Race, Ethnicity, and Migration:  
An Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Conference  
Columbia University in the City of New York  
Thursday, February 26, 2015  
Maison Française/Buell Hall  
515 West 116th Street  
New York, NY 10027  

8:30-9:00 a.m.: Arrival & Breakfast  
9:00-9:15 a.m.: Welcoming Remarks  
Mae Ngai (Lung Family Professor of Asian American Studies and Professor of History, Columbia University)  
9:15-10:45 a.m.: Session 1: Racial and Ethnic Identity in Historical Perspectives  
Presider: Tina Jiwatram-Negrón (PhD Candidate in Social Work, Columbia University)  
Judah M. Bernstein (PhD Candidate in Hebrew Judaic Studies and History, New York University)  
Zionism from Below: Immigrants and Jewish Nationalism in Early Twentieth Century America  
Sean P. Fraga (PhD Candidate in History, Princeton University)  
“Chinese Birdmen”: Aviation and Race in the Transnational American West, 1895-1919  
Jessica H. Lee (PhD Candidate in History, Columbia University)  
The Italian Vote: Local, National, and International Politics in an Immigrant Community  
Discussant: Jose C. Moya (Professor of History, Barnard College/Columbia University)  
10:45-11:00 a.m.: Coffee break  
11:00-12:30 p.m.: Session 2: The Global Construction of Race and Ethnicity  
Presider: Bailey Brown (PhD Candidate in Sociology, Columbia University)  
Nathanael Shelley (PhD Candidate in MESAAS, Columbia University)  
Earliest Ethnicities: Concepts of Social Differences in Antiquity  
Douglas de Toledo Piza (PhD Candidate in Sociology, New School for Social Research)  
Chinese Sellers: A Story of Globalization as Told by Downtown São Paulo  
Pedro A. Regalado (PhD Candidate in American Studies, Yale University)  
Bodegas y Colmados: 20th-Century Dominican Vernacular Space across Borders  
Discussant: Margaret M. Chin (Associate Professor of Sociology, CUNY-Hunter College & Graduate Center)  
12:30-12:45 p.m.: Coffee break
12:45-2:00 p.m.: **Luncheon Keynote**

Presider: Van C. Tran (Assistant Professor of Sociology, Columbia University)

Speaker: Philip Kasinitz (Presidential Professor of Sociology, CUNY-Graduate Center)
*Comparative Study of Race, Ethnicity, and Migration: New Directions for Research*

2:00-2:15 p.m.: Coffee Break

2:15-3:45 p.m.: **Session 3: Transnational Involvements in Comparative Perspectives**

Presider: Kathleen Griesbach (PhD Candidate in Sociology, Columbia University)

Rachel G. Newman (PhD Candidate in History, Columbia University)
*A Biography of Transnational Mexicanidad in the Borderlands: Education and Identity in the Life of Filiberto Gómez*

Sung-Choon Park (PhD Candidate in Sociology, New School for Social Research)
*Transnational Lives of International Students and Transmission on Race to Their Country of Origin*

Catherine Choi (MA Candidate in International History, Columbia University)
*Protection against Good Intentions: The Ban of Proxy Adoption of Korean Children*

Discussant: Dan J. Wang (Assistant Professor of Management & Sociology, Columbia University)

3:45-4:00 p.m.: Coffee break

4:00-5:30 p.m.: **Session 4: Deportation, Displacement, and Return Migration**

Presider: Nicol Valdez (PhD Candidate in Sociology, Columbia University)

Irina Levin (PhD Candidate in Anthropology, New York University)
*Every Bird in Its Nest: Return and the Long-Term Aftermaths of Forced Displacement*

Shirley Leyro (PhD Candidate in Criminal Justice, CUNY-Graduate Center)
*The Fear of Deportation as a Barrier to Assimilation and Integration*

Daniel Morales (PhD Candidate in History, Columbia University)
*The Counted and the Uncounted: Mobility in Mexican Migration 1910-1930*

Discussant: Rebecca A. Kobrin (Russell and Bettina Knapp Associate Professor of American Jewish History, Columbia University)

6:00-8:00 p.m.: **Group Dinner**

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**Conference co-organizers:**
Bailey Brown (Sociology)
Kathleen Griesbach (Sociology)
Tina Jiwatram-Negrón (Social Work)
Jessica Lee (History)
Dialika Sall (Sociology)
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