

“Epistemologies of Desire” Workshop
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Speakers

Héctor Carrillo is Associate Professor of Sociology and Gender Studies at Northwestern University and principal investigator of Project Teal. Carrillo is also co-convenor of The Sexualities Project at Northwestern (TSP). In addition to his research on the sexualities of heterosexually-identified men who are sexually attracted to men, he currently investigates the sexualities of Mexican gay and bisexual male migrants, the cultural meanings associated with adult male circumcision as an HIV prevention strategy among Mexican migrants, and the influence of spatial mobility on access to medical and HIV prevention services among HIV-positive Latino/a migrants. Carrillo is the author of *The Night Is Young: Sexuality in Mexico in the Time of AIDS* (University of Chicago Press, 2002), which received the Ruth Benedict Prize from the Society of Lesbian and Gay Anthropologists of the American Anthropological Association.

Nick Davis (Ph.D. Cornell University) is Assistant Professor of English and Gender Studies at Northwestern University. He teaches and writes in the areas of film, queer theory, feminist and gender studies, and American literature. His current book project attempts to theorize a new model of contemporary queer cinema based more on formal principles than on identity politics, drawing heavily on Deleuzian philosophies of film and sexuality. He has recently published essays on John Cameron Mitchell's *Shortbus*, Todd Haynes's *Velvet Goldmine*, Dorothy Arzner's *The Wild Party*, Ang Lee's *Brokeback Mountain*, Pixar's *The Incredibles*, James Baldwin's *Blues for Mister Charlie*, and the performances as well as the political activism of Julie Christie and Vanessa Redgrave. He is also the author of the film reviews at www.NicksFlickPicks.com.

Lisa M. Diamond is Associate Professor of Psychology and Gender Studies at the University of Utah. She received her Ph.D. in Human Development from Cornell University. She specializes in the development of female sexuality over the life course and on *female sexual fluidity*, the phenomenon by which women periodically develop attractions and relationships that run counter to their overall sexual orientation. Dr. Diamond is best known for her unprecedented longitudinal study of 100 lesbian, bisexual, heterosexual, and “unlabeled” women, whom she has been interviewing every 2 years since 1995, tracking changes in their sexual identities, attractions, and behaviors over time. Her 2008 book, *Sexual Fluidity*, published by Harvard University Press, describes the transformations that her respondents underwent from late adolescence to adulthood. *Sexual Fluidity* has been awarded the Distinguished Book award from the American

Psychological Association's Society for the Study of Lesbian/ Gay/ Bisexual/ Transgendered Issues and from the International Association for Relationship Research. Dr. Diamond has received numerous other awards for her work from the American Association of University Women, the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues, and the American Psychological Association. Dr. Diamond has been awarded grants in support of her research from the National Institute for Mental Health, The W.T. Grant Foundation, the American Psychological Foundation, the American Institute for Bisexuality, and the Templeton Foundation.

Steven Epstein is Professor of Sociology and John C. Shaffer Professor in the Humanities at Northwestern, where he also directs the Science in Human Culture Program and is a co-convenor of The Sexualities Project at Northwestern (TSP). He is the author of *Impure Science: AIDS, Activism, and the Politics of Knowledge* (California) and *Inclusion: The Politics of Difference in Medical Research* (Chicago), and he is a co-editor of *Three Shots at Prevention: The HPV Vaccine and the Politics of Medicine's Simple Solutions* (Johns Hopkins). He is on the editorial board of the journal *Sexualities* and has served as a council member for the American Sociological Association's Section on Sexualities. Epstein studies the contested production of knowledge, especially biomedical knowledge, with an emphasis on the interplay of social movements, experts, and health institutions, and with a focus on the politics of sexuality, gender, and race. His current research examines the evolution of the concept of sexual health as well as the "sexualization" of biomedicine.

Jennifer Fishman is Assistant Professor in the Social Studies of Medicine Department and the Biomedical Ethics Unit at McGill University. Her research centers on the empirical investigation of the commercialization and commodification of new biomedical technologies. Her previous research focused on the development of Viagra for erectile dysfunction and of pharmaceutical company's failed attempts to create a Viagra for women. Embedded in gender and sexuality studies, the project was an investigation of biomedicine's understanding of sex difference and the contemporary scientific apprehension of male and female sexuality. She is currently finishing an empirical NIH-funded study of the emergence of anti-aging science and medicine: the pathologization and medicalization of aging with treatments that are largely centered on hormone replacement therapies for both men and women. Fishman has recently embarked on a new project funded by the National Institutes of Health, exploring the rhetoric and hype around "personalized genomic medicine," including the recent interest in and availability of direct-to-consumer whole genome scans. Her work has been published in the *American Sociological Review*, *Social Studies of Science*, *Sociology of Health & Illness*, *Body & Society*, *Journal of Ageing Studies*, and *New Genetics & Society*. In addition, she recently co-edited a volume entitled *Biomedicalization: Technoscience, Health, and Illness in the U.S.* published by Duke University Press in 2010.

David Halperin, a scholar of ancient Greek literature and philosophy as well as a historian of sexuality, helped to establish the fields of lesbian and gay studies and queer theory. In addition to co-founding and co-editing *GLQ: A Journal of Lesbian and*

Gay Studies, he has written or edited nine books, including *One Hundred Years of Homosexuality and other essays on Greek Love*, *The Lesbian and Gay Studies Reader*, *Saint Foucault*, *What Do Gay Men Want?*, *Gay Shame* (with his University of Michigan colleague Valerie Traub), and the forthcoming *How To Be Gay*, from which his talk is drawn.

Phillip L. Hammack is Assistant Professor of Psychology at the University of California, Santa Cruz. His research broadly examines identity development in social, cultural, and historical context. He received his Ph.D. from the Committee on Human Development at the University of Chicago in 2006 and has published widely in social, cultural, developmental, and clinical psychology. He is the author of *Narrative and the Politics of Identity: The Cultural Psychology of Israeli and Palestinian Youth* (Oxford, 2011), co-editor of *The Story of Sexual Identity: Narrative Perspectives on the Gay and Lesbian Life Course* (Oxford, 2009), and co-editor of the book series on *Sexuality, Identity and Society* published by Oxford University Press.

Amanda Hoffman is the director of Project Teal at the Institute for Policy Research at Northwestern University. Project Teal focuses on the sexualities and identities of straight-identified men who are sexually attracted to men. Ms. Hoffman earned a masters degree in Sexuality Studies from San Francisco State University where, under the supervision of Dr. Héctor Carrillo, she conducted an exploratory study on the topic of sexual fluidity among men that resulted in her M.A. thesis and helped formulate Project Teal. Hoffman has coordinated projects and made presentations for several interdisciplinary research labs on topics such as research methodology, sexual orientation, sexual disclosure, and sexual prejudice. Her goal is to produce research that will expand and refine our understanding of the concepts of sexual orientation and sexual identity development.

E. Patrick Johnson is Professor and Chair in the Department of Performance Studies and Professor in the Department of African American Studies at Northwestern University. He is also a Fellow at the ESB Institute for the Study of Women and Gender in the Arts and Media at Columbia College, Chicago. A scholar/artist, Johnson has performed nationally and internationally and has published widely in the area of race, gender, sexuality and performance. He is the author of *Appropriating Blackness: Performance and the Politics of Authenticity* published by Duke University Press in 2003, which won several awards, including the Lilla A. Heston Award, the Errol Hill Book Award, and was a finalist for the Hurston/Wright Legacy Award. He is also co-editor (with Mae G. Henderson) of *Black Queer Studies: A Critical Anthology* with Duke University Press (2005). His most recent book, *Sweet Tea: Black Gay Men of the South—An Oral History* (2008), is published by the University of North Carolina Press.

Joanne Meyerowitz is Professor of History and American Studies at Yale University and co-director of the Yale Research Initiative on the History of Sexualities (www.yale.edu/yrihs/). Before she went to Yale in 2004, she taught at the University of Cincinnati and Indiana University, where she edited the *Journal of American History*. Her recent publications include *How Sex Changed: A History of Transsexuality in the United States* (Harvard University Press, 2002), “Transnational Sex and U.S.

History,” *American Historical Review* (December 2009), “‘How Common Culture Shapes the Separate Lives’: Sexuality, Race, and Mid-Twentieth-Century Social Constructionist Thought,” *Journal of American History* (March 2010), and “Thinking Sex with an Androgyne,” *GLQ: A Journal of Lesbian and Gay Studies* (Winter 2011).

Allen Rosenthal completed a BS in psychology at the University of Utah in 2006 where he studied under Lisa Diamond and Don Strassberg, both sexuality researchers. In 2007, he began doctoral studies at Northwestern University under J. Michael Bailey in the clinical psychology department. Allen’s primary research area is the development and expression of sexual orientation and the paraphilias (i.e., uncommon sexual interests) in men. He recently completed a laboratory study of the sexual arousal patterns of bisexually-identified men. Allen’s current work involves the study of men who are sexually attracted to transsexuals, and a neuroimaging study of men with varying kinds of sexual attraction to minors. In addition to this work, Allen has an ongoing research program that seeks to elucidate the personality correlates and development of sub-identities used by gay men.

Tom Waidzunas is a Postdoctoral Fellow in the Science in Human Culture Program at Northwestern University, and is a Visiting Lecturer in Northwestern’s Department of Sociology. Exploring his interest in the intersections of sexuality, science, and technology, he has studied knowledge controversies surrounding sexual reorientation therapies as well as statistical representations of gay teen suicide in the United States. Working with co-author Erin Cech, he has also studied experiences of lesbian, gay, and bisexual engineering students. To investigate such issues, he brings together approaches from science studies, sexuality studies, and the sociology of social movements. His current work extends his research on knowledge controversies surrounding sexual reorientation therapies to a global context, as ex-gay and gay rights movements have increasingly become transnational networks.

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