Workshops

October 4-6, 2007  
*Knowledge in Contention: Social Movements & the Politics of Knowledge*  
423 ILR Conference Center

November 9-10, 2007  
*Diffusion, Social Movements, and Contentious Knowledge*  
423 ILR Conference Center

February 8, 2008  
*Textbook Controversies*  
423 ILR Conference Center

April 25-26, 2008  
*Biotechnology Contentions*  
229 ILR Conference Center

Courses

**Fall 2006: From Greening to Gene Wars** (GOVT 400.3)  
Ronald Herring, Co-leader and Professor of Government

**Fall 2006: Gandhi and the Politics of Nonviolence** (HIST 119)  
Durba Ghosh, Team Member and Professor of History

**Fall 2006: Political Ecology of Development** (GOVT 731)  
Ronald Herring, Co-leader and Professor of Government

**Fall 2006: Political Sociology** (SOC 605(6050))  
Sarah Soule, Team Member and Professor of Sociology

**Fall 2006: The New Life Sciences: Emerging Technology, Emerging Politics** (S&TS 645, GOVT 634))  
Stephen Hilgartner, Team Member and Professor of Science and Technology Studies

**Spring 2007: Perspectives on Work and Welfare** (ILRIC 334)  
Rebecca Givan, Team Member and Professor of ILR Collective Bargaining

**Spring 2007: Crossing Borders: Migrations in Comparative Perspective** (ILRIC 630)  
Maria Cook, Team Member and Professor of ILR

**Spring 2007: Knowledge, Technology and Property** (S&TS 411)  
Stephen Hilgartner, Team Member and Professor of Science and Technology Studies

**Spring 2007: Science in the American Polity: 1960- Now** (S&TS 391)  
Stephen Hilgartner, Team Member and Professor of Science and Technology Studies

**Spring 2007: Social Movements and Contentious Politics** (GOVT 660[6603] & SOC 660(6600))  
Sid Tarrow, Team Affiliate and Professor of Government
Fall 2007: *Comparative Labor Movements in Latin America* (ILRIC 631)
Maria Cook, Team Member and Professor of ILR

Fall 2007: *Politics of Science* (GOVT 429)
Ronald Herring, Co-leader and Professor of Government

Fall 2007: *Social Movements in Latin America* (GOVT 426/626)
Kenneth Roberts, Co-leader and Professor of Government

Spring 2008: *Crossing Borders: Migrations in Comparative Perspective* (ILRIC 601(6010))
Maria Cook, Team Member and Professor of ILR

Spring 2008: *Research Methods in Social Movements* (SOC 650)
Sarah Soule, Team Member and Professor of Sociology

Spring 2008: *Biotechnology and Development* (CSS 494/GOVT 430)
Janice Thies, Team Member and Professor of Crop and Soil Sciences
Ronald Herring, Co-leader and Professor of Government

**Events**

April 17, 2007
*Kickoff Lecture--Contentious Knowledge: Science, Social Science, & Social Movements*
Ron Herring and Ken Roberts, Co-leaders and Profs. of Government
4:30 p.m., 423 ILR Conference Center

September 4, 2007
*Free Markets and Social Protest: The Contentious Politics of Technocracy in Latin America*
Ken Roberts, Co-leader and Prof. of Government
12:00-1:30 p.m., ISS Conference room (146 Myron Taylor Hall)

September 17, 2007
*Inclusion: The Politics of Difference in Biomedical Research*
Steven Epstein, Professor of Sociology, University of California, San Diego
4:30 p.m., 374 Rockefeller
*Co-sponsored with Science & Technology Studies*

September 18, 2007
*A Conversation with Steven Epstein*
Steven Epstein, Professor of Sociology, University of California, San Diego
12:00-1:30 p.m., ISS Conference room (146 Myron Taylor Hall)

September 20, 2007
*Public Forum on the Politics of Science*
Lecture by Chris Mooney--author of The Republican War on Science--with commentary by Cornell faculty and open discussion.
4:00-6:00 p.m., 700 Clark Hall **October 16, 2007**
*Commodifying What Nature? The Cochabamba Water War and the Cycle of Protest in Bolivia, 2000-2005*
Susan Spronk, Contentious Knowledge Team Visiting Scholar
12:00-1:30 p.m., ISS Conference room (146 Myron Taylor Hall)

October 23, 2007
*Mapping Migrant Rights Frames: Comparative Views*
Maria Cook, Team Member and Prof. of ILR
12:00-1:30 p.m., ISS Conference room (146 Myron Taylor Hall)
October 30, 2007
*Making Nike Do It: Contentious Politics and Corporate Social Responsibility*
Sarah Soule, Team Member and Prof. of Sociology  
12:00-1:30 p.m., ISS Conference room (146 Myron Taylor Hall)

Oct 31 2007  
*Sustainability Cinema*  
**Bullshit**  
With Ron Herring (Government) and Janice Thies (Crop and Soil Sciences)  
directed by Pea Holmquist and Suzanne Khardalian  
with Vandana Shiva  
A compelling portrait of controversial Indian environmental activist and nuclear physicist Vandana Shiva, who has worked against the likes of Monsanto and Coca-Cola to rein in globalization, outrageous patenting, genetic engineering, and bio-piracy, while fighting for indigenous knowledge. Ron Herring and Janice Thies will moderate a post-screening discussion of the film's claims. More at peaholmquist.com/bullshit Video projection 2005>color>1 hr 13 mins>Sweden

November 13, 2007  
*Use and Abuse of Experimental Data and Scientific Advisors in Environmental Regulatory Frameworks*  
Janice Thies, Team Member & Prof. of Crop & Soil Sciences  
12:00-1:30 p.m., ISS Conference room (146 Myron Taylor Hall)

November 20, 2007  
*Scientific Risk, Market and Food Sovereignty: Contested Criteria in Genetically Modified Food Policy Processes*  
Kyoko Sato, Team Member and ISS Postdoctoral Associate  
12:00-1:30 p.m., ISS Conference room (146 Myron Taylor Hall)

November 26, 2007  
*Populism, the Mass Media, and Social Movements in Ecuador*  
Carlos de la Torre, Chair of Political Studies, FLACSO-Ecuador  
2:00-4:00 p.m., ISS Conference room (146 Myron Taylor Hall)

November 27, 2007  
*Professional Knowledge and Political Power? California Nurses from the Workplace on the Touch Screen*  
Becky Givan, Team Member and Prof. of Collective Bargaining  
12:00-1:30 p.m., ISS Conference room (146 Myron Taylor Hall)

January 24, 2008  
*Interspecies Co-Production and Other Interventions*  
Beatriz da Costa, Professor of Arts Computation Engineering, UC Irvine  
4:30 p.m., Kaufman Auditorium, Goldwin Smith Hall

January 25, 2008  
*A Conversation with Beatriz da Costa*  
Beatriz da Costa, Professor of Arts Computation Engineering, UC Irvine  
9:30-11:00 a.m., ISS Conference room (146 Myron Taylor Hall)

January 28, 2008  
*Hybrid Intellectuals: Think Tanks and Public Policy Experts in the United States*  
Tom Medvetz, ISS Postdoctoral Associate  
4:30 p.m., 374 Rockefeller Hall  
*Sponsored by Science and Technology Studies*
February 1, 2008
*Graduate Fellow Research Workshop*
Seed Grant Recipients
12:00-5:00 p.m., ISS Conference Room (146 Myron Taylor Hall)

February 4, 2008
*Carbon-Free and Nuclear-Free: A Roadmap for U.S. Energy Policy*
Arjun Makhijani, President, Institute for Energy and Environmental Research, Takoma Park, Maryland, and Principal Editor, Nuclear Wastelands: A Global Guide to Nuclear Weapons Production and Its Health and Environmental Effects
4:30 p.m., Hollis E. Cornell Auditorium, Goldwin Smith Hall
*Co-sponsored with the Peace Studies Program, Development Sociology, Center for the Environment, and the Department of Government.*

February 12, 2008
*Social Science in Litigation*
Valerie Hans, Professor of Law, Cornell
12:00-1:30 p.m., ISS Conference Room (146 Myron Taylor Hall)

February 19, 2008
*From Deprivation to Dependency: Think Tanks in the American Welfare Debate, 1958-1996*
Tom Medvetz, Team Member and ISS Postdoctoral Associate
12:00-1:30 p.m., ISS Conference Room (146 Myron Taylor Hall)

March 4, 2008
*The Epistemology of Contentious Knowledge: Deforestation in Madagascar*
Jacques Pollini, Natural Resources
12:00-1:30 p.m., ISS Conference room (146 Myron Taylor Hall)

March 11, 2008
*GMO: Authoritative Framing and its Discontents*
Ron Herring, Co-leader and Professor of Government
12:00-1:30 p.m., ISS Conference room (146 Myron Taylor Hall)

March 25, 2008
*Transnational Diffusion in Electoral Revolutions in Post Communist Eurasia*
Valerie Bunce, Professor of Government
12:00-1:30 p.m., ISS Conference room (146 Myron Taylor Hall)

April 1, 2008
*Folk Economics at the Border: Image, Ideology, and Asymmetry*
Kristen Mahler, Professor of Political Science, San Diego State University
12:00-1:30 p.m., ISS Conference room (146 Myron Taylor Hall)

April 8, 2008
*Federal Nutrition Guidelines and the Creation of Productive Bodies*
Kelly Moore, Department of Sociology, University of Cincinnati
12:00-1:30 p.m., ISS Conference room (146 Myron Taylor Hall)

April 15, 2008
*Who Speaks For the People? And How?: Reflections From the American Founding*
Jason Frank, Team Resident Associate and Prof. of Government
12:00-1:30 p.m., ISS Conference room (146 Myron Taylor Hall)
April 22, 2008
*The Union of Concerned Scientists: Four Decades at the Intersection of Science and Politics*
Kurt Gottfried, Professor of Physics Emeritus, Cornell
12:00-1:30 p.m., ISS Conference room (146 Myron Taylor Hall)

April 29, 2008
*Intellectual Property and the Politics of Emerging Technology: Inventors, Citizens, and Powers to Shape Futures*
Stephen Hilgartner, Team Member and Professor of S&TS
12:00-1:30 p.m., ISS Conference room (146 Myron Taylor Hall)

May 6, 2008
*The Banks and the Beltway: Three Decades of Washington Politics and World Development*
Sarah Babb, Professor of Sociology, Boston College
12:00-1:30 p.m., ISS Conference Room (146 Myron Taylor Hall)

Sept. 2-4, 2008  
**Messenger Lecture Series:**  
*The Facts of the Matter: How Science Speaks Truth to Power*

**September 2**  
**Messenger Lecture 1:**  *Experts and Politics*  
Sheila Jasanoff, Pforzheimer Professor of Science and Technology Studies, Harvard  
4:30 p.m. Location: TBA

**September 3**  
**Messenger Lecture 2:**  *Law's Knowledge*  
Sheila Jasanoff, Pforzheimer Professor of Science and Technology Studies, Harvard  
4:30 p.m., Location: TBA

**September 4**  
**Messenger Lecture 3:**  *Knowing the World*  
Sheila Jasanoff, Pforzheimer Professor of Science and Technology Studies, Harvard  
4:30 p.m., Location: TBA

September 25, 2008  
**Geopolitics of Energy**  
Professor Michael Klare, Five College Professor of Peace and World Security Studies, Author of Rising Powers, Shrinking Planet and Blood and Oil  
Lecture: 4:15 book signing, 4:30 Lecture, Bache Auditorium, 228 Malott Hall  
Film: Blood and Oil, 7:00 p.m., Cornell Cinema, Willard Straight Theatre, $3 Admission.  
Sponsored by the Society for the Humanities, LaFeber Fund, Institute for the Social Sciences, History Department and Government Department

October 23, 2008  
**Scientists in Highly Politicized Debates**  
Roger Pielke, Professor of Environmental Studies, University of Colorado  
4:30 p.m., 374 Rockefeller Hall

October 24, 2008  
**A Conversation with Roger Pielke**  
Robert Pielke, Professor of Environmental Studies, University of Colorado  
9:00-10:30 a.m., ISS Conference room (146 Myron Taylor Hall)

October 31, 2008  
**Economics as Authoritative/Contentious Knowledge**  
12:00 p.m.  ISS Conference room (146 Myron Taylor Hall)
February 13, 2009

*Liberalism Without State or Nation*
Miguel Centeno, Department of Sociology and International Affairs, Princeton University
12:15-1:30 p.m., G08 Uris Hall
Co-sponsored with Latin American Studies Program, Department of Government and Department of Sociology

March 23, 2009

*Between Geopolitics and Science Studies*
Andrew Barry, School of Geography, Oxford University Centre for the Environment
4:30 p.m., 374 Rockefeller Hall

April 10, 2009

*NGO Politics, Transnational Brokers and Contentious Knowledge*
Volker Heins, Institute for Social Research, Frankfurt University.
With discussant, Richard Bownas, Government
12 p.m., 146 Myron Taylor Hall

April 22, 2009

*Democracy and Authoritarianism in Latin America, 1945-2008*
Scott Mainwaring, Department of Political Science, Notre Dame University
12:15-1:15 p.m. 153 Uris Hall
Co-sponsored with LASP

April 27, 2009

*The Development and Problems of China's NGOs*
Li Lifan, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences
1:30 p.m., White Hall 106
Sponsored by the: Cornell University Government Department, China Asia-Pacific Program (CAPS); East Asian Program (EAP); and the Institute for the Social Sciences (ISS).

April 29, 2009

*Clientelism as Persuasion and as Mobilization*
Susan Stokes, Department of Political Science, Yale University
12:15-1:15 p.m., 153 Uris
Co-sponsored with LASP

April 29, 2009

*Capstone Lecture--Contentious Knowledge: Science, Social Science, & Social Movements*
Ron Herring and Ken Roberts, Co-leaders and Profs. of Government
4:30 p.m., 423 ILR Conference Center

Publications


Herring, Ronald J. “Whose Numbers Count?” Web-published, Centre for International Studies, University of Toronto, Q-squared Project: (Combining Qualitative and Quantitative Approaches in Poverty Analysis). _file:///C:\Documents%20and%20Settings\HerringR.WHITEHALL\Application%20Data\Qualcomm\Eudora\Imap\dominant1\INBOX\Attach\www.q-squared.htm_>www.q-squared.ca);


Forthcoming Publications


Cook, Maria Lorena. Under review. “‘Humanitarian Aid Is Never a Crime’: Humanitarianism and Illegality in Migrant Advocacy”


Herring, Ronald J. "Persistent Narratives: Why is the ‘Failure of Bt Cotton in India’ Story Still With Us?" AbBioForum Special Issue, 2009 in press


Roberts, Ken, and Steven Levitsky, eds. Latin America’s Left Turn: Political Diversity and Development Alternatives (under review at Cambridge and Johns Hopkins University presses).


Sato, Kyoko. Under review. "From Pasteur to McDonald’s: Transformation of the Meanings of Genetically Modified Food and the Policy Paradigm Shift in France."


Funding

Currently, Janice Thies has a proposal, titled “Environmentally Sound Rice Production,” in process with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The Cornell portion of the $4,000,000 proposal is $1,200,000. The application process is expected to be long, but funding is predicted to be highly likely.

In 2008, Durba Ghosh was awarded an American Institute of Indian Studies Senior Research Fellowship for $22,000, and an American Philosophical Society sabbatic fellowship for $38,000. These grants support her 08-09 research project in India: “Revolutionaries and Freedom Fighters: nationalism in Bengal in the twentieth century.”

In 2006-07, Ken Roberts received a $120,000 grant (co-PI with Valerie Bunce) from the Mellon-Sawyer Foundation to organize an interdisciplinary seminar series on “Social Movements and Regime Change in Latin America and Postcommunist Eurasia.” He also obtained a $13,000 grant from the Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies to organize a workshop “Assessing Latin America’s Left Turn.”

Oxford University Press has granted Ronald Herring funding for a 2009 kick-off workshop for the Handbook on Food, Politics and Society, which he will be editing for OUP.