



Yale-Harvard Colloquium

“Engaging Humanitarianism”

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Department of Anthropology

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Medical Humanitarianism: Ethnographies of Practice



Sharon Abramowitz is an Assistant Professor of Anthropology and African Studies at the University of Florida. She conducts research on mental health, post-conflict reconstruction, and gender-based violence in Liberia, Guinea, and Côte d’Ivoire. Her forthcoming book, *Healing the World: Trauma, Recovery, and Humanitarian Intervention in Liberia (2004-2008)* will be published by University of Pennsylvania Press in 2014.

Byron J. Good is Professor in the Department of Social Medicine at the Harvard Medical School, and the Department of Anthropology at Harvard University. He directs a number of research and training programs in Global Mental Health, such as the NIMH Training Program in Culture and Mental Health Services. His current work focuses on mental health services development in Asian societies. He collaborates with Dr. Mary-Jo Delvecchio Good and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) on developing mental health services in post-tsunami and post-conflict Aceh in Indonesia.



Catherine Panter-Brick is a Professor of Anthropology, Health, and Global Affairs at Yale University. She has directed large interdisciplinary projects on global health, in settings such as Afghanistan, Niger, and Pakistan, working specifically on resilience in the face of poverty, famine, and armed conflict. She works across academic and humanitarian sectors to innovate on global mental health and resilience-focused agenda. In 2011, she received the Lucy Mair Medal, which honors excellence in the application of anthropology to the active recognition of human dignity.

Justice, Ethics, and Sovereignty

Alex De Waal is Executive Director of the World Peace Foundation, and a research professor at the Fletcher School, Tufts University. He served as senior advisor to the African Union on Sudan, program director at the Social Science Research Council (SSRC), fellow at the Harvard Humanitarian Initiative, director of Justice Africa, and regional advisor (on the Horn of Africa) to SSRC’s Conflict Prevention and Peace Forum. His books include *AIDS and Power: Why There is No Political Crisis – Yet* (2006) and *War in Darfur and the Search for Peace* (2007). He was awarded an OBE in 2009 and placed on the Prospect/Foreign Policy list of 100 public intellectuals in 2008 and the Atlantic Monthly list of 27 ‘brave thinkers’ in 2009.



Tim Allen is a Professor in Development Anthropology at the London School of Economics, where he chairs the Department of International Development and is a Director of the Justice and Security Research Programme. He has published on complex emergencies, ethnic conflict, forced migration, disease control, local conceptions of health and healing, humanitarian and development aid, the ethnography of international agencies, international law and traditional justice. His books include *The Media of Conflict: War Reporting and Representations of Ethnic Violence*, and *In Search of Cool Ground: War, Flight and Homecoming in Northeast Africa*, as well as two books relating to the Lord’s Resistance Army.



Concluding Remarks

Peter Redfield is an Associate Professor of Anthropology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He focuses on the complicated ethics and politics of intervention and the dilemmas of knowledge and action in modern life. His recent book is *Life in Crisis: The Ethical Journey of Doctors Without Borders*, published by University of California Press in 2013.



Joanna Radin is an Assistant Professor of the History of Medicine and History at the Yale School of Medicine. She examines the social and technical conditions for the systems of biomedicine and biotechnology that we live with today. Her interests focus on the history of scientific collections, biological anthropology, public health, humanism, and research ethics.

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