

Workshop in Urban Ethnography

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Doormen: Fieldwork Encounters and Discoveries



Peter Bearman is the Director of Columbia University's Paul F. Lazarsfeld Center for the Social Sciences, is the Cole Professor of Social Science, and is Co-Director of the Health & Society Scholars Program. He is the author of *Doormen* (University of Chicago Press, 2005), in which he analyzes the dynamics between tenants and doormen and describes the efforts each group makes navigating their relationship. A recipient of the NIH Director's Pioneer Award in 2007, Dr. Bearman is currently investigating the social determinants of the autism epidemic.

Dr. Bearman was the founding director of Columbia University's Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy (ISERP), serving as director from the Institute's launch in 2000 until 2008. Dr. Bearman is a specialist in network analysis, and he co-designed the National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health and has used the data extensively for research on topics including adolescent sexual networks, networks of disease transmission, and genetic influences on same-sex preference. He has also conducted research in historical sociology, including *Relations into Rhetorics: Local Elite Social Structure in Norfolk, England, 1540-1640* (Rutgers, 1993).

Monday, November 5th, 2012, 11:30am-1:20pm

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