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CRITICAL MEDICAL HUMANITIES

ADRIANA PETRYNA

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North Campus Lecture:

Offshored Clinical Trials: Pharmaceutical Evidence-Making and Hidden Harms

Thursday, May 3, 2007

7:00 pm

Communications 120

South Campus Lecture:

Global Outsourcing of Clinical Trials: Ethical Challenges

Friday, May 4, 2007

12:00 noon

Turner Auditorium, D-209

Health Sciences Building

Adriana Petryna is Associate Professor of Anthropology at the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Petryna's ethnographic research explores science and medicine in Eastern Europe and in the United States. Her earlier work focused on the Chernobyl nuclear disaster which led her to an investigation of U.S.-based pharmaceutical research. She is interested in the ways that cultural values and political and economic practices affect scientific production, and the concomitant effect of this production on governance and citizenship claims. Her first book, *Life Exposed: Biological Citizens after Chernobyl* (2002), is an ethnographic examination of the vexed scientific and political circumstances that followed the nuclear disaster in then Soviet Ukraine. Her current research focuses on commercialized clinical trials and their ethical and regulatory environments as they contribute to an expansion of human subject's involvement in research. She is co-editor, with Andrew Lakoff and Arthur Kleinman, of *Global Pharmaceuticals: Ethics, Markets, Practices* (2006), and is completing an ethnography of the evolving clinical trials industry.

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