



Previous Foster Lectures

Spring 2019

A House of Mirrors: Migration and its Reflections

Dr. Jeffrey H. Cohen

Professor of Anthropology, Department of Anthropology
College of the Arts and Sciences, The Ohio State University

Spring 2018

*Social Movements, Social Justice and Engaged
Scholarship in Interesting Times*

Dr. Leith Mullings

Distinguished Professor Emerita
Graduate Center, City University of New York

Spring 2017

*The Twenty-first Century Silk Road: China and Italy
in the Transnational Fashion Industry*

Dr. Lisa Rofel

Professor of Anthropology
University of California at Santa Cruz

Spring 2016

*From Public Health to Surplus Health:
Maximizing Medical Markets*

Dr. Joseph Dumit

Director, Institute for Social Science and Professor
University of California at Davis

Spring 2015

*Confessions of an Accidental College President: Standing by as
Public Higher Education Stumbles into the Future*

Dr. Kendall Blanchard

Retired President

George Southwestern State University

Spring 2014

*Spatializing Culture: The Emergence of Translocal Space from Transnational
Flows of People, Culture and Capital*

Dr. Setha Low

Professor and Director, Public Space Research Group, Graduate Center

City University of New York

Spring 2013

*The Anatomy of a Cultural Syndrome: Cultural and Psychiatric
Perspectives on Ataques de Nervios*

Dr. Peter Guarnaccia

Professor, Department of Human Ecology and

Investigator, Institute for Health, Health Care Policy and Aging Research

Rutgers University

Spring 2012

What is New About Immigration in the United States

Dr. Nancy Foner

Distinguished Professor of Sociology, Hunter College and Graduate Center

City University of New York

Spring 2011

The Inevitability of Infidelity: Love, Marriage, and HIV

Dr. Jennifer S. Hirsch

Associate Professor and Deputy Chair for Doctoral Studies,

Department of Sociomedical Sciences, Mailman School of Public Health

Columbia University

Spring 2010

Symbolism and Ritual in Mexican Politics

Dr. Larissa Adler Lomnitz

Investigadora Emerita, Department of Anthropology
National Autonomous University of Mexico, Mexico City

Spring 2009

*What Darwin Found Convincing: A New Look at his
Human and Non-Human Data*

Dr. William Durham

Bing Professor in Human Biology, Department of Anthropology
Stanford University

Spring 2008

*Premodern Kinship in Postmodern Guise? The Chinese Lineage
Under Colonialism, Communism, and Capitalism*

Dr. James L. Watson

Fairbank Professor of Chinese Society and
Professor of Anthropology, Department of Anthropology
Harvard University

Spring 2007

*Excusing the Haves and Blaming the Have-Nots in
Jared Diamond's Histories*

Dr. Deborah Gewertz

G. Henry Whitcomb Professor of Anthropology,
Department of Anthropology-Sociology
Amherst College

Spring 2006

Aftermath: Calculating the Social Costs of Disasters and Reconstruction

Dr. Anthony Oliver-Smith

Professor of Anthropology
University of Florida

Spring 2005

When the Bough Breaks: Parents Who Kill Their Children

Dr. Jill Korbin

Professor of Anthropology
Associate Dean of Arts and Sciences
Case Western Reserve University

Spring 2004

*The Vision of the Limited Good and the
Specter of the Unlimited Good*

Dr. June Nash

Distinguished Professor of Anthropology, Emerita
City College and Graduate Center
City University of New York

Spring 2003

*Cultural Beliefs and Cancer Risk Factors: A Study
of the Perceptions of Hispanic and Anglo Women and Physicians*

Dr. Leo Chavez

Director of Chicano/Latino Studies
University of California at Irvine

Spring 2000

Staying Sober in Mexico City

Dr. Stanley Brandes

Department of Anthropology

University of California at Berkeley