

Thesis Titles 2005-2006
Committee on Degrees in Social Studies

Fall 2005

Alexander Blenkinsopp

Advisor: Ellsworth Fersch

The Deficient Jurisprudence of Punishment

Neil Ellingson

Advisor: Nancy Bauer

"Les Antipub: The democratic impulse of the contemporary French anti-advertising movement."

Mary Jirmanus

Advisor: Ted MacDonald

Practicing Participation: Ecuador's Social Movements and their Demands for "Participation" in Free Trade Debates

Malgorzata Kurjanska

Advisor: Terry Aladjem

Lost in Transition: A theoretical exploration of dynamics of identity and culture as manifested in the mental health of Australian Aboriginals.

Agnieszka Rafalska

Advisor: Verity Smith

Reluctant Europeanization: the NGO sector in East Central Europe after EU enlargement.

Spring 2006

Randall Adams

Advisor: Todd Pittinsky

Confronting Racism: The Effects of Implicit Attitude Awareness on Juror Decision Making.

Erica Aghedo

Advisor: Prof. Kim DaCosta

A Look at the Black Market in Babies, 1930's-1960's

John K. Ames

Advisor: Kelly Sims Gallagher

The Energy Sustainability Index: Understanding Competitiveness, Technology and Policy Design from an Economic-Environmental Perspective

Christina Angelides

Advisor: Ted MacDonald

Healing Rural Realities: The Possibility of Participation in the Restructuring of China's Rural Healthcare System

Max Arbes

Advisor: Maureen Sullivan

Deploying Culture to Redefine the Political Landscape: A Comparative Study

Amelia Atlas

Advisor: Louis Menand

At the Critical Crossroads: Lionel Trilling and the Transformation of the Public Intellectual

Merrit Baer

Advisor: Fred Schaffer

Rethinking Marriage and Gender Power: Lessons From Bhutan

Rex Baker

Advisor: Neil Aggarwal

The "Chaperone State" in Iraqi Kurdistan and its Effect on Domestic and International Discourse

Amar C. Bakshi

Advisors: Ted Macdonald (Social Studies) and Alfred Guzzetti (VES)

Zimbabwe's Cultural Policy and Televised Propaganda: Art and Persuasion in the Mugabe Regime

Rachel Bolden-Kramer

Advisor: Carmen Villar

The Politics of Voguing: The House/Ball Community in Crisis

Mae Bunagan

Advisor: Nicole Newendorp

The Production of Citizenship Practices by Immigrant Women Workers

Pascal Chahine

Advisor: Diana Allen

Between Sexuality and Sexual Rights: The Experiences of Gay Men in Beirut, Lebanon

Kevin Ching

Advisor: Susan Pharr

"Black Cat, White Cat: Mutual Ambivalence Among NGOs in China and Chinese Policy Makers in the Reform Period" (tentative)

Carol Choy

Advisor: Jon Eastwood

Modernist Art Forms and the Articulation of Social Class in Early 20th Century America

Matthew Christian

Advisor: Monica Duffy Toft

When state partition works and when it fails: Examining the Eritrean-Ethiopian border conflict.

Ben Collins

Advisor: Daniel Moses

Darfur, Sudan: “Never Again” and the Political Ambiguities of Genocide

Azzurra Cox

Advisor: Margaret Crawford

(Re)forming Spaces: Is there Place for the Architect in Informal Settlement Reform?

Alison C. Damaskos

Advisor: Anya Bernstein

The Intersection of Practicality and Identity: Explaining Work-Family Decisions Among Upper-Middle Class Women

Anne Day

Advisor: Sara Byala

“The Other Side of the Rainbow: Post-Apartheid South Africa and the Racialized Discourse of Today’s Youth”

Emily Dubner

Advisor: Nicole Newendorp

Taking Education Into Their Own Hands: AIDS Awareness and Activism of University Students in Beijing and Shanghai

James Dyett

Adviser: Sarah Dix

Helping Across Borders

Kathryn Eidmann

Advisor: Oona Ceder

Transnational Feminist Discourse in Local Women's Advocacy Movements: Gender-Based Violence in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

Clifford Emmanuel

Advisor: Peggy Kong

From the Village to the City and Back: Rural-Urban Migration and Its Effects on Rural Chinese Primary Education

Michael Etzel

Thesis Supervisor: Ryan Moore

The Unfriendly Skies: Tracing the Evolution of Air Transportation Security in the United States

David R. Ferris

Advisor: Verity Smith

Queer Legal Analysis: Toward a Social Theory of Law and Sexuality

Tara Fisher

Advisor: Christopher Sturr

Surviving the 90's: Juvenile Justice Policy for Missouri's Most Serious Youth Offenders

Alfinio Flores

Advisor: Sarah Dix

Somewhere Called Santa Rosa: An Alternate Assessment of Remittance Impact in a Small Mexican Community

Erik Garrison

Advisor: Thomas Ponniah

Alienation, Community, and the Emergence of Pre-Industrial Life in the Information Age

Andrew Golis

Advisor: Daniel Moses

The "New Class" at Harvard: Privileged Radicals as Agents of Social Change

Elizabeth Green

Advisor: Darra Mulderry

"Traitor's Gate": The Defeat of Alabama Governor Bob Riley's 2003 Tax Reform Campaign

Joe Green

Advisor: Prof. David Sears (UCLA)

The American Dream in the Age of Globalization

Matthew Guarnieri

Advisor: Tamara Metz

Interference and Capability in a Theory of Freedom

Meghan Haggerty

Advisor: Christopher Wimer

Social Control and the Efficacy of Community Outreach: Looking Deeper into the South Boston Teenage Suicide Epidemic of 1997

Zachary Hale

Advisor: Christine M. Korsgaard

Rethinking Foucault: The "Critical Ontology of Ourselves" in Light of Recent Developments in Moral Philosophy

Deborah Hsieh

Advisor: Thaddeus Williamson

The Return of Transit Planning and Policy: The Approval of Light Rail in Phoenix, Arizona

Marilyn Hylton

Advisor: Anya Bernstein

Breaking the Mold: The Development of College Aspirations among First-Generation Students

David Jakus

Advisor: Michael Hiscox

Economic Openness, Development, and Evolving Labor Rights in China: A Regional Comparison

Kristi Jobson

Advisor: Daniel Moses

Playing it the "Company Way": The musical "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying" and the idea of American success

David Kaden

Advisor: Michael Hiscox

Whose Rescue: The United States, the IMF, and the Politics of Financial Crisis in the 1990s

Fiona Kaye

Advisor: Terry Aladjem.

A Profile in Courage? Senator Feingold's Resistance to the USA Patriot Act as an Instance of Congressional Dissent

Nick Kephart

Advisor: Robert Lawrence

The Political Economy of Textile and Apparel Rules of Origin in International Trade Agreements

As the drive for liberalization of world trade continues, emphasis has been placed on non-tariff barriers to trade such as rules of origin. This thesis examines the role of rules of origin, particularly in the textile and apparel industries, and how they affect trade flows. Using statistical and qualitative analysis and this thesis looks at how rules of origin are endogenously determined, how they affect and are affected by the negotiation of trade agreements. I argue that while rules of origin can be seen as barriers to trade, they also play an important role in the passage of free trade agreements, rendering their overall effects less obvious.

Polly Klyce

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Core Values and Cultural Pluralism: Religion in the American University

Lauren Kuley

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Arab Americans and Conceptions of Citizenship

Sarah LaFleur

Advisor: Kiaran Honderich

Sex Work or Exploitation? Exploring Sexual Relations between Aid Workers and Refugee Women

Stephanie Lai

Advisor: Bo-Mi Choi

"Harmony of Peace": Leonard Bernstein's Pacific Music Festival

Elena Lalli

Advisor: Jon Eastwood

The Virtue of the Wits: Federalists Authors and the Role of Virtue in American Revolutionary Politics

Ayelet Lebovicz

Advisor: Sue Khan

Jewish Sex and the City: Modern Orthodox Jews and Sexual Behavior on the Upper West Side

Michael Leonard

Advisor: Sarah Dix

Return Migration Among Naturalized Salvadoran Immigrants

Chang Liu

Advisor: Sadhana Bery

Activism and Collaboration of African and Asian American Students at Harvard

Mina Makarios

Advisor: Thad Williamson

Democracy in the Grandstands: Social Capital Development in Minor League and Amateur Baseball

Jessica Marglin

Advisor: Susan G. Miller

Missions of the Civilized; A Reconsideration of the *Alliance Israélite Universelle* as a Colonial Arm of the French Government in Morocco (1862-1912)

Isley Markman

Advisor: Adam Webb

Constitutionality and Democracy in Chile: A Theoretical Perspective

Tim Marrinan

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US independent film as a means of alternative cultural expression in a capitalist society.

Andrea Mayrose

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Rooted in South Dakota: The Possibilities for Family Farming

PJ McCann

Advisor: Phineas Baxandall

From Neighborhood Clearance to Neighborhood Involvement:
Community-Based Initiatives and Economic Development in Boston

Kyle McCarthy

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Nothing to Be

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Transformation through Care:

Examining Western Evangelical Frameworks of Orphan Care in Uganda

Ada McMahan

Advisor: Kim DaCosta

Rindge Kids: Being White and Middle Class at Cambridge Rindge and Latin High School

Manisha Munshi

Advisor: Sadhana Bery

The New Goddesses: Women, Progress, and Patriarchy in the Hindu Nationalist Movement

Soojin Nam

Advisor: Nicole Newendorp

School for North Koreans and sense of exclusion among South Koreans: analysis of community opposition to North Korean defector facilities in South Korea

Maria Nardell

Advisor: Chris Sturr

“The ‘Other’ Enemy Aliens of World War II: Shifting Meanings and Memories of Race, Language and Ethnicity Among Italian Americans”

Rourke O'Brien

Advisor: Jeffery Liebman

Ineligible to Save: Asset Limits and the Saving of Welfare Recipients

Defne Ozgediz

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Social Trust in a Low-Income Istanbul Neighborhood

Joe Pace

Advisor: Michael Horowitz

International Pressure and State Repression in Syria

Megha Parekh

Advisor: Jonathan Eastwood

All-American Rebels: Gender, Class, and Values in Heavy Metal Culture

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"Popular Feminism in the Dominican Republic: Creating a Multi-Issue Feminist Agenda"

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The Effect of Education on Economic Growth: Evidence from India

Christopher Re

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Degradation and Regulation: The Intellectual and Legal History of post-Civil War American Felony Disenfranchisement

Carrie Richardson

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To Bend Without Breaking:
The Construction and Maintenance of a Multi-Ethnic State in Guyana

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Gacaca: Building Civil Society in Rwanda

Joshua Rissmiller

Advisor: Chris Sturr

Camden's Drug Economy

Valerie Sakimura

Advisor: Lauren Rivera

Understanding How Elementary School Principals Think About Arts Education Programs

Anjali Salooja

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“THE OTHER” NO MORE: Women’s Empowerment Through Garment-industry Work

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Risk and Behavior: The Routinization and Rationalization of the Petrochemical Industry in Louisiana

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After Election Day: The Persistence of Ties in the Aftermath of a Political Organizing Campaign

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All the Pictures Fit To Print: Changes in Front-Page Photography of *The New York Times* and the Rise of the Visual Culture

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Of Digital Hermeneutics

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Just Don't Vote for the Other Guy: Negative message campaigning and youth voter mobilization in the United States

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Choice and Sense Making: Career Selection at an Elite College

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Battling Invisibility: The Impact of HIV/AIDS and Increased Care Responsibilities on Informal Traders in Durban, South Africa

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Rational Social Choice & the Scottish Enlightenment

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The Road from Perdition: Resolving Ethnic Conflict in the Darfur Region of the Sudan

Samuel Takvorian

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Does Mixed-Income Housing Really Benefit the Poor?

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From Development to Diamonds to AIDS Deaths: Botswana Healthcare Workers' Views of HIV/AIDS Health Policy and Implementation

Trayan Trayanov

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The Origins of the Russo-Chechen War (1994-1996): A Historical-Sociological Critique

Katharine Valente

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The potential for city to city partnerships to contribute to sustainable development

Tina Valverde

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Globalization and Democracy: Case Study on Morocco

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Three Guys Walk Into a Cockpit: How Comedy Stayed Alive in the Wake of 9/11

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Criminal Indignity: The Use of Shame in American Criminal Punishment

Brooks Washington

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Steering, Rowing, or Sinking? An examination of Americorps' catalytic influence on the non-profit sector

Daniel J. Wiegand

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Mobilizing Youth: Commercial Influences on Political Methods

Brady Williams

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Assessing the Relationship between Degrading Conditions of Confinement and Recidivism Rates in Massachusetts State Prisons.

Jordan Woods

Advisor: David Peritz

On Hate Crimes: A Theoretical Approach to Penalty Enhancement Laws for Crimes Motivated By Sexual Orientation

Charles Worthington

Advisor: Jonathan Borck

Assessing the Effectiveness of Voluntary Environmental Agreements

Hannah Wright

Advisor: Andrew Reeves

The Moderation of the Court

Stu Wulsin

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Breaking the Cycle: The Emergence, Implementation, and Extension of the Mental
Health Court Model