Previous Foster Lectures

Spring 2017
*The Twenty-first Century Silk Road: China and Italy in the Transnational Fashion Industry*
Dr. Lisa Rofel
Professor of Anthropology
University of California at Santa Cruz

Spring 2016
*From Public Health to Surplus Health: Maximizing Medical Markets*
Dr. Joseph Dumit
Director, Institute for Social Science and Professor
University of California at Davis

Spring 2015
*Confessions of an Accidental College President: Standing by as Public Higher Education Stumbles into the Future*
Dr. Kendall Blanchard
Retired President
George Southwestern State University

Spring 2014
*Spatializing Culture: The Emergence of Translocal Space from Transnational Flows of People, Culture and Capital*
Dr. Setha Low
Professor and Director, Public Space Research Group, Graduate Center
City University of New York
Spring 2013

The Anatomy of a Cultural Syndrome: Cultural and Psychiatric Perspectives on Ataques de Nervios

Dr. Peter Guarnaccia
Professor, Department of Human Ecology and Investigator, Institute for Health, Health Care Policy and Aging Research Rutgers University

Spring 2012

What is New About Immigration in the United States

Dr. Nancy Foner
Distinguished Professor of Sociology, Hunter College and Graduate Center City University of New York

Spring 2011

The Inevitability of Infidelity: Love, Marriage, and HIV

Dr. Jennifer S. Hirsch
Associate Professor and Deputy Chair for Doctoral Studies, Department of Sociomedical Sciences, Mailman School of Public Health Columbia University

Spring 2010

Symbolism and Ritual in Mexican Politics

Dr. Larissa Adler Lomnitz
Investigadora Emerita, Department of Anthropology National Autonomous University of Mexico, Mexico City

Spring 2009

What Darwin Found Convincing: A New Look at his Human and Non-Human Data

Dr. William Durham
Bing Professor in Human Biology, Department of Anthropology Stanford University
Spring 2008
Premodern Kinship in Postmodern Guise? The Chinese Lineage
Under Colonialism, Communism, and Capitalism
Dr. James L. Watson
Fairbank Professor of Chinese Society and
Professor of Anthropology, Department of Anthropology
Harvard University

Spring 2007
Excusing the Haves and Blaming the Have-Nots in
Jared Diamond’s Histories
Dr. Deborah Gewertz
G. Henry Whitcomb Professor of Anthropology,
Department of Anthropology-Sociology
Amherst College

Spring 2006
Aftermath: Calculating the Social Costs of Disasters and Reconstruction
Dr. Anthony Oliver-Smith
Professor of Anthropology
University of Florida

Spring 2005
When the Bough Breaks: Parents Who Kill Their Children
Dr. Jill Korbin
Professor of Anthropology
Associate Dean of Arts and Sciences
Case Western Reserve University

Spring 2004
The Vision of the Limited Good and the
Specter of the Unlimited Good
Dr. June Nash
Distinguished Professor of Anthropology, Emerita
City College and Graduate Center
City University of New York
Spring 2003
Cultural Beliefs and Cancer Risk Factors: A Study of the Perceptions of Hispanic and Anglo Women and Physicians
Dr. Leo Chavez
Director of Chicano/Latino Studies
University of California at Irvine

Spring 2002
The Cuban Health Experiment at the 21st Century
Dr. Linda M. Whiteford
Professor and Chair, Department of Anthropology
University of South Florida

Spring 2001
Democratization and Culture Change in Post-Franco Spain
Dr. David D. Gilmore
Department of Anthropology
State University of New York at Stony Brook

Spring 2000
Staying Sober in Mexico City
Dr. Stanley Brandes
Department of Anthropology
University of California at Berkeley