



Events

THE WILL TO INSTITUTIONALITY

Queer Studies and the University

Friday, May 8, 2009

9:30 am—4:45 pm

Parrington Commons

Please join the Queer Worlds Crossdisciplinary Research Cluster for a symposium on the institutionalization of Queer Studies programs at the university level. This symposium will address the consolidation of Queer Studies as an academic discipline, recent initiatives to begin Queer Studies both at the University of Washington and elsewhere, and the larger transformations of gender and sexual politics in neoliberal political economy.

9:30 - 11:30 AM | **Queer Epistemologies of Race**

Roderick A. Ferguson is associate professor of race and critical theory in the Department of American Studies at the University of Minnesota and affiliated faculty in the departments of Women's Studies and African American & African Studies. His book, *Aberrations in Black: Toward a Queer of Color Critique*, investigates the normative foundations of the American nation-state, capital, and American sociology, and one of his recent articles provides the title for this symposium.

Sandra Soto is assistant professor and Director of Graduate Studies in the Department of Women's Studies at the University of Arizona. She is also affiliated faculty in the departments of English, Latin American Studies, and Mexican American Studies. Her book, *Reading Chican@ Like a Queer: The De-Mastery of Desire* is forthcoming from University of Texas Press.

Respondent: **Gillian Harkins**, English, University of Washington

1:00 - 3:00 pm | **Technologies of Capture: Accounting, Incarceration, and Disciplinarity**

Miranda Joseph is associate professor of Women's Studies at the University of Arizona and affiliated faculty in the departments of English and Geography and Regional Development. She also serves on the Executive Committees of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies and U.S. Cultural Studies Associations. She is the author of *Against the Romance of Community* and is currently at work on a manuscript, *A Debt to Society*, that examines formations of debt and accounting in universities, prisons, and other institutions.

Dean Spade is assistant professor of Law at Seattle University and founder of the Silvia Rivera Law Project (www.srlp.org). He has published extensively, and his recent research interests include the impact of the war on terror on transgender rights, the bureaucratization of trans-identities, and models of non-profit governance in social movements.

Respondent: **Chandan Reddy**, English, University of Washington

3:30-4:45 PM | **Capstone Discussion**

Rapporteur: **Bruce Burgett**, Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences, University of Washington, Seattle

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