

*ANNUAL PUBLIC SOCIOLOGY GRADUATE
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About the PhD Program at George Mason University

Our Ph.D. program has at its core the emerging field of *Public and Applied Sociology*. Begun in 2008, it is the first doctoral program in sociology of its kind. The program was specifically conceived to address an unmet need throughout the region for sociologists with advanced training in substantive and methodological fields who can directly engage problems confronting decision makers and the public. Students in the program choose from two areas of concentration: *Institutions and Inequality* and the *Sociology of Globalization*. It calls for sociologists to bring the distinct skills of the discipline to bear on matters of great public concern within academic, policy, and applied research settings.

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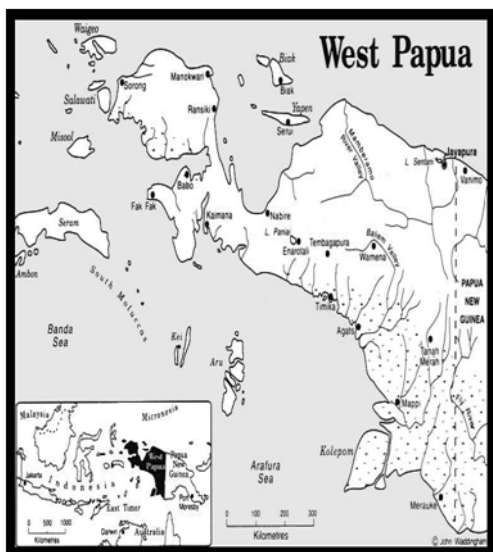
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2011-2012 Public Sociology Association Flagship Cause: West Papua

As Public Sociologists we believe that it is vital for us to be actively engaged with people in our “publics” and to conduct research and provide support that would best meet the needs of the people within these publics. With this resolve, our student organization, the Public Sociology Association, has adopted a yearly flagship cause that we promote in an attempt to raise awareness on the issue. For the 2011-2012 school year we have selected West Papua as our focus and are highlighting the turmoil that exists in this region at our first annual conference.



West Papua, officially recognized as a region of Indonesia, is a site of contested political, environmental, and social space where the voices of the most vulnerable members of society are often left out of the debate. This is evident in the strict criminalization of West Papuans who are peacefully voicing political concerns, holding demonstrations, or even for simply raising a

politically alternative flag. This criminalization and strict enforcement by security forces has resulted in ongoing human rights violations against the Papuan community and has gained the attention of the international community and many NGOs including Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch. In an effort to support the voices of the Papuan people, we have set up two information tables out in the lobby where you can get more information on the issues, learn how to become involved as a public sociologist, and speak with West Papuan Activist Leader, Herman Wainggai.

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PROGRAM

- 9:30—10:00 Registration/Reception (Research Hall Lobby)
- 10:00—10:15 Opening Remarks (Research Hall, Room 163)
- 10:15—11:45 First Set of Panels

Panel 1 *Public Sociology in a Globalizing World (Research Hall, Room 163)*

Discussant: Dr. Johanna Bockman, George Mason University

Johnnie Lotesta, George Mason University

"A Phoenix Reborn: Revolution, Democracy, and Governance in Latin America and the Middle East"

Anne E. Rankin, Stephen F. Austin State University

"The Anomic Effect of Globalization: Modern Day Guilds as the Solution"

Basha Silverman, Bryn Mawr College

Joanna Champney, Stand Up for What's Right

"Collaboration Not Co-Optation: Challenges in Efforts to Transform State Systems to Integrate Gender and Public Health"

Julia Wartenberg, University of Virginia

"Toward a Global Ecological and Social Transition through Feminist Political Economy"

Panel 2 *Race and Poverty in Urban Contexts (Nguyen Engineering Building, Room 1103)*

Discussant: Dr. Earl Smith, Wake Forest University

Joanna Pinto-Coelho, University of Pennsylvania

"Racial Diversity and Racial Residential Segregation: A Case Study of the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Area"

Katie Kerstetter, George Mason University

John Robinson, Northwestern University

"Preserving Affordable Housing and Building Wealth in an Economic Recovery: Limited-Equity Cooperatives as an Alternative to Tenant Displacement"

Siri Warkentien, Johns Hopkins University

Barbara Condliffe, Johns Hopkins University

Stefanie DeLuca, Johns Hopkins University

"In Too Deep: Consequences of Water Bills in a Poor Southern City"

12:00—1:30

Second Set of Panels

Panel 3 *Engaging Contemporary Latin America (Research Hall, Room 163)*

Discussant: Nicole McCoy, George Mason University

Magdalena Gil-Ureta, Columbia University

"Exhibiting the Nation: the Indigenous in Chile's National Museums"

Randy Salm, George Mason University

"Social Justice in Extreme Situations: The Case of Child Soldiers in Colombia"

Elizangela Storelli, Boston College

"Intergenerational Family Transfers in Latin America: Effects of Economic and Socio-Demographic Change"

Panel 4 *Nation, Violence, and Race in the United States (Nguyen Engineering Building, Room 1103)*

Discussant: Sara Moore, George Mason University

J. Dawn Carlson, University of California-Berkeley
"Law-Abiding Citizens: Guns, Masculinity and Race under the War on Crime"

Marcie Hambrick, Georgia State University
"Violence in Family of Origin and Criminality in Adolescence and Young Adulthood: A Longitudinal Study"

Megan Rolfe, University at Albany-SUNY
"All the Gays are White and All the Racists are Straight: The Intersections of White Privilege and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Queer Identities"

1:30–2:15

Lunch

2:15–3:45

Third Set of Panels

Panel 5 *Challenging Hegemony (Research Hall, Room 163)*

Discussant: Dr. Nancy Hanrahan, George Mason University

Amy Stuart, The New School for Social Research
"The Moral Discourse of the United States"

Michael Loadenthal, George Mason University
Jenny Grubbs, American University
"Eco-Terrorists Unite! Reclaiming the Commons through Public Performance"

Margaret Austin Smith, University of Maryland-College Park
David Paul Strohecker, University of Maryland-College Park
"Reclaiming the Social of the Sociological Imagination: Public Sociology, Pedagogy, and Engaging Undergraduates in the Classroom"

Panel 6 *Information Politics in the Age of Digital Media (Nguyen Engineering Building, Room 1103)*

Discussant: Deen Freelon, American University

Dan Greene, University of Maryland-College Park
"Internet Infrastructure: 'Access' Rhetoric, Neoliberalism, and Informational Politics"

P.J. Rey, University of Maryland-College Park
"Academic Marginalization in the Age of Social Media"

Mina Semeni, George Mason University
Randy Lynn, George Mason University
Jason Smith, George Mason University
"Social Media and Revolutionary Movements: Toward Research and Activist Agendas"

4:00—5:00

Keynote Speaker

Keynote *Research Hall, Room 163*

Dr. Gregory D. Squires
Professor of Sociology and Public Policy, George Washington University

"Fox TV, Cybersegregation, and Public Sociology: Is Neil a More Desirable Tenant than Tyrone or Jorge?"

Gregory D. Squires is a Professor of Sociology and Public Policy and Public Administration at George Washington University. Currently he is a member of the Board of Directors of the Woodstock Institute, the Advisory Board of the John Marshall Law School Fair Housing Legal Support Center in Chicago, Illinois and the Social Science Advisory Board of the Poverty & Race Research Action Council in Washington, DC. He has served as a consultant and expert witness for fair housing groups and civil rights organizations around the country including HUD, the National Fair Housing Alliance, the National Community Reinvestment Coalition, and many others. He also served a three-year term as a member of the Consumer Advisory Council of the Federal Reserve Board. He has written for several academic journals and general interest publications including *Social Problems*, *Social Science Quarterly*, *Urban Affairs Review*, *Journal of Urban Affairs*, *The Nation*, *The American Prospect*, *New York Times*, and *Washington Post*

