

## Call for Conference Paper Proposals

### **New Frontiers of Race: Criminalities, Cultures, and Policing in the Global Era**

**May 29, 2009**

**Center for the Study of Race, Politics and Culture  
University of Chicago**

The Center for the Study of Race, Politics and Culture at the University of Chicago and the academic journal *Identities: Global Studies in Culture and Power* solicit paper proposals for a day long conference to be held on the campus on May 29, 2009. “New Frontiers of Race: Criminalities, Cultures, and Policing in the Global Era,” seeks to intervene in the discursive, material, and ideological debates involving criminalities, cultures, policing, and race in a global era. Associations among race, criminality, deviancy, and delinquency continue to suffuse popular representations in the media and in the social sciences. Research on marginalized, racialized, and impoverished populations have long been fodder for an academic cottage industry throughout the history of the social sciences. Indeed, the insurgent intellectual formation of Ethnic Studies has been distinguished by a critical intellectual demand for the visibility, recognition, and self-representation of the subjugated, exploring their repressed histories and the social conditions of communities of color. As such, Ethnic Studies was largely premised upon an explicit critique of the complicity of conventional academic disciplines with hegemonic representations that silenced and pathologized these same communities.

This conference will explore new genealogies and approaches to deviancy, pathology and criminality that grapple with these longstanding issues. Do migrations, diasporas, borders, and other transnationalisms disrupt ideologies and discourses of pathology? Do the stakes in the debates surrounding pathology and related problematic representations of people of color shift as they ascend to the highest echelons of power?

Conference paper proposals are welcome on the following themes but are not limited to these: identity politics and the politics of multiculturalisms; post-racial discourses and ideologies; “cultures” of poverty and/or “poverties” of culture; pathologies and gendered or sexual normativities; new studies and/or genealogies of criminalities, delinquencies, deviances, and pathologies; the politics of transgressions or non-normative politics; “cultures” of policings, deportations, and carcerality.

Nicholas De Genova of Columbia University has confirmed his participation as one of our keynote speakers; confirmation from a second is pending. Papers presented at the conference will be considered for publication by *Identities: Global Studies in Culture and Power*. All expenses – transport and housing – will be provided for persons chosen to present.

Paper proposals should not be more than two single-spaced pages and must be accompanied by a short two-page resume. A copy of these materials should be sent electronically by April 30 to each of the following: Ramón A. Gutiérrez ([rgutierrez@uchicago.edu](mailto:rgutierrez@uchicago.edu)), Gilberto Rosas ([grosas@uchicago.edu](mailto:grosas@uchicago.edu)) and Jonathan

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