Citizenship-in-Question: Evidentiary Challenges for Jus Soli and Autochthony, from Authenticité to ‘Birtherism’

Thursday April 19 (Boston College, Newton Campus)

5.00: Opening Reception

5.30 Introduction to the Dean: David Hollenbach

Welcome Remarks: Vincent Rougeau, Dean, Law School, Boston College

5.45 Introductions: Benjamin Lawrance, Jackie Stevens, Rogers Smith, Dan Kanstroom, Rachel Rosenbloom

6.00 Address: Jacqueline Stevens (Northwestern), “We Citizens”

6.30 Plenary Session: Citizenship Struggles
Featuring three individuals who have navigated the bureaucracy associated with citizenship claims

7.45: Dinner and Opening Discussion

Friday April 20 (Connors Center, Dover, MA)

7.00-8.30: Breakfast

8.45-10.30: Panel One: Documenting Citizenship Claims

Sarah Friedman (Indiana), “Documenting Contested Borders and Citizenship Claims: Affect, Materiality, and Sovereignty Struggles across the Taiwan Strait”

Rachel Rosenbloom (Northeastern), “In the Borderlands of Citizenship: Proving Membership Along the U.S.-Mexico Divide”

Kamal Sadiq (UC Irvine), “The Limits of Legal Citizenship: Narratives from South and South-East Asia”

Discussant: Rogers Smith (Pennsylvania)

10.30-10.45: Coffee Break

10.45-12.30: Panel Two: U.S. Patterns of Exclusion

Margaret Stock (Alaska), “American Birthright Citizenship Rules and the
Exclusion of ‘Outsiders’"

Jacqueline Hagan (UNC-Chapel Hill) and David Leal (Univ. of Texas-Austin), “Social consequences of Mass Deportations by the U.S. Government, 2000-2010”

Mark C. Weber (DePaul University) “Citizenship and Physical and Mental Disability in the United States”


Discussant: Dan Kanstroom (Boston College)

12.30-1.15: Lunch

1.15-3.00: **Panel Three: Gambling With Citizenship Rules**

Siobhán Mullally (University College Cork), “Reflecting on the claims to citizenship of the European Union: beyond territorial belonging”


Alexandra Filindra (William Patterson) and Barbara Buckinx (Goethe), “DREAMers: Claims to Citizenship of a New Generation of Undocumented Youth”

Discussant: Jackie Stevens (Northwestern)

3.00-3.15: Coffee Break

3.15-5.00: **Panel Four: “Real” Citizens or Frauds?**

Kim Rubenstein (ANU), “What is a ‘real’ Australian citizen? Insights from Papua New Guinea and Mr. Amos Ame”


Alfred Babo (Smith/Amherst), “Ivoirité and citizenship in Côte d’Ivoire: Law, Evidence and the Short-lived Ivorian Experiment with Authentique”

Discussant: Erik Owens (Boston College)
5.00-5.30: Cocktails

7.00: Dinner

Saturday April 21 (Connors Center, Dover, MA)

7.00-8.30: Breakfast

8.45-10.30: **Panel Five: “Second-Class” Citizenship Claims**

Rose Cuisin Villazor (Hofstra), “Negotiating Citizenship and Property Rights in the U.S. Territories”

Jacqueline Bhabha (Harvard), "Reclaiming Citizenship within Europe: Roma youth and the right to adolescence"

Darshan Vigneswaran (Max Planck Institute) and Paroj Banerjee (Partners for Urban Knowledge and Research, Mumbai), “Keys to the City: Urban Autochthony in the Global South”

Haiming Lui (Caly Poly Pomona), “Unequal Citizenship and Fragmented Identity of Chinese Intellectual Immigrants in Late 19th Century America”

Discussant: Peter Spiro (Temple)

10.30-10.45: Coffee Break

10.45-12.30: **Panel Six: Becoming a Citizen & Affirmative Claims**

Rhacel Parreñas (USC) “Mimicking Heteronormativity: The Sexual Citizenship of Filipina Transgender Hostesses in Japan”

Polly Price (Emory), “*Jus Soli* and Statelessness: A Comparative Perspective in the Americas”

Alexandra Margalith (Independent Scholar) and Dani Kranz (University of Erfurt), “Views of autochthony, *ius solis*, and authenticity from legal, anthropological, and autobiographical perspectives in Germany and Israel”

Amanda Flaim (Cornell), “Thai Status, Low Status, No Status: Producing Statelessness in Thailand’s Highlands”

Discussant: David Hollenbach (Boston College)

12.30-1.30: Lunch and Final Discussion/Future Directions