

## Conference Program

### Thursday, March 5th

Allbritton Center for the Study of Public Life, Room 311

222 Church Street, Middletown, CT

5:00pm **Keynote Lecture**

**Julie Livingston, Rutgers University**

“Pharmaceutical Technologies and the Nature of Efficacy in Botswana”

### Friday, March 6th

#### Conference Panels

Usdan University Center, Room 110

45 Wyllys Avenue, Middletown, CT

9:00am **Technologies of Identity and Knowledge Production**

**Drew Thompson**, Bard College

“Disputes over the Past: The biometric passport and studio photography in Mozambique, 1980-Recent Times”

**Crystal Biruk**, Oberlin College

“Standards and ‘gifts’: Soap as improvisational technology in Malawian survey research worlds”

**Summer Wood**, New York University

“Technologies of Identity in Tanzania”

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Panel Chair: **Jennifer Tucker**, Wesleyan University

## 10:45am **Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Development**

**Susan P. Wyche**, Michigan State University

“‘If God Gives Me the Chance I will Design my Own Phone’: Rural Kenyan Repairers and Reimagining Mobile Phone Design”

**Sean Jacobs**, The New School and “Africa is a Country” Blog

“Shifting African Digital Landscapes”

**Gloria Emeagwali**, Connecticut State University

“Interconnections between female entrepreneurship and technological innovation in the Nigerian Context”

**Solen Feyissa**, University of Minnesota

“Contextualizing Educational Uses of Information Communication Technologies inside and outside of Ethiopian Classrooms”

Panel Chair: **Michael Nelson**, Wesleyan University

## 1:45pm **Imagining New Technological Cultures**

**Laura Ann Twagira**, Wesleyan University

“Becoming Master’s of Nature: Women’s Transformation of a Colonial Irrigation Project in French West Africa”

**Joshua Grace**, University of South Carolina

“Tinkering with Development: Two Episodes in the Africanization of Tanzanian Cars”

**Mahriana Rofheart**, Georgia Gwinnett College

“Fictional Technologies of Collaboration”

**Jennifer Hart**, Wayne State University

“Of Mammy Trucks and Men: African Automobility and the Politics of Development in Colonial Ghana”

Panel Chair: **Heidi Gengenbach**, University of Massachusetts Boston

3:15pm Coffee Break

## 3:30pm **Technological Cultures of Health and Healing**

**Anne Pollock**, Georgia Tech

“Africanizing synthetic chemistry?: Hope in Drug Discovery ‘by and for’ Africa”

**Donna Patterson**, Wellesley College

“Pharmacy, Biomedicine, and Gender in Senegal”

**Tara Dosumu Diener**, University of Michigan

“Practice Makes Perfect: Signal, Noise, and Clinical Imagination in the Maternity Ward”

**Sarah Hardin**, St. Anselm College

“Modern Potions: The Social and Health Repercussions of Pesticides in Senegal and the Francophone World”

Panel Chair: **Paul Erickson**, Wesleyan University

## 5:00pm **Closing Discussion**

