The Initiative in Holocaust, Genocide, and Memory Studies presents:

**Diasporic Memories, Comparative Methodologies:**

**A Conference of the Network in Transnational Memory Studies**

November 1-2, 2013

**Friday, November 1**

**10am-12pm: Graduate Panel (Jewish Studies Conference Room, English 109)\***

Jessica Young (English, Illinois), “Computer Viruses and Infectious Agents: Transnational Memory in Hari Kunzru’s *Transmission* and Amitav Ghosh’s *Calcutta Chromosome*”

Hapsatou Wane (Comparative Literature, Illinois), "Wandering in the Womb of Memory: the Detour of the Surrogate Daughter in *As Mulheres de Tijucopapo* and *Hérémakhonon, en attendant le bonheur*."

Respondent (via Skype): Astrid Erll (Frankfurt)

**12:00-2:00: Lunch**

**2:00-3:30: Keynote Lectures (Levis Faculty Center, 3rd Floor)**

Welcome and Introduction: Michael Rothberg (HGMS/English, Illinois)

Aleida Assmann (Konstanz), “Transnational Memory and the Construction of History Through Mass Media”

Ann Rigney (Utrecht), “Diaspora Poetics and the Articulations of Memory”

**3:45-5:00: Roundtable**

Jodi A. Byrd (American Indian Studies/English, Illinois)

Ronald Bailey (African American Studies, Illinois)

Peter Fritzsche (History, Illinois)

Brett Ashley Kaplan (Comparative Literature, Illinois)

**Saturday, November 2 (Levis Faculty Center, Music Room)**

**9:30-10:00: Friday Recap\***

Matthew Nelson (Comparative Literature, Illinois) and Jonathan Druker (Illinois State)

**10:00-12:00: Panel 1\***

Tina M. Campt (Barnard), “Quiet Circuits of Memory: Passports, Photos and Diasporic Vernaculars”

Rosanne Kennedy (ANU), “Contact Stories: the British Diaspora, Indigenous Displacement and Literary Remembrance”

Rebecca Saunders (Illinois State), “Mobilizing Memory: The Transnational Politics of Dememorialization in Roberto Bolaño’s *Nocturno de Chile* and the Films of Patricio Guzmán”

Respondents: Yasemin Yildiz (German, Illinois) and Ellen Moodie (Anthropology, Illinois)

**12:00-1:00: Lunch**

**1:00-2:00: Workshop\***

Erica Lehrer (Concordia), "Curating Diasporic Memories."

Respondent: Jenelle Davis (Art History, Illinois)

**2:15-3:45: Panel 2\***

Sonali Thakkar (Chicago), “Diaspora without Genealogy? Adoption, Zionism, and Queer Kinship”

Harriet Murav (Slavic, Illinois), "Memories of the Future: Freud and Bergson"

Respondent: Pieter Vermeulen (Stockholm)

**4:00-5:00: Concluding Discussion\***

Led by Ann Rigney (Utrecht),  Aleida Assmann (Konstanz), and Michael Rothberg (Illinois)

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