

# DE-EXCEPTIONALIZING DISPLACEMENT: RETHINKING CITIZENSHIP AND MOBILITY

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*With increasing forms of precarity across the globe, there is a need to call attention to sites of struggle that bridge assumed divisions between "migrants," "refugees," and "citizens." These include access to housing, safety, thriving neighborhoods, healthcare, food, education, childcare, the labor market, and other shared needs. What would it mean to de-exceptionalize displacement, rethinking mobility and citizenship alike?*

**FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2019**

**KEYNOTES**

**LOCATION: FRICK FINE ARTS CENTER AUDITORIUM**

9:30 – 10:30am

***“Methodological De-nationalism and  
Exceptionalizing Citizenship”***

**Bridget Anderson**, University of Bristol, UK

Respondent: Roger Rouse, Global Studies, University of Pittsburgh

*At the heart of contemporary concerns about human mobility lies a perceived tension between embedded ‘natives’ and out of place ‘foreigners’. While scholarship has nuanced social understandings of migration and migratory processes it continues to reinforce the strongly imagined norm of national and stable communities disrupted by migrants. This challenge has been described as ‘methodological nationalism’. I will argue that, having identified the problem we need to develop a methodologically de-nationalist approach.that analyses how migrants and citizens are inextricably connected in law, theory and everyday life. I outline three starting points for making these connections: racism, the impact of enforcement, and matters of property. Through reference to specific examples I argue that policy and practice is far more developed than we might think in terms of turning citizens into ‘migrants’ and suggest that as much as we need to deexceptionalise migration, we should also exceptionalise citizenship.*

**--- A COFFEE BREAK will follow the First Keynote ---**

11:00 – 12:00pm

***“HIV/AIDS and the Geography of Risk in Chicago”***

**Rashad Shabazz**, Arizona State University, USA

Respondent: Andre L. Brown, Center for Health Equity, University of  
Pittsburgh

*My talk will address the public health crisis created by mass incarceration in Illinois and the impact it had on Black Chicago in the 1990's and early 2000's. My argument is a simple, yet provocative: I argue that mass incarceration, which unknowingly swept HIV positive people into prison, profoundly shaped Black Chicagoan's relationship to HIV/AIDS by creating a geography of risk. This created a sociospatial production of HIV infection that disproportionately affected Black Chicagoans. Though HIV/AIDS could affect anyone, the risk was higher in Black Chicago as a result of geographic and structural forces that weighed heaviest on Black neighborhoods. This geography of risk emerged through public policies and political decisions, not internal moral failings. What does this geography of risk tell us about precarity? How does this reshape our understanding of the implications of forced migration? And what does this say about Black citizenship and subjectivity?*

*Afternoon Workshops – held at **Posvar Hall** – will start at 1.30pm*

# **WORKSHOPS**

**LOCATION: POSVAR HALL, ROOM 4730 (4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR)**

1.30-3.00pm

## **SECURITIZATION AND INCARCERATION**

### **Expanding Alterity and Illegality: Migration and Displacement in Brexiting Britain**

Melanie Griffiths, University of Birmingham, UK

### **“Data-Based Immigration Enforcement: Technology and the Transformation of Gang Questioning in Asylum Interviews”**

Ana Muniz, University of California, Irvine

### **“War Games: Competitive Citizenship in Precarious Times”**

Georgina Ramsay, University of Delaware

**Discussant:** Waverly Duck, University of Pittsburgh

*--- A COFFEE BREAK will follow the First Workshop ---*

3:30-5:30pm

## **PLACE, DISPOSSESSION, INEQUALITY**

### **“Locating Refuge: Racialized Displacement and the Spatial Politics of Belonging”**

Michelle Munyikwa, University of Pennsylvania

### **“In-situ: Displaced in Place”**

Hedda Haugen Askland, University of Newcastle, Australia

### **““The Citizens and Strangers’ Stories’! The Emerging Displacements Between Native Farmers and Migrant Herders in Ghana**

Mary B. Setrana, University of Ghana

### **“Ethical Cosmopolitans: Unequal Mobilities in a Globalized World”**

Katerina Rozakou, Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences, Greece

**Discussant:** Jackie Smith, University of Pittsburgh

**SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2019**

9:00-11:00am

**UPSETTING THE MIGRANT/CITIZEN BINARY**

**“Towards a Critique of Spectacular Security: De-exceptionalizing the Displacement of European Roma Minorities”**

Huub van Baar, University of Giessen, Germany

**Precarious Labor Migrations in Asia: Indonesian Citizens and New Passports**

Nicole Constable, University of Pittsburgh

**The Right to Have Rights: Noncitizens’ Notions of Belonging, Membership, and Deservingness**

Susan Bibler Coutin, UC Irvine

**Discussant:** Yolanda Covington-Ward, University of Pittsburgh

*--- A COFFEE BREAK will follow the First Workshop ---*

11:30am-1:00pm

**HOPE, DESPAIR, FUTURES**

**“Abandoned Futures: Exploring Contradictory Perceptions and Politics of Displacement in Sao Paulo’s Squats”**

Heike Drotbohm, Johannes Gutenberg-University Mainz, Germany

**“Locating a Zeitgeist: Displacement, Becoming, and the End of Alterity”**

Melinda Hinkson, Deakin University, Australia

**“Playing with Visibility and Art-Work to De-exceptionalize Migration”**

Catherine Besteman, Colby College, USA

**Discussant:** Emanuela Grama, Carnegie-Mellon University

2:00-4:00pm

## LAW AND BUREAUCRACY

### **“Abjection: Homelessness and the Bottoming-Out of Displacement”**

Jessica Cooper, Cornell University

### **“Bureaucracy as Hope”**

Barak Kalir, University of Amsterdam

### **“When the Persecuted Becomes the Persecutor: Is a Safe Haven Actually Safe?”**

Vassilios Terzides, Immigration Lawyer, Athens, Greece

### **“Post Hurricane Maria: Puerto Rican’s as Internally Displaced Persons”**

Sheila Velez, University of Pittsburgh

**Discussant:** Roger Rouse, University of Pittsburgh

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## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS’ PROFILES

### **Bridget Anderson**



Bridget Anderson is the Director of Migration Mobilities Bristol and Professor of Migration, Mobilities and Citizenship. Her post is split between the Faculty of Social Sciences and Law and the School of Sociology, Politics and International Studies.

Bridget has a DPhil in Sociology and previous training in Philosophy and Modern Languages. She is the author of *Us and Them? The Dangerous Politics of Immigration Controls* (Oxford University Press, 2013) and *Doing the Dirty Work? The Global Politics of Domestic Labour* (Zed Books, 2000). She coedited *Who Needs Migrant Workers? Labour Shortages, Immigration and Public Policy* with Martin Ruhs (Oxford

University Press, 2010 and 2012) *The Social, Political and Historical Contours of Deportation* with Matthew Gibney and Emanuela Paoletti (Springer, 2013), and *Migration and Care Labour: Theory, Policy and Politics* with Isabel Shutes (Palgrave Macmillan, 2014).

Her work explores the tension between labour market flexibilities and citizenship rights, and pioneered an understanding of the functions of immigration in key labour market sectors. Her interest in labour demand has meant an engagement with debates about trafficking and modern day slavery, which in turn led to an interest in state enforcement and deportation, and in the ways immigration controls increasingly impact on citizens as well as on migrants. Bridget has worked closely with migrants’ organisations, trades unions and legal practitioners at local, national and international levels.

## Rashad Shabazz



Rashad Shabazz's academic expertise brings together human geography, Black cultural studies, gender studies, and critical prison studies. His research explores how race, sexuality and gender are informed by geography. His most recent work, *Spatializing Blackness* (University of Illinois Press, 2015) examines how carceral power within the geographies of Black Chicagoans shaped urban planning, housing policy, policing practices, gang formation, high incarceration rates, masculinity and health. Professor Shabazz's scholarship has appeared in *Souls*, *The Spatial-Justice Journal*, *ACME*, *Gender, Place and Culture* and *Occasions* and he has also published several book chapters and book reviews. He is currently working on two projects: the first examines how Black people use public spaces to negotiate and perform race, gender and sexual identity as well as to express political or cultural identity. The second project uncovers the role Black musicians in Minneapolis played in giving rise to "the Minneapolis sound."



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