"Perspectives on Interculturality"
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The intercultural occurs in the space between two or more distinct cultures that encounter each other, an area where they negotiate reciprocal relationships. A better understanding of interactions between different human groups is a major challenge of our time. A half-century of critique of the concept of culture has made significant contributions, including foregrounding ethnocentrism as a source of research bias across disciplines; incorporating power into cultural studies; and expanding scholarship on cultures beyond ethno-linguistically defined groups. Likewise, study of processes that transcend group divisions--globalization, empire, neo-colonialism--has flourished. Meanwhile, understanding mechanisms of interactions between cultures has not kept pace. Intercultural studies are due for reflection and refinement. The conference brings together scholars of diverse disciplines to reflect on the current state of knowledge about these mechanisms, with the goal of assembling a theoretical and methodological toolbox for researching and understanding the intercultural.

Thursday, February 28, 2013
Sessions meet in Pere Marquette Gallery, DuBourg Hall, Second Floor

12:00 p.m. Registration, Pere Marquette Gallery
1:00-1:15 Introduction and welcome
1:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. SESSION 1: Interculturality: Conceptual Issues

Chair: Monica Eppinger, Assistant Professor, School of Law, Saint Louis University

1. Michael D. Barber, S.J., Professor in the Department of Philosophy, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Saint Louis University
Apperception, the Influence of Culture, and Interracial Humor

2. Paul V. Kollmann, CSC, Associate Professor of Theology, Executive Director, Center for Social Concerns, University of Notre Dame
Intercultural Studies and Mobility Studies: some Tentative Theses

3. Teruyuki Tsuji, Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, Center for Intercultural Studies, Saint Louis University
"A Theoretical Proposal on Cultural Mixing, still a "Miracle Begging for Analysis"

3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. Coffee Break

3:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. SESSION 2: Interculturality and Social Identity

Chair: Julia Lieberman, Professor, Department of Modern and Classical Languages, Saint Louis University

1. Brien K. Ashdown, Assistant Professor of Psychology, Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Yetilu de Baessa, Director of Department of Psychology, Universidad Francisco Marroquin, Guatemala
Judith Lynn Gibbons, Professor of Psychology, Saint Louis University

Interculturality among Ethnic Groups in Guatemala

2. Tracy Brown, Associate Professor of Anthropology, Central Michigan University
Fear of the Knotted cord: Pueblo-Spanish Relations after the 1680 Revolt

3. William P. Childers, Associate Professor, CUNY Graduate Center
Bienvenido, Mr. Inquisitor: The Inquisitorial Visit as Intercultural Laboratory

6:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Cocktails, Sinquefield State Room, DuBourg Hall, Fourth Floor 409

6:30- 8:00 p.m. Dinner

Keynote Address: Donal Carbaugh, Professor of Communication, Director of the Graduate Program, University of Massachusetts Amherst
Interculturality Gone Haywire: Invisible Misunderstandings in the News

Friday, March 1, 2013
Sessions meet in Pere Marquette Gallery, DuBourg Hall, Second Floor

8:00 a.m. Registration

8:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. SESSION 3: A Global Stage for Interculturality

Chair: Hisako Matsuo, Professor of Sociology and Anthropology, Saint Louis University

1. Henrik Gert Larsen, CEO of Flügger, China and Asia Pacific. Adjunct Professor of Management, Nordic International Management Institute, Chengdu, China.
   Leslie Wolowitz, Associate Chair, ISPP, Schaumburg at Argosy University Schaumburg, IL
   Netnography: an Emerging Methodology for Researching Aspects of Interculturality on Social Media. A Netnographic Case Study of Western Expatriates’ Attitudes towards the Chinese in Shanghai

2. Nilanjana Bardhan, Associate Professor of Speech Communication, Southern Illinois University
   Miriam Sobre-Denton, Associate Professor of Speech Communication, Southern Illinois University
   Cosmopolitan Communication as a Framework for Interculturality and Global Citizenship

3. Mun-Cho Kim, Professor of Sociology, Korea University, Seoul, Korea
   Towards a Cosmopolitan Sociology: Understanding Cosmopolitanism in Korea

10:15 a.m. – 10:30a.m. Coffee Break

10:30a.m. – 12:15 p.m. SESSION 4: Doing Interculturality

Chair: David Murphy, Professor of Modern and Classical Languages, Saint Louis University

1. J. Hale-Gallardo, Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Saint Louis University
Theorizing Intercultural Health Care: The Cultural Politics of Institutionalizing Indigenous Medicine in Mexico

2. Irmina Wawrzyczek, Professor of Anglo-American Cultural History, Department of English, Maria-Curie Skłodowska University, Lublin, Poland
   Promotion of Tourist Destinations and Interculturality: the City of Krakow in the British Press

3. Kara McBride, Associate Professor of Modern and Classical Languages, Saint Louis University
   Do the Folk Believe that They can Speak their Way into Interculturality?

12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Lunch break

1:45 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. SESSION 5: The Uses of Cultural Appropriation

Chair: George Ndege, Associate Professor of History, Saint Louis University

1. Joseph R. Allen, Professor of Chinese Literature, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
   Picturing Gentlemen: Japanese Portrait Photography in Colonial Taiwan

2. Saddik M. Gouhar, Professor of English Literature Department, United Arab Emirates University, Al-Ain, United Arab Emirates
   Navigating Western/Christian Discourses in Arabic/Islamic Literature: an Intercultural Approach

3. Semahagn Gashu Abebe, Post-Doctoral Fellow, Centre for Human Rights, National University of Ireland, Galway, Ireland
   Federalism as a Response to the Accommodation of Cultural Diversity with Particular Emphasis on the Case of Ethiopia

3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Coffee Break

3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. SESSION 6: Interculturality: A Round Table

Chair: Michal Jan Rozbicki, Professor of History, Director of the Center for Intercultural Studies, Saint Louis University