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*Abstract*

### **Event and the City**

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Events are fundamentally restless, taking shape over time and across space as various constituencies mold them, move them along or slow them down. My new sociological approach to events aims to track them as restless, unfinished, and unbounded, and to examine the temporary forms in which events live. In tracking the event of September 11, 2001, I have come to understand Lower Manhattan as an "event space". My paper describes this urban landscape as an "event space," and in so doing hopes to simultaneously advance our analytic purchase on events and on urban ethnography.