



INCREASE IN BCICS GRADUATE STUDENT SUMMER RESEARCH TRAVEL AWARDS

BCICS is pleased to announce that beginning this year, the maximum award for its Summer Research Travel Awards has been raised to \$2,500. These awards provide summer funding for fieldwork outside the United States for NU doctoral students writing dissertations on comparative and international topics relevant to important contemporary political, economic and social issues. BCICS Director Andrew Wachtel said, "Opportunities for NU graduate students to conduct exploratory research, develop dissertation topics, and build contacts during the summer have produced not only stronger thesis projects, but also positioned our students to be highly competitive for prestigious national and international year-long dissertation fellowships. Summer research trips are also particularly important for students who discover the need for supplemental fieldwork as they are writing their thesis. The increase in awards should allow more students to consider summer field work and to stay in the field for a larger portion of the summer."

All Northwestern University graduate students at any stage in their dissertation research are eligible to apply. Applications from students conducting exploratory thesis research are particularly encouraged. These awards may not be used for language study, for expenses in the US, for special equipment such as tape recorders, or for fees for transcription or translation. Awards are normally granted for work during the summer, but exceptions can be made if warranted.

All applicants are expected to concurrently seek research support from other sources. Applicants who have previously received a Summer Research Travel Award must also demonstrate that they have applied for funding from a source outside of Northwestern.

Regular participants in the BCICS Graduate Student Colloquium series with strong proposals will receive preference in

BCICS grant competitions. To learn more about this series, see the BCICS website.

The application deadline is March 1. Applicants should submit:

- 1) **Application Form, which is available at the BCICS website;**
- 2) **a 2-3 page proposal letter, which provides a brief description of the thesis project, an account of proposed summer activities, and an explanation of how those activities will contribute the thesis research;**
- 3) **an estimated budget and a statement about other funding sources that are being sought and for what amount; and**
- 4) **one letter of recommendation written by an advisor/mentor.**

Please send your application to BCICS, 1902 Sheridan Road, and mark your envelope to the attention of BCICS Graduate Student Summer Research Grants. Faculty letters of recommendation maybe submitted separately to the same address or emailed by the recommender directly to BCICS Associate Director Brian Hanson bhanson@northwestern.edu.

Notification of funding decisions is expected around April 1st.

BCICS Summer Research Travel Award recipients are expected to actively participate in the BCICS Graduate Student Colloquium series after their return. Award recipients are also expected to submit a written summary of their trip and what they accomplished (approximately 5 pages, single-spaced).

Application questions may be directed to BCICS Associate Director, Brian Hanson.

MISSION:

BCICS sponsors and facilitates collaborative interdisciplinary scholarship on crucial problems facing the world. Our activities promote dialogue on international affairs thereby enriching educational programming at Northwestern. Working with a variety of organizations and communities, we contribute to preparing exemplary global citizens.

Northwestern University Conference on Human Rights

The 2007-2008 Northwestern University Conference on Human Rights will explore the topic of Globalization and the Universality of Human Rights. Speakers will examine the impact of globalizing forces on the tension between cultural relativism and the universality of human rights in four key areas: multinational corporations, cultural/religious issues, health, and international justice. Student delegates and the Northwestern community will evaluate the homogeneity and hegemony of human rights; are human rights becoming universal and, if so, whose values determine the basis of their definition? This topic has a broader focus than those in the past and is designed to be more appealing to and appropriate for an undergraduate audience with varying backgrounds and interests.

In anticipation of our annual summit, which will be held April 10th – 13th, 2008, student organizers have coordinated events that will encourage discussion of Universal Human Rights within the Northwestern community. In November, NUHR worked with the Program on African Studies to screen Sundberg & Stern's *The Devil Came on Horseback*. In December, NUHR assisted The Center for Global Engagement in their Social Entrepreneurship Series, which brought Ashoka Foundation Fellow Jorge Chojolan to speak at Northwestern. We look forward to working with the Program on Asian American Studies in February to host speakers on the effects of globalization on human trafficking and our March dinner in collaboration with the Program on African Studies.

We are excited to announce that the annual NUHR student-organized-seminar will be held once again this Winter Quarter. Entitled "Globalization and the Universality of Human Rights," the class reached capacity in the second day of advertising. Mentored by Professors Jeff Rice of the History Department and Paul Friesema of Political Science, the course will feature accomplished Northwestern professors & members of the Chicago community. It will look at a broad range of issues involving this topic, covering not only those that will be discussed at the conference, but the ones that the conference will not have the time to include.

Gauthami Soma & Elizabeth Nielsen, Co-Chairs 2007-2008

Building Forward: Expanding Northwestern Global Engagement

As one year draws to a close and another starts, the Center for Global Engagement looks back on its first full year as an exciting centerpiece of the expansion of global engagement among Northwestern students, and looks forward to 2008 as an opportunity to expand and deepen the community of students, faculty and staff committed to global problem solving.

In 2007, what started as an idea, a need, and an opportunity grew into a fully-fledged program design center. During the summer, 16 students ranging across grades and majors spent 10 weeks partnering with Ugandan nonprofit organizations to design and implement community development projects. The second annual International Youth Volunteerism Summit brought together 75 student delegates from 30 countries, more than 30 nonprofit leaders and social entrepreneurs, and some 50 Northwestern student planning staff for a week of training. The continued success of the program has attracted more than 60 NU students to plan the event this year.

In addition, the CGE has administered almost \$40,000 in undergraduate and postgraduate grants, including debuting two post-graduate fellowships for students working to combat human trafficking around the world. In the Fall, the CGE partnered with the Chicago Global Donors Network to design an immersive youth philanthropy training for Chicago youth across the socio-economic and racial spectrum. Finally, CGE-supported student projects have raised more than \$40,000 through a partnership with GlobalGiving Foundation, enabling them to impact more

than 50,000 lives with programs from community health clinics to arts empowerment for AIDS orphans.

In 2008, the CGE will not only expand its capacity to prepare young people for leadership in global development, philanthropy, and humanitarian work, but will help focus, connect, and educate the student global engagement movement emerging around the country.

Throughout the year, the CGE will be bringing together faculty from around the country to explore how "global engagement relationships" – the relationships between the myriad actors and institutions who contribute to global social change – negotiate differences of incentives, interests, motivations, backgrounds, and perspectives to enable problem solving. We intend to build a repository of research and scholarship accessible to practitioners, professionals, nonprofits, global community organizations, and students alike. Additionally, we will continue to expand our programs, investigating new global engagement immersions in countries such as Egypt, Guatemala, Turkey, and India.

Today's undergraduates have spoken clearly; they are not content to simply "do good." They recognize the need to move beyond their good intentions and develop the skills, knowledge, and resources to do good well. We look forward to your support and ideas as the Center for Global Engagement continues to grow and mobilize this exciting generation.

For more information, see www.mycge.org

Chieftaincy Working Group

The purpose of the BCICS's Chieftaincy Working Group is to understand how sub-state organizations adjust to political and economic dynamics of the modern world. Such "chiefs" may include warlords, urban gangs, drug cartels, insurgencies, authoritarian regions and patronage systems within modern democracies. The group has continued into the 2007-2008 academic year with three objectives. First, the group remains committed to exploring the concept of chieftaincy through regular meetings of scholars and graduate students. Presentations of specialized subject areas provide the empirical material from which observations of contemporary chieftaincy can be drawn. The second objective is to branch out beyond Northwestern to include participants from Chicago's greater community of scholars. Finally, by the spring it is expected that the group will have developed a definition and a model to serve as the basis for a conference and a subsequent book on chieftaincy.

During the Fall Quarter, the Chieftaincy Working Group hosted John and Jean Comaroff, Professors in Anthropology from the University of Chicago. In their presentation, the Comaroffs argued that in South Africa, ethnicity increasingly serves as the basis for an emerging corporate identity vis-à-vis the state. Using the trappings of cultural heritage, custom and ritual, tribal leaders have commercialized ethnic identity as a way of carving out space within modern markets, for example in cultural tourism. In other words, chiefs are becoming CEOs of sorts. To support this form of organization, chiefs use South Africa's legal system, which explicitly recognizes and protects the political autonomy of the country's indigenous ethnic groups. In turn, to a certain extent these identities serve a governance function for the central state. The Comaroffs' discussion fits neatly into the trajectory of chieftaincy's conceptual development, as it illustrates the salience of the center-periphery relationships that characterize the modern state. For the coming Winter Quarter, the group will meet first in mid-January, in which Associate Professor Jeffrey Winters of the Department of Political Science will present and discuss his work on Oligarchy.

NORTHWESTERN VISITING SCHOLARS



Liora Sion is a postdoctoral fellow in sociology and Jewish studies. She researches post-conflict operations, peacekeeping, violence and gender relations. She graduated from Amsterdam University/ The Free University and held a postdoctoral appointment at the Olin Institute for Strategic Studies at Harvard. She taught at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Ben-Gurion University in the Negev, and Bar-Ilan University. Liora will be presenting in the BCICS Faculty and Fellows Colloquium on February 8th, "Imagined Masculinity: Body, Sexuality and Family among Israeli Military Reserves."

Amy Stanley (Ph.D. Harvard, 2007) specializes in the history of early modern Japan. She is particularly interested in women's history, the history of gangsters and the underworld, and the formation of social policy in early modern cities and towns. She is the recipient of fellowships from the Japanese Ministry of Education, the Japan Foundation, and the Whiting Foundation, and she has studied at Kansai University in Osaka and Waseda University in Tokyo. Her dissertation, which she is currently revising for publication, explores official and popular attitudes toward the sex trade in provincial Japan between 1600 and 1868. Other recent work includes an article on adultery and punishment in Tokugawa Japan and research on education for geisha during the Meiji period. She will be presenting in BCICS's Faculty and Fellows Colloquium on January 25th: "The Enlightenment Geisha."

Yi Qian

This section provides a forum for BCICS Faculty Affiliates to present their research, books, articles, project proposals, to colleagues and to the wider public. This quarter BCICS Affiliate Yi Qian, Assistant Professor of Marketing at the Kellogg School of Management, presents her article, "Are National Patent Laws the Blossoming Rains?-- Evidences from Domestic Innovation, Technology Transfers, and International Trade Post Patent Implementations in the period 1978-2002." The article will appear in the forthcoming book (2008) by Oxford University Press, *The Development Agenda: Global Intellectual Property and Developing Countries*, Edited by Neil Netanel.

Research on the effects of patent protection on innovation and technology transfer in the cross-country pharmaceutical industry adds to our understanding of the underlying forces driving a country's innovation level. Qian (2007) constructs a comprehensive database useful for evaluating the patenting effects on pharmaceutical innovations for 26 countries that established national pharmaceutical patent laws during the period from 1978 to 2002. This paper is a companion piece that extends the research to evaluating the effects of patent reforms on inward foreign direct investment (FDI) establishments and imports in the pharmaceutical sectors. This book chapter also attempts to integrate all the findings on innovations, technology transfer, and international trade, and discuss potential policy implications.

By thoroughly controlling for the country covariates, through a combination of matched sampling techniques with fixed-effect panel regression models, the analyses arrive at robust results across the various model specifications. First, national pharmaceutical patent protection alone does not stimulate domestic innovation, as estimated by the US patent awards (both raw counts and citation-weighted) and domestic R&D. FDI establishments and pharmaceutical exports did not increase significantly either. Imports, however, did flourish. Second, national patent law implementation demonstrates conditional importance for innovation acceleration and technology transfer, conditional upon certain country variables. In particular, the interaction between implementation and the development level, educational attainment, and economic freedom index are shown to have positive relationships with the domestic R&D expenditure and domestic pharmaceutical patent awards in the US (Qian, 2007). The interaction between implementation and economic freedom, implementation and educational attainment are indicated to attract more FDI

establishments. Third, terms of trade is likely to decline immediately upon the new implementation of IPR.

This essay is a follow up an earlier article that appeared in the *Review of Economics and Statistics* in August 2007, under the title: "Do National Patent Laws Stimulate Domestic Innovation in a Global Patenting Environment?"

Review of Economics and Statistics, August 2007, 89(3): 436-453.



Yi Qian is Assistant Professor of Marketing and the Donald P. Jacobs Scholar at the Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University. Professor Qian's research interests shape around marketing strategies in the context of technology advancement and international trade. She applies this knowledge to propose successful business strategies to secure brand values and Intellectual Property Rights against counterfeits, and to suggest rea-

sonable policies in adopting technology and absorbing foreign direct investments. Prior to joining the Kellogg School, she taught courses on Advanced Econometrics and International Trade and Investments at Harvard University. At the Kellogg School, Professor Qian will teach Marketing Research.

Mona Sue Weissmark

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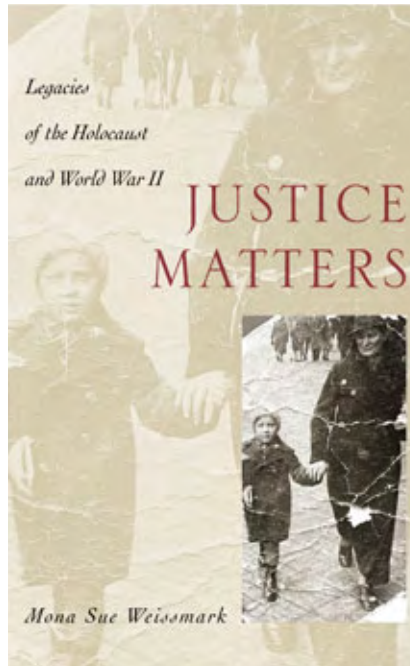
Could you talk about your project and how did it start?

My parents were Holocaust survivors, and my own life experiences and professional choices have been indelibly marked by that legacy. I had always hypothesized that, while legal systems offered a structured means for redressing injustice, they have rarely addressed the emotional pain, which, left unresolved, is then passed along to the next generation – leading to entrenched group tension and conflict.

The project started at Harvard, and aimed at looking at the long term psychological impact of injustice in order to test the hypothesis. We decided to bring together the children of holocaust survivors and children of Nazis to explore what happens when they meet each other face to face. The meeting, which was videotaped, lasted for four days and was facilitated by my husband Daniel Giacomo who was then a Harvard psychiatrist. The findings were coded using the statistical method lag sequential analysis that is used for coding behavioral sequences.

The data showed that when the sons and daughters of Holocaust victims met face-to-face with the children of Nazis deep-seated emotions corresponding to the past activated interpersonal behavior sequences. Sitting face to face with people they considered to be on the opposite side of the victimizing barricade provoked psychological distress, activated hostile reactions, and increased group polarization. However, it is important to stress that the data also showed there is a great deal of variation among the offspring of Nazis and survivors evaluations of a past injustice. In the struggle to assimilate the unjust event some individuals evaluated the past as unfinished whereas other individuals focused on shifting attention away from the past and instead focused on present opportunities for growth.

This was the first study of its kind, where descendants of both victims and perpetrators were brought together. We found that despite the fact that the descendants were not actively involved in the holocaust, the memories of the events were passed from one generation on to the next. The holocaust's impact had clearly left a mark as demonstrated by the resentment shown by the descendants of the victims towards the descendants of the Nazis. At various points throughout the meeting, they would blame and accuse the other side and allocate responsibility for the holocaust to the descendants of the Nazis. This in turn created resentment on behalf of the children of the Nazis who were assigned blame for crimes committed by their parents. It is evident that in the face of a tremendous injustice, the legal remedies are not sufficient for wiping out the psychological impact. This study could be expanded to include other groups that have experienced injustice as the cycle of feelings is passed on, from one generation to the next. If one looks at conflicts that are raging around the world in our days, Northern Ireland, Rwanda, the Middle East, etc., we should discern similar reactions.



What kind of publicity did your project receive?

The project received a lot of publicity by the media. A number of magazines and newspapers, such as *Psychology Today*, *Ms.*, *Harvard Magazine*, *Jerusalem Report*, the *Jewish Federation News*, *She Magazine*, and the *Chicmon Magazine*, the *New York Times*, the *Chicago Tribune*, the *Chicago Sun Times*, the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, and the *Guardian*, featured stories of my research.

CBS's Sunday Morning News with Charles Kuralt first featured the meeting between the descendants of Nazis and holocaust survivors on September 13, 1992. NBC's Dateline also aired a show featuring the project on March 16, 1993 under the title, "Journey to Understanding." Finally, I was able to organize a meeting between descendants of slaves and slave-owners for PBS' Channel 11's Image Union, which aired on June 29, 1995. The descendants were three to four generations removed from their ancestors who were slaves, yet the same cycle is evident. Four generations later, the wounds have not healed; there still persists a lot of negativity, hatred and resentment. On the other side, the descendants of the slave-owners-- who often live on the same lot of property that still houses the same building that used to serve as the slave quarters-- felt guilty for the actions of their ancestors yet at the same time very resentful for having to bear responsibility.

Encouraged by the widespread reception and by further research that helped strengthen my argument, I was able to turn this project into a book: *Justice Matters: Legacies of the Holocaust and World War II* (Oxford University Press, 2004). The book offers a new framework for understanding the psychological impact of injustice. It demonstrates how open memories of a past injustice are passed along to the offspring of victims and perpetrators. A main focus of the book is on the transmission of memories of injustice, including the question of how emotions and cognitions follow perception of an injustice.

In 2006, a 15-minute documentary titled *Seeing the Other Side -- 60 years after Buchenwald* was produced by Johanna Holzhauer of WDR German Television and written by Johanna Holzhauer and Miriam Leuzel. The Westdeutscher Rundfunk TV funded the film. The documentary film was based on my book and centered on my story, as a descendent of holocaust survivors, and turned my project into a reflexive moment of being able to overcome my sense of injustice. The film has aired nation wide on German television. The English translation of the film is available online.

What are your future plans?

We are currently collaborating on a study with Konstanz University's Humanities Center. Konstanz was recently acknowledged within a nation-wide competition, organized by the German government and administered by The German Research Foundation (DFG) and the Science Council, as the first 'center of excellence' in the humanities and endowed with generous funding.

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are hoping to develop international exchange programs with them, and we have also developed a proposal for a project that will hopefully materialize this coming June (2008).

A colleague from Konstanz, Aleida Assmann, who is the chair of the English Literature and Literary Theory department, will be working on this new project with me. Assmann is an internationally renowned expert on the transformation of memory within a social and cultural context, and more specifically she looks at how literary texts and media impact memory. In other words, she does for the social level, what I do for the psychological, individual level: what gets remembered and what gets forgotten.

The workshop Assmann and I are organizing is intended to establish a base for developing collaborative teaching and research links between Konstanz University and other institutions in Germany, and Northwestern University's Roberta Buffett Center for International and Comparative Studies (BCICS), and, more generally between the scientific community in the US and its counterparts in Germany and Switzerland.

The host institution of our first workshop will be Konstanz University, a university located in Konstanz on the border between Germany and Switzerland. Konstanz has instituted an intensive program of visits by foreign scientists as well as the support of interdisciplinary workshops, such as the one we are organizing.

The workshop aims to bring together senior and junior scientists from the U.S. and Germany in order to develop a long-term study of memory transmission and transformation. Also, the workshop will be a forum for exploring connections and synergies between leading researchers from the U.S. and Germany with overlapping research interests and complementary skills in the biological, cultural, narrative, and social psychological dimensions of cultural memory. The workshop is intended to establish a base for developing collaborative teaching and research links between Konstanz University and NU as well as other German and U.S. universities. The scientists will be from a range of different disciplines, such as psychology, cognitive psychology, psychiatry, biological psychiatry, philosophy and the humanities. We are planning on hosting a follow up meeting here at Northwestern in the following academic year, to be hosted through the Roberta Buffett Center for International and Comparative Studies. We hope the workshops will result in a long term study that would provide an important step forward in quantitative and qualitative understanding of the role of the transmission and transformation of cultural memories across generations.

Mona Sue Weissmark was born in Vineland, New Jersey. She received her bachelor's degree at McGill University, and she received her doctorate degree at the University of Pennsylvania. After earning her doctorate degree, she moved to Cambridge, Massachusetts and completed a three-year postdoctoral fellowship in the Department of Psychology at Harvard University. Weissmark moved to Chicago and joined the faculty at Roosevelt University as a tenured associate professor of psychology, and she also joined the Department of Psychology at Northwestern University as a visiting scholar. In 2004 Weissmark joined Northwestern University as a visiting associate professor of psychology, and has remained in the Department of Psychology as an adjunct associate professor. She also holds an adjunct associate professor appointment at the Feinberg School of Medicine in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences. At Northwestern, Weissmark teaches the undergraduate course, "Psychology of Diversity" and conducts research on the psychology of justice. She is the author of *Doing Psychotherapy Effectively* (University of Chicago Press, 1998) and *Justice Matters: Legacies of the Holocaust and World War II* published by Oxford University Press in 2004. Weissmark lives in Evanston, IL with her husband, Daniel Giacomo, a Northwestern University psychiatrist. They have a ten-year-old daughter.



BCICS and PAS Present: Torture in the Era of Democracy

This winter quarter, BCICS will host a number of events dedicated to the theme of torture. Speakers, that include both academics from different disciplines and activists, will examine this sensitive issue and account for the persistence, if not intensification of, the use of torture in a world that defines itself in democratic language. The Program of African Studies (PAS) will likewise host a number of events on the use of torture during recent developments in Africa.

On Thursday, January 17th, Jameel Jaffer and Amrit Singh will present their new book, *Administration of Terror: A Documentary Record from Washington to Abu Ghraib and Beyond*. The authors will give the most detailed account thus far of what took place in America's overseas detention centers, including the connection between the policies adopted by senior civilian and military officials and the torture and abuse that took place on the ground. Their research is based on hundreds of government documents—including interrogation directives, FBI e-mails, autopsy reports, and investigative files—that constitute both an important historical record and a profound indictment of the Bush administration's policies with respect to the detention and treatment of prisoners in U.S. custody abroad. Jameel Jaffer directs the American Civil Liberties Union's National Security Project and has been a litigator for the ACLU since 2002. He was educated at Williams College, Cambridge University, and Harvard Law School. Amrit Singh is a Staff Attorney at the Immigrants' Rights Project of the American Civil Liberties Union and has been a litigator for the ACLU since 2002. She was educated at Cambridge University, Oxford University, and Yale Law School.

Marnia Lazreg, professor of sociology at Hunter College and the Graduate Center of the City University of New York, will discuss her new book, *Torture and the Twilight of Empire: From Algiers to Baghdad*, on Tuesday, February 12th. Her book looks at the intimate relationship between torture and colonial domination through a close examination of the French army's coercive tactics during the Algerian war from 1954 to 1962. By tracing the psychological, cultural, and political meanings of torture at the end of the French empire, Marnia Lazreg also sheds new light on the United States and its recourse to torture in Iraq and Afghanistan. Drawing extensively from archives, confessions by former torturers, interviews with former soldiers, and war diaries, as well as writings by Jean-Paul Sartre, Albert Camus, and others, Lazreg argues that occupying nations justify their systematic use of torture as a regrettable but necessary means of saving Western civilization from those who challenge their rule.

Darius Rejali, professor of political science at Reed College and an internationally recognized expert on modern torture, will discuss his new book, *Torture and Democracy*, on February 28th. Rejali undertakes a genealogy of torture from the late nineteenth century to the aftermath of Abu Ghraib, from slavery and the electric chair to electro-torture in American inner cities, and from French and British colonial prison cells and the Spanish-American War to the fields of Vietnam, the wars of the Middle East, and the new democracies of Latin America and Europe. Rejali traces the development and application of one torture technique after another in these settings, he reaches startling conclusions. As the twentieth century progressed, he argues, democracies not only tortured, but set the international pace for torture. Dictatorships may have tortured more, and more indiscriminately, but the United States, Britain, and France pioneered and exported techniques that have become the lingua franca of modern torture: methods that leave no marks. Under the watchful eyes of reporters and human rights activists, low-level authorities in the world's oldest democracies were the first to learn that to scar a victim was to advertise iniquity and invite scandal. Long before the CIA even existed, police and soldiers turned instead to "clean" techniques, such as torture by electricity, ice, water, noise, drugs, and stress positions. As democracy and human rights spread after World War II, so too did these methods.

Discussions occur at BCICS, 1902 Sheridan Road, and are open to the public unless otherwise noted. For more information call : 847 467-2770 or email: m-briem@northwestern.edu. Please check the BCICS website for updates regarding the events : www.bcics.northwestern.edu.

JANUARY

BCICS Presents Torture in the Era of Democracy :: Thu 01/17 : 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Jameel Jaffer and Amrit Singh, American Civil Liberties Union. *Administration of Terror: A Documentary Record from Washington to Abu Ghraib and Beyond*
Ripton Room, Scott Hall, 601 University Place

Faculty and Fellows Colloquium :: Fri 01/18 : Noon – 1:00 p.m.

Rebecca Seligman, Department of Anthropology. *Culture and Mental Health: Integrating Anthropological and Psychiatric Perspectives on Dissociation*

BCICS Documentary Film Series :: Mon 01/21 : 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Juliana Tafur, Journalist and Documentary Filmmaker. *Rightful yet Right-less*
Library Forum Room, Second Floor, South Tower, Northwestern University
Main Library, 1970 Campus Drive

Faculty and Fellows Colloquium :: Fri 01/25 : Noon – 1:00 p.m.

Amy Stanley, Department of History. *The Enlightenment Geisha*

FEBRUARY

Faculty and Fellows Colloquium :: Fri 02/01 : Noon – 1:00 p.m.

Jason Seawright, Department of Political Science. *Civil Society and Unequal Political Representation in South America*

Faculty and Fellows Colloquium :: Fri 02/08 : Noon – 1:00 p.m.

Liora Sion, Department of Sociology. *Imaginary Masculinity Among Israeli Men During Reserve Duty*

BCICS Presents Torture in the Era of Democracy :: Tue 02/12 : 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Marnia Lazreg, Professor of Sociology, Hunter College and the Graduate Center of the City University of New York. *Torture and the Twilight of Empire: From Algiers to Baghdad*. Ripton Room, Scott Hall, 601 University Place

BCICS and the Keyman Family Program in Modern Turkish Studies ::

Wed 02/13 : 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. Jenny White, Department of Anthropology, Boston University. *Book Presentation: Abyssinian Proof*

Faculty and Fellows Colloquium :: Fri 02/15 : Noon – 1:00 p.m.

Adrijana Mar et i, BCICS Visiting Scholar, Department of Philology, University of Belgrade. *New Approaches to Literary Theory*

BCICS Documentary Film Series :: Mon 02/19 : 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Jean-Marie Teno, Short and Documentary Film Director. *Le Malentendu Colonial (The Colonial Misunderstanding)*. Library Forum Room, Second Floor, South Tower, Northwestern University Main Library, 1970 Campus Drive

Faculty and Fellows Colloquium :: Fri 02/22 : Noon – 1:00 p.m. TBA

BCICS Presents Torture in the Era of Democracy :: Thu 02/28 : 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Darius Rejali, Professor of Political Science, Reed College. *Torture and the Twilight of Torture and Democracy*. Ripton Room, Scott Hall, 601 University Place

Faculty and Fellows Colloquium :: Fri 02/29 : Noon – 1:00 p.m. TBA

MARCH

Faculty and Fellows Colloquium :: Fri 03/07 : Noon – 1:00 p.m.

Mona Weissmar, Department of Psychology. *Memory Transmission and Transformation*

BCICS Documentary Film Series

BCICS is to screen two documentary films during the winter quarter. The film screenings will be followed by discussions with the filmmakers. We hope that these screenings will provide compelling perspectives that will promote greater awareness and stimulate dialogue about contemporary issues.

RIGHTFUL YET RIGHT-LESS : By Juliana Tafur

Monday, January 21st : 5:00 p.m :: Library Forum Room.

Northwestern Main University Library, 2nd Floor South Tower, 1970 Campus Drive



Over one million Sudanese who escaped their war-torn country now live in Cairo, Egypt. Under international human rights agreements, these refugees have the right to education, employment, healthcare, welfare and protection. But in Egypt they are

right-less. They are not resettled to countries in the West, nor given the possibility to start a new life. The role of the Cairo office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees is to protect all rightful refugees. So why is it turning its back on the Sudanese? This documentary explores the plight of the refugees, their failed expectations, hopelessness and despair.

Juliana Tafur is a journalist who now specializes on documentary film making. She directed, produced, shot and edited *Rightful, yet Right-less*, a documentary on the lives of Sudanese refugees in Cairo, Egypt. Juliana is a graduate from the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University.

LE MALENTENDU COLONIAL

(Colonial Misunderstanding) : By Jean-Marie Teno

Tuesday February 19th : 4:00 p.m :: Library Forum Room.

Northwestern Main University Library, 2nd Floor South Tower, 1970 Campus Drive

The film looks at Christian evangelism as the forerunner of European colonialism in Africa, indeed, as the ideological model for the relationship between North and South even today. In particular it looks at the role of missionaries in Namibia on this the centenary of the 1904 German genocide of the Herrero people there. It reveals how colonialism destroyed African beliefs and social systems and replaced them with European ones as the only acceptable route to modernity.



Jean-Marie Teno was born in 1954, in Cameroon and has been living since 1977 in France, where he studied audiovisual communication in Valenciennes. Since 1985 he has been working as a film critic for 'Buana Magazine' and as a television editor. For his second short film 'Hommage' (1987) he won the short-film award of the 'Festival Vues d'Afriques' in Montréal. His first and only full-length feature film 'Clando' was nominated in the same year for the category 'best film' at the international festival of French-speaking films in Namur.

KEYMAN FAMILY PROGRAM IN MODERN TURKISH STUDIES PRESENTS:

The Abyssinian Proof

BCICS and the Keyman Family Program in Modern Turkish Studies are pleased to announce that Jenny White will be presenting her new book, *The Abyssinian Proof* on **Wednesday, February 13th (Harris Hall 108, 5:00 pm.)**. Jenny B. White is associate professor of anthropology at Boston University, and has been following events in Turkey since the mid-1970s. She is the former president of the Turkish Studies Association and of the American Anthropological Association, Middle East Section, and sits on the board of the Institute of Turkish studies. Jenny B. White is the author of a number of scholarly works, including: *Islamist Mobilization in Turkey: A Study in Vernacular Politics* (2002), which was the winner of the 2003 Douglass Prize for best book in Europeanist anthropology, and *Money Makes Us Relatives: Women's Labor in Urban Turkey* (second edition, London: Routledge, 2004). Besides the numerous scholarly articles, Jenny B. White has also written a work of fiction, *The Sultan's Seal*, which was the finalist of the Ellis Peters Historical Crime Award, and was also chosen as a Booklist "Top ten Historical" and "Top Ten First" novel.

Abyssinian Proof takes place in nineteenth-century Istanbul, and involves a conspiracy to steal an ancient reliquary whose secret could change the world. Many of the novel's themes in her thriller book are relevant to the events that are unfolding in Turkey today.



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