Indigenous Peoples: Developing Centers for Intersectional Analysis that are Global

Indigenous Peoples have some of the oldest, most complex relationships with the modern world system over its five hundred years of conquest of the Americas, indeed for thousands of years before the advent of the “new world” with one of many “old” native worlds. Increasingly, we are observing that while all “local” systems for indigenous peoples can be observed wherever one stands, those systems are linked in powerful ways to global systems and social movements, many of which are linked to specific lands and histories. In this way, glocalization does apply.

There are new developments that may be of interest to these emerging means of analysis, including the starting of the Center for Indigenous Peoples Studies at California State University, San Bernardino. This Center foci will operate on four levels of scholarly and programmatic activities: 1. First, will be the local and regional Native Nations of southern California; 2. Second, will be a National (U.S.) level, for Native Nations; 3. Third, will be the Native Nations in the Americas outside of the USA, especially with Latin America including the Caribbean; and 4. Forth, are diverse Indigenous Societies on Global level, outside of the Americas. While the Center will maintain an international focus, special attention will given to the local and regional Native Nations with the intent of forming partnerships between the Center and the local and regional Native Nations.

Provided is an extended quote from the book Indigenous Peoples and Globalization (By Thomas Hall and James Fenelon: Paradigm Press, 2009), which touches on many of these themes.

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A Few Words From the Chair

Dear PEWS members,

I’d like to update you on upcoming events, and draw your attention to significant issues facing our section. This April’s 34th Annual PEWS conference, organized by Farshad Araghi and Marina Karides at Florida Atlantic University, focuses on “Land Rights in the World-System. It includes panels on a wide range of topics, reflecting the broad scope of interests of our membership.

The August ASA meeting in Atlanta promises to be an engaging conference. We have three sessions this year, drawn from a large number of diverse and exciting proposals. Panel topics include 1) Global Class Formation in World Historical Perspective 2) Migration and Development in Comparative Perspective and 3) The Great Crash of 2008: Origins, Dynamics, and Consequences. We will have a joint reception with the Environment and Technology section at the Peasant Bistro on Aug 14th from 6:30-9:30, which is the day before our section sessions. Details will be forthcoming on our listserv.

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“Throughout this book we have tried to connect indigenous peoples, movements, resistance, and survival to world-systemic processes. Our most important point for social sciences and for world-system analysts in particular is that these movements are not new. They are as old as states, some five millennia. Following closely on the heels of this point are a few others. First, indigenous peoples have more enemies than either capitalism or neoliberal globalization. States are, qua states, a problem. As Immanuel Wallerstein noted over three decades ago, capitalism is not a twentieth- or even nineteenth-century invention. It goes back at least 500 years. To be sure, the rise and spread of European mercantilism, capitalism, and colonialism brought a new level of contact and conflict between states and indigenous peoples. But that was a transformation of by then already millennia-old conflicts. These conflicts occurred with a new intensity and with a new viciousness, but they were not entirely new. Nor can they be blamed solely on capitalism or neoliberal globalization.

Second, indigenous movements are not a “new flavor,” or a “new color” in various rainbow coalitions of globalization-spawned movements. Rather, they are old movements, predating the “new social movements” of the late twentieth and early twenty-first centuries. In forming alliances with Greens and globalization-spawned movements, indigenous peoples are doing what they have been doing for millennia: adapting, adjusting, and adopting to changing circumstances to maintain their autonomy…

…This suggests a third point deriving from the antiquity of indigenous resistance, namely that the timing and often techniques of indigenous resistance, like much else, is tied to world-systemic processes and forces. Whenever any set of social movements occurs, world-systems analysis asks Why now? Why not some other time? and Which world-systemic cycles and processes have contributed to the timing? We have suggested that indigenous movements are in some sense countercyclical, that is, they occur when world-system hegemony is relatively weak and when states are otherwise occupied with jockeying for world-system position. Furthermore, we have suggested that internal to any one state, but especially in core states like late-nineteenth and twentieth-century United States, such indigenous movements are again countercyclical as the state becomes preoccupied with both internal strength and presenting a suitable “face” to the rest of the world. These remain suggestions, because there is nothing like a global or even United States catalog of indigenous movements.

This discussion points to a fourth aspect of the antiquity of indigenous survival. Despite volumes of histories on or about indigenous peoples, there is no compendium of acts of resistance. As we have noted often in the preceding chapters, such movements are often overlooked, not only because indigenous peoples have quite often been “the people without history” but also because many forms of resistance are far from obvious and they have changed form over millennia, centuries, or even decades.”

If someone is particularly interested in being associated with these projects, please contact James Fenelon at: jfenelon@csusb.edu. Until then, and in the meantime, O mi dakuy oya sin (We are all related and need to respect one other)

James V. Fenelon, California State University at San Bernardino
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We implemented a new format for the roundtables this year, which involved soliciting possible table “themes” from the PEWS membership. Papers for “open” tables were also invited. As a result of this new format, we have 12 roundtables with more than 40 papers to be presented; a substantial increase over previous years. Thanks to Kirk Lawrence, Chris Dick, and Hiroko Inoue for organizing the tables this year.

The Journal of World-Systems Research, which is now our official section publication, is being well-managed by co-editors Andrew Jorgenson and Ed Kick. Two issues have been published since last summer’s conference, and a third will be forthcoming soon after the Atlanta meetings. As JWSR continues to evolve, it may be appropriate to consider formalizing some aspects of the journal, including editorial terms, number of issues per year, etc.

One critical issue I would like to bring to your attention concerns our declining membership. Our membership is down compared to the same period in previous years:

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Here are comparable ASA membership totals for similar periods:

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Significantly, this year’s decline is in spite of last year’s extremely successful and well-attended mini-conference. It might be useful to start a dialogue on the PEWS listserv about possible reasons for this decline and, more importantly, what we can do to reverse this trend. I would welcome your thoughts on this important matter.

Finally, I want to recognize the superb efforts of Sandra Comstock, our new secretary/treasurer. She has been an invaluable and tireless resource, both to me and other council members. Thanks also to our previous chair, Jenn Bair, who has graciously responded to my continuous requests for help. I hope spring semester ends smoothly, and look forward to seeing you all in Atlanta. Best wishes,

Jeff Kentor, University of Utah, PEWS President

A Few Words from an Editor of the Journal of World-Systems Research

Ed Kick and I have served as coeditors of JWSR for a number of years now. In particular, we produced all the issues for 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010. We plan to continue on as editors through the end of 2011, resulting in a total of 5 years of issues published during our co-editorship. Regular issues and special issues are planned through the end of 2011. We are excited about the papers in cue for future issues and we are proud of the issues already produced under our co-editorship.

Along the way we’ve benefitted greatly from the help of many individuals, especially Laura McKinney (managing editor), Greg Fulkerson (technical editor), Tom Hall (book review editor), Chris Dick (former assistant editor), and Kelly Austin (former assistant editor). We also appreciate the help provided by the members of the editorial board as well as our current and past section leadership, Christopher Chase-Dunn (founding editor), the reviewers, the authors, and the readers.

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The relationship between the journal and the ASA is an ongoing process, and long-term goals involve placing the journal on the association’s server. This technical change has proven to be a longer term endeavor than initially assumed. However, it is a transition that we are committed to seeing through before the end of our term as co-editors. We think the ASA is doing a solid job of promoting the journal on its webpage, and our contacts at ASA continue to be enthusiastic about the journal and its relationship with the association and our section.

Based on our experiences with the journal, I offer a few observations for section members to chew on. First, the overall submission rate for the journal has indeed increased since the formalization of our relationship with the section. However, it hasn’t increased as much as we anticipated. The numbers of submissions aren’t a huge concern to us since we have observed an overall increase in the relative quality of submissions. Second, soliciting submissions from a broader range of authors [e.g., non-section members] has proven to be quite challenging, regardless of the journal’s status as an official ASA publication. A common response from colleagues who we encourage unsuccessfully for submissions is [to paraphrase] “but my work isn’t within the general world-systems orientation”. Even though we usually reply to this response by highlighting the much broader official aims of the journal, this sort of roadblock persists. As editors we ask for your guidance and suggestions for how we can better deal with this challenge. More broadly, we welcome any suggestions for how to better perform as editors in the twilight of our term.

Andrew Jorgenson, co-editor of JWSR, University of Utah

The PEWS Roundtables – A New Hybrid Structure

As many of you know, the PEWS Roundtable sessions for this year’s American Sociological Association (ASA) meetings have a new design. The hope was that the unique structure - something of a hybrid between the old roundtables and the more formal panel sessions - would allow our section to increase the focus on the roundtables by providing some member-suggested table topics while still preserving the important role of open-submissions. We also strived to extend our section’s reach by including more scholars from outside of PEWS, posting calls to several list-serves with related interests, such as Critical Sociology and H-Net. We expected that this new strategy would bring more people into the process of planning the roundtables, but also lead to more cohesive groupings of papers, resulting in what we hope will be a more interesting and valuable experience for both presenters, presiders/discussants, and other attendees.

Briefly, those who submitted topics for the roundtables during the various calls (beginning with the PEWS section meeting at last year’s ASA) were given three choices in how they could participate. The first option was to submit a topic for a roundtable. Under this option, the person that submitted the table topic was expected to both submit a paper for the table and to be the table discussant. The second option was to self-organize a group of papers around a topic. Along with being the official presider at this table, this option also meant a commitment to recruiting other scholars to present. As in previous years, the final route for participation in this year’s PEWS roundtables was the open submission of a paper that reflected the interests of the PEWS section.

Thus far, this more extensive and intensive roundtable design has been an unqualified success. We ended up with 12 roundtables, covering many different topics likely to be of interest to the PEWS community (see the full list below). We have a diverse set of roundtable organizers and presiders/discussants, ranging from the level of graduate student to full professor. The topics are also diverse – from a table on how we should measure the World-System to a table on Darfur and Imperialism. The roundtables have an average of just over three papers with the total roundtable session consisting of 40 papers.

We urge everyone who is going to be in Atlanta this summer to come to the PEWS Roundtable session before the section business meeting. Sit in on a table that looks interesting and lend your expertise to the discussion.

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It is this involvement that will continue to make the PEWS Roundtables a great place to present our collective scholarly work. We’d also like to extend a special thanks to Sandra Comstock, PEWS Secretary, whose guidance and overall management of the roundtable process was invaluable.

2010 ASA Roundtable Themes: Table 1. Feast and Famine: Food and Labor in the World System; Table 2. Measuring the World-System; Table 3. Commodity Chains and Global Trade; Table 4. Global Governance and Hybrid Institutions; Table 5. Movements and Rights; Table 6. Indigenous Peoples, the Fourth World, Globalization, Borders, and Frontiers; Table 7. Agriculture and Environment in the World-System; Table 8. World-Systems and the Environment: Sustainability & Transformation; Table 9. Energy and Power in the World-System; Table 10. Darfur and Imperialism; Table 11. The Evolution of Complex World-Systems; Table 12. Education in the World-System

Chris Dick, Hiroko Inoue, and Kirk Lawrence, PEWS Roundtable Organizing Committee

ANNOUNCEMENTS!!!

- Sandra Comstock, PEWS secretary-treasurer, will be a Charles Warren Fellow in the Charles Warren Center for Studies in American History at Harvard University beginning July 1st. This will allow her to participate in a year-long workshop on “The History of North America in Global Perspective” and to present work in progress connected to her book project, currently titled, The Rise and Demise of a National Icon & Industry: Blue Jeans and American Clothing Politics across the 20th Century. Congratulations Sandra!

- Carolina Bank Munoz, Associate Professor of Sociology at Brooklyn College-CUNY, has received a Fulbright to study the impact of Wal-Mart opening in Chile. She will be at the Universidad Alberto Hurtado during Spring Semester of 2011.

PEWS Website Renovation:

- The PEWS website will be undergoing a substantial revision over the coming months. An aesthetically updated design with additional content will be implemented throughout the site. New features and pages will include graduate program listings, an updated list of journals of relevance to world-system research, and faculty and graduate student online profiles. With these changes, the website can better serve as a networking and information tool for section members.

To obtain an online PEWS member profile, please send the following information to Daniel Thompson, PEWS Webmaster, at dthomps@umich.edu:

⇒ Name
⇒ An image of yourself (optional)
⇒ Title
⇒ Institutional affiliation
⇒ Location, year, and discipline of PhD (or undergraduate and graduate degrees for graduate students)
⇒ Brief description of your research interests
⇒ A link to your personal website (optional)
⇒ List of recent publications (optional)
Upcoming Conferences: PEWS Mini-Conference

Land Rights in the World-System
XXXIVth Conference of the Political Economy of the World-System (PEWS)
Section of the American Sociological Association (ASA)
April 22-24, 2010  Boca Raton, Florida

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

Thursday, April 22, 2010  BOT Room, Administration Building 305, FAU Campus
8:00-9:30 pm  Opening Plenary Session: Immanuel Wallerstein, Senior Research Scholar, Yale University “Land, Space, and People: Constraints of the Capitalist World-Economy”  Reception to follow

Friday, April 23, 2010  Starlight Room, Bridge Hotel
9:00 am  Continental Breakfast
9:30-10:30 am  Plenary Session: Wilma Dunaway, Professor of Sociology, Government and International Affairs Program, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University "The Great Labor Grab: Land Dispossession, Colonial Coercion and African Peasant Resistance, 1890-1930"


12:15-1:30 pm  Lunch (Watercolors Cafe, 1st Floor, Bridge Hotel)

3:45-4:00 pm  Break
4:00-6:00 pm  Natural Resources, Extractive Industry, and Accumulation  Chair: Patricia Widener, Sociology, Florida Atlantic University; Marcia Davitt, Science, Technology, and Society Department, Virginia Tech, “Energy Crops & Parking Lots: Devising a Sustainable Energy-for-Transport Strategy”; Paul K. Gellert, Sociology, University of Tennessee, “Contestation Over Land Use Policy in Indonesia: Regional and Commodity Variations or Convergence?”; Mathew Toro, Geography, University of Miami/Chinese University of Hong Kong, “Linking Commodity Chains to Their Socio-Ecological Base: Coffee from the Bolaven Plateau Region, Laos”; Astra Bonini, Sociology, John Hopkins University, “Complementary and Competitive Regimes of Accumulation: Natural Resources and Economic Mobility in the World-System”

6:00 pm  Dinner (transportation to nearby dining venues will be available or participants can dine at the hotel)

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Saturday, April 24, 2010 Starlight Room, Bridge Hotel

9:00 am Continental Breakfast

9:30-10:30 am Plenary Session: In Memory of Giovanni Arrighi Beverly Silver, Professor of Sociology, Johns Hopkins University “An Arrighian Perspective on Land and Labor Rights in the World-System”


12:15-1:40 pm Lunch (Carmen’s Restaurant, adjacent to conference room)

1:45-2:45 Bridging World System Analysis With Social Activism Plenary Session Max Rameau, Take Back the Land, Miami Florida “Take Back the Land: Land Struggles in the US”


4:45-5:00 pm Closing Remarks

Please contact co-organizers Farshad Araghi (araghi@fau.edu) and Marina Karides (mkarides@fau.edu) for information about attending the conference.

Upcoming Conferences

Global Studies Association of North America 2010 Conference: Global Crises and Beyond at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, May 7-9, 2010. For more information, go to: http://www.net4dem.org/mayglobal/

Contemporary Social Movements & the Social Forum Process: From Global to the Local at Wayne State University, Detroit, MI, June 21, 2010.

This one-day research conference, endorsed by the Political Economy and the World System Section of the American Sociological Association, seeks to draw together scholars engaged in research on the social forum process in order to strengthen our understanding of this important political process, especially U.S. activists participation within it, as well as to strengthen our methodological tools. For more information, go to: http://www.irows.ucr.edu/conferences/ussf10conf/ussf10conf.htm

US Social Forum (USSF): June 22-26, 2010 in Detroit, Michigan

The US Social Forum will provide a space to build relationships, learn from each other's experiences, and share analysis of the problems our communities face. It will help develop leadership, vision, and strategy needed to realize another world. For more information, go to: http://ussf2010.org/
PEWS Membership Spotlight

As a new section of the PEWS Newsletter, the “PEWS Membership Spotlight” will highlight a handful of current PEWS members and their research interests. This segment seeks to increase collaboration and community among the PEWS association.

Frederick F. Wherry
Assistant Professor, University of Michigan; PEWS member since 2000

I am at once a cultural sociologist who studies markets and an economic sociologist who studies the meanings that influence and result from actions in the market place. I have undertaken my investigations in Thailand, Costa Rica, and Philadelphia (United States) to address two related market phenomena: 1) How the meanings of national and local identities affect the opportunities of local artisans in Thailand and Costa Rica to compete successfully in global markets and 2) how the meanings associated with ethnic and place-based identities affect the opportunities for neighborhood revitalization in the Philadelphia barrio and for local economic development projects around the globe. Countering the belief that capitalist markets are neutral, colorblind and, therefore, “fair” spheres of activity, my work demonstrates the persistence of socially structured identities among producers and consumers alike in shaping the likelihood of success in different types of markets. I am co-editing a volume on The Cultural Wealth of Nations with Nina Bandelj (University of California at Irvine) that has been invited for review by Stanford University Press and supported with a publication subvention from the ASA’s Fund for the Advancement of the Disciplines funded by the American Sociological Association and the National Science Foundation. My first book (Global Markets and Local Crafts: Thailand and Costa Rica Compared) was published by Johns Hopkins University Press and my first book (The Philadelphia Barrio) is under contract at the University of Chicago Press. I am developing a third book on The Culture of Markets for the cultural sociology series at Polity Press (under contract).

Phillip A. Hough
Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Florida Atlantic University; PEWS member since 1999

I am currently working on a number of projects related to my fieldwork on labor regime dynamics in three micro-regions of Colombia from the rise of developmentalism to the era of neoliberal globalization. A comparative and world-historical analysis of these trajectories - the rise and fall of a “middle-class peasantry” in the coffee region, the rise of paramilitary despotism in the banana region, and the rise of FARC guerrilla counter-hegemony in the coca region – provides an interesting window into the critical roles of elite violence, proto-state formation, and labor movement struggles in the making of the contemporary global economy. A noteworthy publications on this topic include is forthcoming in the Journal of World Systems Research, titled, “Global Commodity Chains and the Spatial-Temporal Dimensions of Labor Control: Lessons from Colombia’s Coffee and Banana Industries.” My future work will extend this line of inquiry by focusing on the interrelationship between neoliberal politics of dispossession, the privatization of violence, and the growth of the illegal drug trade. This research will be the focus of my current book project, entitled: Guerrilla Insurgency as Organized Crime: Neoliberalism, Violence, and the Dispossession of the Colombian Peasantry in World Historical Perspective.

Christian C. Lentz
PhD Candidate, Cornell University; PEWS member since 2007

My research and graduate study at Cornell University’s Department of Development Sociology engages broadly with processes of agrarian change and state-making in Southeast Asia. My dissertation, entitled “Mobilizing a Frontier: Dien Bien Phu and the Making of Vietnam's Northwest,” is a work of historical sociology tracing how a Thai principality became part of Vietnam and how its territory became the nation-state's “northwest region.” Grounded in archival research funded by a Fulbright fellowship, the project explores spatial incorporation and legitimation of state power in the Lao/Viet/Chinese borderlands during Vietnam’s revolutionary anti-colonial struggle. Examining how officials and soldiers mobilized the frontier's diverse societies illuminates the making and remaking of political regimes and spatial and communal boundaries. Attending to the ways in which state claims to power and territory were contested and reworked, my telling emphasizes the contingency and non-linearity of state-making. I am currently a Visiting Scholar in the Sociology Department at Duke University.

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Amy A. Quark
Assistant Professor, College of William & Mary; PEWS member since 2008

My research interests focus on the intersection of transnational corporate power and intensified geopolitical competition in the construction of global governance institutions. A current research project explores how China, the U.S., and transnational merchants compete to construct legitimate authority to govern quality standards and contract rules in the global cotton trade, and how this competition drives the construction of denationalized governance institutions. My newest project investigates the transnational governance of food safety.

Laura A. McKinney
PhD Candidate, North Carolina State University; PEWS member since 2005

I have served as the Managing Editor for the Journal of World-Systems Research for the past four years, under the editorship of Andrew Jorgenson and Edward Kick. As a doctoral candidate in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at North Carolina State University, I am working on my dissertation research, which employs cross-national data and structural equation models to analyze the interdependencies among economic, ecological, and social systems that determine sustainability outcomes, or the ability to meet present and future needs. My research interests include global and local sustainability, global political economy, environmental sociology, global social change, rural/community development, and research methods. As a complement to my dissertation and current research, I am the co-principal investigator on a grant-funded project that examines the nature and causes of recycling participation in North Carolina communities. For this project, I work with the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources to gather quantitative and qualitative data on recycling programs that will serve to corroborate and elaborate on the cross-national models that are the empirical cornerstone of my dissertation research.

Awards and Recognitions

Distinguished Scholarly Book Award from the Society for Human Ecology


Outstanding Junior Faculty Award from Indiana University

Indiana University recently honored Ho-fung Hung with the Outstanding Junior Faculty Award. Congrats!

Conferred Doctoral Degrees

Elizabeth Seale successfully defended her doctoral dissertation, titled, “Serving the Poor: A Comparative Study of an Urban and Rural County in North Carolina” on March 8, 2010 at North Carolina State University. Congrats Lizzy!
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