

11th Annual Chicago Ethnography Conference



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A forum for students to present
original ethnographic papers
and short films.

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Luncheon Speaker: Frederick Wiseman

“Documentary Film and the Study of Social Life”



Frederick Wiseman, legendary director of critically acclaimed and controversial documentary films, will discuss the medium in relation to the study of social life. In particular, he will examine how his films exemplify and contribute to the critical examination of social institutions, such as welfare, the family, industry, education, and law. Mr. Wiseman also will address how changes in the technology of filmmaking enjoy a reciprocal relation with changes in the substance of documentary films. Finally, Mr. Wiseman will take up the thorny issue of ethical conduct in the making and distributing of films that represent human conflict and pain.

Keynote Address: Dr. France Winddance Twine



France Winddance Twine is a Professor of Sociology at the University of California -Santa Barbara and Research Fellow at the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral

Sciences at Stanford University. Twine is an ethnographer and a feminist race theorist who has published more than 50 articles, reviews, and books. She has conducted field research in Brazil, Britain and the United States. She is the author of *A White Side of Black Britain: Interracial Intimacy and Racial Literacy* (Duke University Press, 2009) and *Racism in a Racial Democracy: the maintenance of white supremacy in Brazil* (1997, Rutgers University Press) and an editor of 4 volumes including *Feminism and Racism: international struggles for justice* (2000, New York University Press).

Ethnographic Documentary Filmmaking Workshop: Facilitated by Dr. Greg Scott,

Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, DePaul University

“Ethnography, Film, and the Representation of Social Life.”

This interactive, multimedia, hands-on workshop focuses on the problems and prospects of using film and video in conducting ethnographic research and constructing ethnographically-informed representations of social life. Following a brief discussion of ethnographic documentary film’s politically and intellectually charged history, workshop participants will assess and evaluate various issues pertaining to ethnographic filmmaking, including implementation, gaining entrée, constructing and analyzing audio-visual data, and using film as a medium for presenting ethnographic work and representing the people, places, things, and events that populate the ethnographic scene. In addition, participants will work toward developing a better understanding of the ethical and political complexities associated with the use of film in an ethnographic project. Throughout the workshop, participants will view and critically dissect clips from a wide variety of documentary film genres, including ethnographic/anthropological, traditional, interactive, reflexive, and experimental. Finally, the workshop will take up the time-honored but deeply flawed distinction between style and substance in the representation of culture. Participants will leave the workshop with the capacity to develop their own ethnographic film projects.



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Saturday — February 28

Northwestern University, Norris University Center,
1999 Campus Drive, Evanston, Illinois

9:00 - 9:30	Registration/Light Breakfast
9:30 - 9:45	Welcome Address
10:00 - 11:15	Morning Session I
11:30 - 1:00	Luncheon Speaker: Frederick Wiseman
1:15 - 2:30	Afternoon Session I
2:30 - 2:45	Break
2:45 - 4:00	Afternoon Session II
4:00 - 4:15	Break

Northwestern University, McCormick Tribune Center Forum,
1870 Campus Drive, Evanston, Illinois

4:15 - 5:45	Keynote Address: Dr. France Winddance Twine
5:45 - 6:30	Reception

Sunday — March 1

Northwestern University, Program of African Studies
620 Library Place, Evanston, Illinois

11:30 - 2:30	Ethnographic Documentary Filmmaking Workshop: Facilitated by Dr. Greg Scott, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, DePaul University
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Conference Panels

Morning Session I

10:00 am - 11:15 am

Education

Organizational Culture

Race and Ethnicity, Status, and Identity

Sociology of Knowledge

Space and Interaction

Ethnographic Documentary Film Panel One

Afternoon Session I

1:15 pm - 2:30 pm

Consumption

Gender and Identity

Immigration and Community

Local Cultures

Work and Occupations

Ethnographic Documentary Film Panel Two

Afternoon Session II

2:45 pm - 4:00 pm

Discourse, Culture, and Social Action

Doing Family

Gender and Institutions

Methods

Race, Ethnicity, and Culture

Ethnographic Documentary Film Panel Three

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Morning Session I

10:00 - 11:15

Education

Location: Wildcat

Discussant: Mary Pattillo, Professor, Department of Sociology, Northwestern University

Constructing "Less Than" Status: An Analysis of School Staff's Understanding of Latino Immigrant and African American Students

Amy Hilgendorf, Human Development and Family Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison

A Comparative Case Study of Volunteer Mothers in the U.S. and Taiwan: Applying the Work of Coleman and Bourdieu

Shiuh-Tarnng Cheng, Department of Sociology, Michigan State University

"Why are you trying to take my child away from me?": Cultural Capital Barriers and College Access for Disadvantaged Students

Michelle Naffziger, Department of Sociology, and James E. Rosenbaum, Institute for Policy Research, Northwestern University

Organizational Culture

Location: Lake

Discussant: Kerry Dobransky, Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Sociology, Northwestern University

You'll Love Working Here!: How Organizations Shape Employee Ideology

Lindsay Wyrembelski, Department of Sociology, Loyola University Chicago

The Crime Is Not All Sub-prime: An Analysis of the Effect Automated Underwriting Systems Have on Mortgage Loan Originators' Decision Making

Hanif Nu'Man, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin at Madison

Conflict Escalation: Coalitions and Gossip

Falon Kartch, Department of Communication, Northern Illinois University

Race and Ethnicity, Status, and Identity

Location: Armadillo

Discussant: Claire Decoteau, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Illinois at Chicago



Talented Tenth or Black Bourgeoisie: Black Educational Elites in the Twenty-First Century
Nina Johnson, Department of Sociology,
Northwestern University

Legitimacy in Informal Peer Groups
Robert Vargas, Department of Sociology, Northwestern
University

Sociology of Knowledge

Location: Big Ten

Discussant: Christena Nippert-Eng, Associate Professor, Department of Social Sciences, Illinois Institute of Technology

Metaphorical communication among live roleplayers
Geir-Tore Brenne, Visiting Graduate Student, Northwestern University

Circumstantial Evidence
Daniel Menchik, Department of Sociology, University of Chicago

Looking for the Keys: Attentional Strategies for Invoking Extraordinary Experience
Chris Hausmann, Department of Sociology, University of Notre Dame

Evaluation by the Numbers: Expert Knowledge Under Two Judging Systems in Figure Skating
Stacy E. Lom, Department of Sociology, Northwestern University

Space and Interaction

Location: Kresge 2380

Discussant: Andy Clarno, Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Illinois at Chicago

Saving Souls for the Flexible Economy: Regulating Homelessness in Nashville's Lafayette Neighborhood
Damian T. Williams, Department of Sociology, Vanderbilt University

Stumbling in the Back Pew: Disorientation and Queer Phenomenology
James Daniel Elam, Rhetoric and Public Culture Program, Northwestern University

Lake Boundaries as Social Processes
Brandon Feasel, Department of Sociology, University of Notre Dame

Reevaluating the Carceral Character of Downtown Los Angeles
Armando Lara-Millán, Department of Sociology, Northwestern University

Ethnographic Documentary Film Panel One

Location: Library Form Room

Discussant: Geoff Harkness, Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Sociology, Northwestern University

Movie Class

Mark Neigh, Department of Sociology, DePaul University

Work in Progress

Maciej Bielaczyc, Department of Sociology, DePaul University

(Detailed Film Descriptions on Separate Handout)

Afternoon Session I

1:15 - 2:30

Consumption

Location: Big Ten

Discussant: Mary Ellen Konieczny, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Notre Dame

Virtuous Food: Movements, Markets and the Politics of Distinction

Michaela DeSoucey, Department of Sociology, Northwestern University

The Politics of Meat Consumption

Randy Williams, Department of Sociology, DePaul University

But Isn't Energy Efficiency Built into All New Electronics?

Mateo Rando, Research Department Pacific Gas & Electric

Gender and Identity

Location: Kresge 2380

Discussant: David Boden, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Lake Forest College

"Drum Sticks and Knitting Needles: De-Gendering Practice at Girls Rock Camp"

Danielle Giffort, Department of Sociology, University of Illinois at Chicago

Gender in Children's Television: Images, Messages, and Viewer Perceptions

Alaina Smith, Department of Sociology, DePaul University

*Minimization and Heteronormativity: Constructing Meaning of Out Campus
LGB Life*

Leigh E. Fine, Department of Sociology, The Ohio State University

*"Could I Just Wake Up One Day and Be Gay?": Deconstructing the (Hetero)Sexual
Self*

**Amy Kathryn Brainer, Department of Sociology, University of Illinois at
Chicago**



Immigration and Community

Location: Armadillo

**Discussant: Judith Wittner, Professor,
Department of Sociology, Loyola University
Chicago**

A Comparative Study over Time of Eastern European Migration to the U.S

**Cezara Crisan, Department of Sociology, Loyola University
Chicago**

Even the Pub is from Ireland: an investigation of the Irish Diaspora in Chicago

**Robin Estabrook, Department of Sociology, University of Illinois at
Urbana-Champaign**

Local Cultures

Location: Lake

**Discussant: Gary Alan Fine, Professor, Department of Sociology,
Northwestern University**

Effects of Differing Youth Group Dynamics on Religiosity within a Group
**Robert Wedow, Center for the Study of Religion and Society, University of
Notre Dame**

Trusting My Own: Taking Risks and Placing Bets in the Neighborhood
AnneMarie Cesario, Department of Sociology, City University of New York

*On The Management of Muslim Identity: Collective Stigma Response at an
American Mosque*

**John O'Brien, Department of Sociology, University of California at Los
Angeles**

*Harmony in Diversity: Symbolic Balancing of Commonalities and Differences in
Cross-disciplinary Team Meetings*

**Vanessa Pouthier, Management and Organizations, Kellogg Graduate
School of Management, Northwestern University**

Work and Occupations

Location: Wildcat

**Discussant: Stefan Bargheer, Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Sociology,
University of Chicago**

Another Cog in the Machine?: Occupation and Style of Bicycle Messengers

**Peter Hart-Brinson, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin at
Madison**

"I Fucking Hate People": Management and Customer Service Work in the 21st Century

Jonathan Vaughn, Department of Sociology, The Ohio State University

It's More than the Money: The Self-Actualization, Satisfaction and Aesthetic Expression of Food Servers

Ken O'Connor, Department of Sociology, Loyola University Chicago

Fishing and 'biting' at Hollywood and Highland Blvd.

John Dominski, Department of Social Science, Illinois Institute of Technology

Ethnographic Documentary Film Panel Two

Location: Library Form Room

Discussant: Dr. Daniel Makagon, College of Communication, DePaul University

Faces of Community

Thom Fredericks, Department of Sociology, DePaul University

Exiting the Cubicle

Sarah Nun, Department of Sociology, DePaul University

(Detailed Film Descriptions on Separate Handout)

Afternoon Session II

2:45 - 4:00

Discourse, Culture and Social Action

Location: Lake

Discussant: Kerry Ferris, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Northern Illinois University

"Money Talk": Congregational Discourse on the Current Economic Crisis

Peter Munday, Katie Spencer, and Brandon Vaidyanathan, Department of Sociology, University of Notre Dame

Dancing Possibility: Articulating a Diasporic Habitus through Contemporary African Dance Practices

Meccasia Zabriskie, Department of Sociology, Northwestern University

A Rose by Any Other Name: Definitions of Religiosity among Volunteers in an Italian Cultural Festival

Brandon Vaidyanathan, Department of Sociology, University of Notre Dame



Doing Family

Location: Big Ten

Discussant: Alaina Smith, Adjunct Faculty, Department of Sociology, DePaul University

Growing Together: Life Amplified in an Evangelical Youth Group

Brad Vermurlen and Hilary Davidson Department of Sociology, University of Notre Dame

Exploring Socialization of Pakistani Children in U.S. Contexts: The Dynamic Process of Cultural Identity

Meenal Rana & Susan Verwys, Department of Family and Child Ecology, Michigan State University

Gender and Institutions

Location: Wildcat

Discussant: Liora Sion, Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Sociology, Northwestern University

Discrimination and Harassment as a Social Process: A Trans-gender Experience

Jodie M. Dewey, Department of Sociology, Loyola University Chicago

"I'm Not Like the Other Women Here": Stigma Management and Emotional Well-being in the Context of Abortion.

Sri Thakkilapati, Department of Sociology, The Ohio State University

So to Bind Each Son the Other: the clash of race, class, and hegemonic masculinity at the historically Black all-male college

Saida Grundy, Department of Sociology, University of Michigan

Managing the Victim Frame: Implications of Engaging Chicago's Criminal Domestic Violence Court

Cesraea Rumpf, Department of Sociology, Loyola University Chicago

Methods

Location: Armadillo

Discussant: Tom Durkin, Visiting Lecturer, Department of Sociology, Northwestern University

Beyond Sheeping the Moon: Methodological Considerations for Critical Studies of Digital Play

Andras Lukacs, Department of Sociology, Loyola University Chicago

Pocho in the Field: Working with Latino/a Youth

Melissa Quintela, Department of Sociology, Indiana University
Bloomington

Race, Ethnicity, and Culture

Location: Kresge 2380

Discussant: Michaela DeSoucey, Ph.D. Candidate, Department of
Sociology, Northwestern University

*"You're Probably Gonna Get Lasagna": Mexicans in Disrupting White Ethnic
Normative Practices in a Historically Italian American Catholic Church*

Juan R. Martinez, Department of Sociology, University of Illinois at
Chicago

Hip Hop and Consumer Culture

Bradley Zopf, Department of Sociology, University of Illinois at Chicago

Ethnographic Documentary Film Panel Three

Location: Library Form Room

Discussant: Dr. Greg Scott, Department of Sociology, DePaul University

Ray Charles

Angela Williams, Department of Sociology, DePaul University

Michael's Basement

Tony Ottomanelli, Department of Sociology, DePaul University

Getting Normal

David Frank, Department of Sociology, DePaul University

(Detailed Film Descriptions on Separate Handout)

