Intimate Labors
An Interdisciplinary Conference on Domestic, Care, & Sex Work
October 4-6, 2007

Thursday, October 4th

7:00-8:30pm: Keynote Address and Reception
(McCune Conference Room, 6020 Humanities and Social Science Building)

From Patient Advocate to Social Advocate: The Work of Nursing
Rose Ann DeMoro, California Nurses Association

Friday, October 5th

9:30am: Welcome and Opening Remarks (McCune)

Chancellor Henry T. Yang, University of California, Santa Barbara

10:00-11:00am: Keynote Address (McCune)

Introducer of Keynote:
Professor of Sociology and Associate Dean of Social Sciences, Beth Schneider

Caring Everywhere
Viviana A. Zelizer, Princeton University

11:15-12:45pm: Panel 1 (McCune)

The Political Economy of Intimate Labor: States, Markets, and Families

Chair:
Leila Rupp, University of California, Santa Barbara

The Bonds of Home: Reproducing Race and Gender in the U.S. Welfare State
Eileen Boris, University of California, Santa Barbara
Jennifer Klein, Yale University

Transnational Adoption and International Intimacies
Laura Briggs, University of Arizona

A Multiplicity of Acts, Acting and Caring: The International Sex Industry
Laura María Agustín, London Metropolitan University

Caring and Inequality
Evelyn Nakano Glenn, University of California, Berkeley

12:45-1:45pm: Lunch (Courtyard, Humanities and Social Sciences Building)

1:45-3:45pm: Workshop Session A

**Domestic Service (HSSB 4041)**

*Maid* with Rights: The Contradictory Citizenship of Domestic Workers in Post-Apartheid South Africa  
Shireen Ally, University of the Witwatersrand

Breaking the Domestic Silence Through Representation  
Lachelle Hannickel, University of California, Santa Barbara

An Intimate World: Race, Migration, and Chinese and Irish Domestic Servants in the late-Nineteenth Century United States  
Andy Urban, University of Minnesota

Desires for Distance: White Working-Class Women's Rejection of Domestic Service in the late 19th-century United States  
Lara Vapnek, St. John’s University

Discussants:  
Premilla Nadasen, City University of New York, Brooklyn  
Raka Ray, University of California, Berkeley

**Hospitals and Home Care (McCune Reading Room)**

The Body/Work Nexus: The Work of Nursing Assistants in Nursing Homes  
Lucy Fisher, University of California, San Francisco

How Care Is Constituted in Interaction: A Situated Comparison of Two Hospital Wards  
John Kaiser, University of California, Berkeley

Francesca Degiuli, University of California, Santa Barbara

Money Matters: How Family Home Care Providers Assign Value to Care  
Clare L. Stacey, Kent State University
Discussants:
Candace Howes, Connecticut College
Cameron Macdonald, University of Wisconsin—Madison

**Varieties of Carework (McCune)**

*Reconstructing Motherhood: Caseworker Approaches*
Stephanie D'Auria, University of California, Riverside

"First Get Your Hare": Urban Women and the Work of Food Procurement in the Twentieth Century
Tracey Deutsch, University of Minnesota

*Revisiting the Picture Bride: Reproductive Labor and Ethnic Community in Hawai‘i*
Kasturi Ray, San Francisco State University

Discussants:
Dorothy Sue Cobble, Rutgers University
Viviana A. Zelizer, Princeton University

**Globalization and Empire (HSSB 6056)**

*The Criminalization of Sex Work and Panamanian Women’s Resistance to U.S. Empire*
Neel Ahuja, University of California, San Diego

*Romancing Human Rights: Gender, Intimacy, and Power Between Burma and the West*
Tamara C. Ho, University of California, Riverside

*Sex without Friction: Replicant Sex Workers in Cheang Shu Lea’s I.K.U.*
Jian (Chaun) Chen, University of California, Irvine

*Erotic Citizenship: Cyber-Marriage across the Americas*
Felicity Schaeffer-Grabiel, University of California, Santa Cruz

Discussants:
Laura Briggs, University of Arizona
Evelyn Nakano Glenn, University of California, Berkeley

4:00-5:30pm: Panel 2 (McCune)

**Examining Globalization "From Below" through Intimate Labor Practices**
Chair:
Kum-Kum Bhavnani, University of California, Santa Barbara

*Traveling Cultures of Servitude: Loyalty and Betrayal in New York and Kolkata*
Raka Ray, University of California, Berkeley

*Labor, Intimacy and the Informal Economy in the Dominican Republic*
Steven Gregory, Columbia University

*Transnational Homecare Workers: Reconceptualizing the Domestica Model*
Candace Howes, University of Connecticut

*Conquering Divides: Sex Worker and Migrant Worker Alliances against Human Trafficking*
Grace Chang, University of California, Santa Barbara

5:45pm: No-Host Reception (Faculty Club)

6:30pm: Dinner (Faculty Club)

Saturday, October 6th

8:30-10:00am: Workshop Session B

Sex Work (McCune)

*Strange Bedfellows: “Liberal” Feminists, Prostitutes, and Sex Workers’ Rights in the 1970s*
Stephanie Gilmore, Trinity College

*The Client-Worker Relationship among Different Sectors of Saigon’s Sexualized Economy*
Kimberly Kay Hoang, University of California, Berkeley

*Laborers, Managers and Counselors: A Comparative Analysis of Intimate Work in the Sex Industry*
Cecilia Benoit, University of Victoria
Bill McCarthy, University of California, Davis

Discussants:
Laura Agustín, London Metropolitan University
Becki Ross, University of British Columbia
Children and Globalization (HSSB 4041)

Building Communities of Sentiments: Money, Emotions, and Decision-Making Among Maya Migrants
Bianet Castellanos, University of Minnesota

Shrine Wives and Fisher Boys: Drafting Child Trafficking Legislation in West Africa
Benjamin N. Lawrance, University of California, Davis

Companionship and Custom: The Mechanics of Child Circulation
Jessaca B. Leinaweaver, University of Manitoba

Discussants:
Rhacel Parreñas, University of California, Davis
Ellen Reese, University of California, Riverside

Affective Labor as Work (HSSB 4020)

Gender, Life Coaching, and the Commodification of Interpersonal Services
Molly George, University of California, Santa Barbara

Intimate Labor and Affective Technologies
Ariel Ducey, University of Calgary

The Commodification of Affect in Indian Call Centers
Kalindi Vora, University of California, Berkeley

Discussants:
Eileen Boris, University of California, Santa Barbara

10:15-12:15pm Panel 3 (McCune)

Work Process and the Cultures of Intimacy: Beyond the Binary of Paid and Unpaid Labor

Chair:
Celine Parreñas Shimizu, University of California, Santa Barbara

The Home as Hospital: Family Caregivers and High Tech Healthcare Offloading
Cameron Macdonald, University of Wisconsin—Madison

Cultures of Flirtation: Sex and the Moral Boundaries of Filipina Migrant Hostesses in Japan
Rhacel Parreñas, University of California, Davis

‘Bounded Authenticity’ and the Commerce of Sex
Elizabeth Bernstein, Columbia University

Understanding the Significance of Gifts and Solidarity: Tourism and Sex in Cuba
Amalia L. Cabezas, University of California, Riverside

My Reward Is Not Money: Deep Alliances, Spirituality and Self-Crafting Among Mexicana Elder Care Providers
María de la Luz Ibarra, San Diego State University

12:15-1:15pm: Lunch (Courtyard, HSSB)

1:15-2:45pm: Workshop Session C

Geographies of Care Work (HSSB 4041)

Adopting Orangutans: Ecotourist Labor, Altruism, and Charismatic Megafauna
Rheana Juno Parreñas, Harvard University and University of California, Berkeley

Intimate Environments: Reimagining the Relation of Care Ethics and Environmental Justice Through Linda Hogan’s Solar Storms
Michelle Stuckey, University of California, San Diego

Cultural Conflict and Cooperation: Instilling Western Values in a Chinese Orphanage
Leslie K. Wang, University of California, Berkeley

Discussants:
Fiona Williams, University of Leeds
Miliann Kang, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Creating Gender through Intimate Labor (HSSB 4020)

Shots and Surgery vs. Scheduled Sexuality: Egg and Sperm Donation in Daily Life
Rene Almeling, University of California, Los Angeles

Maintaining Honourable Masculinity: Gender and Intimate Labour in Firefighting
Susan Braedley, York University

Femme Labor and the Production of Trans Masculinity
Jane Ward, University of California, Riverside

Discussants:
Elizabeth Bernstein, Columbia University
Amalia L. Cabezas, University of California, Riverside

**Sex Work and Desire (McCune)**

*Creating an Authentic Fantasy: How Women-Produced Pornography Constructs “Real” Sex*
Jill Bakehorn, University of California, Davis

*In/Visible Desires: Black Women Sexual Laborers in the American Pornography Industry*
Mireille Miller-Young, University of California, Santa Barbara

*Reproduction of Desire: Race, Erotic Capital, and Same Sex Desire*
Siobhan Brooks, University of California, Santa Barbara

Discussants:
Steven Gregory, Columbia University
Hyuna Moon, Center for Women’s Culture and Feminist Theory

**3:00-5:00pm: Panel 4 (McCune)**

**The Politics of Space and Labor Organizing**

Chair:
Horacio N. Roque Ramirez, University of California, Santa Barbara

*But Who Will Watch the Children? Welfare Reform and Struggles Over Child Care*
Ellen Reese, University of California, Riverside

*Power, Intimacy, and Contestation: Domestic Workers and Their Employers in the 1960s*
Premilla Nadasen, Queens College, City University of New York

*Manicuring Intimacies: Inequality and Resistance in Asian-owned Nail Salons*
Miliann Kang, University of Massachusetts—Amherst

*The Expulsion of Sex Workers from Vancouver’s West End, 1975-1985: A Cautionary Tale*
Becki Ross, University of British Columbia
More Intimate Unions
Dorothy Sue Cobble, Rutgers University

5:00-5:30pm: Closing Discussion (McCune)