

# Workshop in Urban Ethnography

Fall 2012

## Armando Lara-Millan

*Public Emergency Room Overcrowding in the Era of Mass Incarceration*

Armando Lara-Millan is a doctoral candidate in the department of sociology at Northwestern University. His dissertation is entitled “*Hospital Beds and Jail Beds: Los Angeles County and the Imagination of Poverty, 1978-2011.*” Using ethnographies of both a local jail and public emergency room, as well as archival research of 30-years of policy-making, the dissertation shows that, in regards to the lives of the poor, health and criminal justice policy cannot fully be understood without understanding how they evolve together. Poor people are continually shifted between the statuses of patients and prisoner and this allows politicians, administrators, and frontline service officials to manage the severe health and custody overcrowding crisis now facing many local jurisdictions. Armando is a former Minority Fellowship Program recipient, grew up in both San Francisco and Los Angeles, and is an avid basketball fan.



**Monday, September 17th, 2012, 11:30am-1:20pm**

210 Prospect St, Room 203