California’s climate change policies”

Rachel Morello-Frosch is Professor in the Department of Environmental Science, Policy and Management and the School of Public Health at UC Berkeley. As an environmental health scientist and epidemiologist, her research examines race and class determinants of environmental health disparities among diverse communities in the US with a focus on environmental chemicals, climate change, drinking water and linkages between environmental sustainability and social equity. More information on Dr. Morello-Frosch’s research and the Sustainability and Health Equity (S/HE) Lab **can be found here**.



Jessica Dempsey, University of British Columbia

Friday, April 12, 2019

12:00 noon – 1:30 p.m., Olson Room, Gowen 1A

“Is there time for caribou? The paradox of liberal environmentalism”

Jess Dempsey is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Geography at the University of British Columbia. Her first book *Enterprising Nature* (Wiley-Blackwell, 2016) traces attempts to turn biodiversity conservation into an economically rational—even profitable—set of policies and practices. Her current research foci include: the intersection between return-generating finance and conservation, the relationship between capitalism and biological non-human life, and political-economic theorization of extinction and ecological impoverishment.



Richard York, University of Oregon

Friday, May 10, 2019

12:00 noon – 1:30 p.m., Olson Room, Gowen 1A
“The Promises and Paradoxes of ‘Green’ Technologies”

Richard York is a Professor of Environmental Studies and Sociology at the University of Oregon. He does both theoretical and empirical work in the areas of environmental sociology, ecological economics, animal studies, and the sociology of science. He is Chair of the Section on Animals and Society of the American Sociological Association (ASA) and was the 2013-14 Friends of the Institute for Advanced Study Member of the School of Social Science at the Institute for Advanced Study, the Chair of the Environmental Sociology Section of the ASA in 2013-14, and the Co-Editor of the journal *Organization & Environment* from 2006 to 2012. He has over 100 publications, including three books. He has received the Fredrick H. Buttel Distinguished Contribution Award (2017) for lifetime achievement, the Teaching and Mentorship Award (2011), and the Outstanding Publication Award twice (2004 and 2007) from the Environmental Sociology Section of the ASA; the Gerald L. Young Book Award in Human Ecology from the Society for Human Ecology; the Rural Sociology Best Paper Award (2011) from the Rural Sociological Society; the Distinguished Scholarship Award from the Section on Animals & Society of the ASA (2015); and the Honorable Mention for the Lewis A. Coser Award for Theoretical Agenda Setting from the Theory Section of the ASA.