Nature-Society Geography Workshop – Tentative Schedule

Friday, September 26

12:00-1:45  Participants from Clark, Rutgers and Penn State arrive to Syracuse. Lunch and workshop registration in Eggers Hall, rooms 152 & 155 (see campus map: www.syr.edu/about/pdf/NorthSouthCampus2012.pdf)

2:00-3:45  Discussion Session 1: Domesticating Nature-Society Geography
This session will examine the geographies of our everyday, familiar environments: cities, homes, the body, our pets, our food. Recent work in political ecology, environmental history and animal geographies has drawn attention to these intimate ecologies of everyday life. For this session, we invite critical reflection on ‘domestic’ environments. Possible topics include (but are not limited to): animal geographies, urban wildlife, indoor ecologies, food and food systems, the domestication of water, and ecologies of the body.

4:00-5:30  Keynote Address, Jonnell Robinson (SU Geography) and Evan Weissman (SU Department of Public Health, Food Studies & Nutrition).
Topic: Food systems and food justice in Syracuse (title TBA)

7:00  Dinner at LoFo (Armory Square, downtown Syracuse): www.lofosyracuse.com
*Please note: There will be a $10 per person charge for dinner – please bring cash.*

*There will be plenty of opportunity for drinks downtown, following dinner*

Saturday, September 27

8:00-8:30  Breakfast (bagels, muffins, fruit & coffee) – 155 Eggers Hall

8:45-1:30  Field Trip: Urban food systems and food justice in Syracuse, New York (Led by Jonnell Robinson and Evan Weissman). The fieldtrip will include lunch catered by My Lucky Tummy (www.myluckytummy.com)

2:00-4:00  Discussion Session #2: Beyond the Academy: Communication, Policy, Practice, Activism. This session will examine the ways nature-society geographers are having (or can potentially have) impact beyond the traditional confines of the academy. We envision this impact as taking a variety of forms: communicating with broader publics; working with policy and policy makers; engaging in various sorts of praxis; and committing to political activism on and off campus. Following our field trip, which will explore urban food systems in Syracuse, we hope that this session will serve as a forum for discussing ways that our scholarship can have a broader social and political reach. We also hope to examine the various professional and social barriers that complicate these efforts, and ways to overcome these challenges.
**Housing & Hotels**

We will do our best to find places for visiting grad students to stay (i.e. extra beds and couches). Please note, however, that we cannot guarantee space. Students may also want to look into less expensive hotel options in Syracuse. For faculty, the best option would be to stay at one of the hotels near campus. There is no home football game that weekend, so there should be reasonable availability. We will try to arrange discounts at the hotels.

Sheraton (on SU campus, about 5 minutes from the Geography Department):  
[www.sheratonsyracuse.com](http://www.sheratonsyracuse.com)

Skyler Hotel (just down the hill from campus, about 10 minute walk from the Geography Department):  
[www.hotelskyler.com](http://www.hotelskyler.com)

Genesee Grande Hotel (about 15-20 minutes walk from the Geography Department):  
[www.geneseegrande.com](http://www.geneseegrande.com)

Crowne Plaza (about 20 minutes walk from the Geography Department):  
[www.cpsyracuse.com](http://www.cpsyracuse.com)

Less expensive but not within walking distance:

Econo Lodge Syracuse (3400 Erie Boulevard East):  

**Parking**

We will arrange for parking on the SU campus. Please let us know in advance who is driving from each school, so we can register their names with SU Parking. Once we have done that, we will let you know which lot to park in.