

# Well-being

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Welcome to the 43rd annual meeting of the Society for Economic Anthropology. Our conference on "Well-being and the Common Good" is organized by John Millhauser and hosted by Hirokazu Miyazaki with the generous support of the Department of Anthropology at Northwestern University.

## **Thursday 5/18**

Keynote: "Toward an Economic Anthropology of Wisdom"

**Kathleen Millar**

Simon Fraser University

McCormick Auditorium, 5:00

Reception follows at 7:00 in the Great Room, 600 Haven Street  
(10 minute walk from the Norris University Center)

## **Friday 5/19**

### **Norris University Center, Lake and Northwestern Rooms**

7:30 Registration, coffee, and pastries

8:00 Opening remarks

8:20 Session 1

12:00 Business Lunch & Kate Browne Award

1:30 Sessions 2a & 2b

5:10 Harold K. Schneider Award

6:00 Poster session & reception

## **Saturday 5/20**

### **Norris University Center, Lake and Northwestern Rooms**

7:30 Coffee and pastries

8:00 Sessions 3a & 3b

11:40 Lunch on your own

### **Harris Hall, Room L07**

1:00 Session 4

4:40 Closing discussion

6:00 Banquet at Mt. Everest (630 Church Street)

### **Special thanks**

The Department of Anthropology at Northwestern University, Cynthia Robin, Mary Weismantel, Nancy Hickey, Adam Wagner, Austin Bryan, Seyma Kabaoglu, Mounica Sreesai, Will Voltz, Nora Haenn, Richard Wallace, Daniel Souleles, Brandon Lundy, Andrea Rissing, Dawn Rivers, Erik Bähre, Bram Tucker, Don Nelson, Cyndi Isenhour, and the SEA Board  
The American Anthropological Association, Alana Mallory, Nate Wambold  
The staff of the Norris University Center

# Session 1

## Definitions & Disparities

Lake Room

Moderator: Lisa Cliggett

- 7:30 Registration & Breakfast
- 8:00 Opening remarks
- 8:20 Quality of life and care: Dilemmas of working in public and private healthcare in Brazil  
**Erik Bähre (virtual)**  
Leiden University
- 9:00 The CSRD will change our understanding of what a sustainable business is  
**Olivia Norma Jørgensen**  
Copenhagen Business School / PricewaterhouseCoopers Denmark
- 9:40 Rendering social: Exploring preferences and power by pluralizing the anthropology of the good  
**Ben Eyre (virtual)**  
University of East Anglia
- 10:20 Break
- 10:40 Imperial policies and well-being in the prehistoric Andes: Poverty vs. social exclusion as mechanisms of political control  
**Donna Nash**  
UNC Greensboro
- 11:20 Contested values and sustainable livelihoods of artisanal alcohol in Cabo Verde  
**Brandon Lundy**  
Kennesaw State University
- 12:00 Catered lunch in the Northwestern Room  
Business meeting  
Presentation of Kate Browne Creativity in Research Award  
Recipient: **Colin Thor West**  
University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill

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## Session 2a Livelihoods

Lake Room

Moderator: Laura Cochrane

1:30 Self-help gurus—Mediating well-being and work in post-liberalization India

**Riddhi Bhandari & Siddhi Gyan Pandey**

O.P. Jindal Global University

2:10 Good jobs, logistics labor, and the common good in Memphis, Tennessee

**Nick Welna**

CUNY Graduate Center

2:50 Sustainable hope: Affect and labor in corporate sustainability

**Montserrat Pérez-Castro**

Dartmouth College

3:30 Break (refreshments)

3:50 “Sometimes it looks fake”: Wrestling with authenticity and *hiyal* in Islamic banking and finance

**Aaron Pitluck**

Illinois State University

4:30 Positive affects of precarious workers in the U.S.

**Claudia Strauss**

Pitzer College

5:10 Presentation of Harold K. Schneider Graduate Paper Award (Lake Room)

Recipient: **China Sajadian**

City University of New York

6:00 Poster session, cocktails, and appetizers (Northwestern Room)

## Session 2b Claiming Responsibility

Northwestern Room

Moderator: Amy Stambach

Translocal healthcare provisioning and the common good in smalltown Senegal

**Benjamin R. Burgen & Meredith G. Marten**

University of West Florida

Unsettling claims: Situating central banks and physical cash as arbiters of the public good

**Ursula Dalinghaus**

Ripon College

Accounting for the good life in highland Ecuador

**Joe Quick**

University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee

Gold exchange as collective intelligence: Ornaments and coping during the Covid-19 pandemic in rural South India

**Nithya Joseph**

Princeton University

“It’s our aid”: Community led monitoring in Uganda’s HIV economy

**Austin Bryan**

Northwestern University

## **Poster Session** Northwestern Room

Craft production and shifting economies: Socioeconomic complexities in the organization of the Igbo Ukwu (9th-12th Century CE) ceramic industry

**Elizabeth Adeyemo** University of Notre Dame

Debt, labor, and social transformation at the Colonial Latifundia: The archaeological investigation of Hacienda del Rincón de Guadalupe, Mexico

**Dean M. Blumenfeld & Christopher T. Morehart** Arizona State University

State of the plate 2022: A current assessment of food insecurity In Mecklenburg County with a closer look at causes other than money

**Rae Gordon & Nicole Peterson** University of North Carolina - Charlotte

Cutting through the weeds: Student perceptions of farm work and its connections to wellbeing

**Jessica Ham & Lydia King** Emory University

Selling security as reasonable care: Towards an economic anthropology of security

**Yutong Han** CUNY Graduate Center

The History Business: A Design Firm in Postsocialist China's Culture Boom

**Leksa Lee** Denison University

Culinary Violence: How Oaxacan Chefs Persevere in the Midwest

**Andrew Mitchel** The Ohio State University

The impossible mathematics of being collective: Logistified economies of health in Brazil

**Jack Mullee** University of Chicago

The transfixion of roti and champagne dreams: Pursuits of the good life through Delhi's bread and water

**Heather O'Leary** University of South Florida

Understanding student well-being through food security action research

**Nicole Peterson & Andrea Freidus** University of North Carolina - Charlotte

Good to bank and good to digest: The Monetary and digestive metaphors behind the logic of Dujing (reading classics) education investment in China

**Yukun Zeng** University of Chicago

## Session 3a: Land & Body

Lake Room

Moderator: Nora Haenn

- 8:00 Building the common good from the ground up: Land reform in Iowa  
**E. Paul Durrenberger & Suzan Erem**  
University of Iowa & Sustainable Iowa Land Trust
- 8:40 Dancing away from precarity and towards hope: Bodily and emotional labor of latin dancers in Guangzhou, China  
**Xinyan Peng (virtual)**  
Sun Yat-sen University
- 9:20 Wellbeing and the common good in the context of Indigenous heritage management: A perspective from Mensabak, Chiapas, Mexico  
**Christopher Hernandez**  
Loyola University Chicago
- 10:00 Break
- 10:20 The tragedy of the antibiotic commons: Safeguarding the therapeutic value of antibiotic pills in the western highlands of Guatemala  
**Joyce Lu**  
Rutgers University
- 11:00 Human Waste Management and the Common Good: Matters of Care on the Placencia Peninsula, Belize  
**Alex Webb, E. Christian Wells, R. Zarger, M. Trotz**  
University of South Florida

## Session 3b: Identity & Ideology

Northwestern Room

Moderator: Richard Wallace

- The legacy of lockdown: Provisioning practices and wellbeing in urban China after Zero Covid  
**Erika Kuever**  
University of Southern Denmark
- How to hope without commensurability: White Christians entering the long-term struggle for racial justice  
**Christine Jeske**  
Wheaton College
- Claiming power: Philanthropy and Asian American activism  
**Wei Gan**  
Princeton University
- The ethics of transition: Renewable energy, climate justice, and the politics of "Living Joyfully" in Colombia's progressive turn  
**Steven Schwartz**  
Colorado College
- Money and Hijab: Politics of inequality within Islamic banking and financialization in Turkey  
**Seyma Kabaoglu**  
Northwestern University

11:40 Lunch on your own (13 minute walk to Evanston restaurants). Bring your personal items with you. We will reconvene at Harris Hall (see map) after lunch.

## **Session 4: Redefining the Good**

Reconvene in Harris Hall, Room L07

Moderator: Dawn Rivers

- 1:00 Yuca in Ecuador: Gendered food systems in living well, living forests and 21st-century crops  
**Cristina Cielo**  
FLACSO sede Ecuador
- 1:40 Archaeological perspectives on wealth, wellbeing, and political change in ancient Maya society  
**Jessica Munson & Jonathan Scholnick**  
Lycoming College & Bucknell University
- 2:20 Evaluating well-being after compulsory resettlement: Livelihoods and standards of living in Manantali, Mali  
**Dolores Koenig**  
American University
- 3:00 Break
- 3:20 Development and the pursuit of the good life  
**Rachael Goodman**  
Mercer University
- 4:00 Beyond the suffering subject: Towards an economic anthropology of pleasure  
**Richard Wilk**  
Indiana University
- 4:40 Wrap up discussion (end 5:30)
- 6:00 Banquet (pre-paid during registration)  
Mt. Everest Restaurant  
630 Church Street (8 minute walk from Harris Hall)



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Second Floor

