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NAOMI KLEIN WILL DELIVER 2008 O'CONNOR LECTURE ON OCTOBER 13

Major crises present unique economic opportunities for the implementation of what Naomi Klein deems "a fundamentalist version of capitalism." Disaster capitalism, or The Shock Doctrine, is a radical social and economic procedure by which already traumatized areas take major hits in the name of progress.

The roots of disaster capitalism are in the Economics department at the University of Chicago, where Milton Friedman and his students developed "Chicago School Policies." Distressed states observing the Shock Doctrine privatize a variety of institutions, and while citizens are still experiencing shock from the traumatic event, the reforms are made permanent.

Klein critiques the formula in her work, the New York Times international bestseller *The Shock Doctrine*, as she tells the stories of such traumatic events in post-apartheid South Africa, the United States after 9/11, Post-tsunami Sri Lanka, and "Operation Iraqi Freedom."

"In every country where Chicago School policies have been applied over the past three decades," Klein asserts, "what has emerged is a powerful ruling alliance between a few very large corporations and a class of mostly wealthy politicians — with hazy and ever-shifting lines between the two groups."

Klein is an award-winning journalist, syndicated columnist, and author of two New York Times international bestsellers. She writes a regular column for *The Nation* and *The Guardian* that is syndicated internationally by The New York Times Syndicate. In 2004, her reporting from Iraq for *Harper's Magazine* won the James Aronson Award for Social Justice Journalism. Klein also co-produced *The Take*, an award-winning feature documentary about Argentina's occupied factories, in 2004.

She is a former Miliband Fellow at the London School of Economics and holds an honorary Doctor of Civil Laws from the Univer-



sity of King's College, Nova Scotia.

Naomi Klein will deliver the 2008 O'Connor Lecture. The event will be held in the Armstrong Hall Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. on the 13th of October, 2008, and is sponsored by the Daniel Patrick O'Connor Memorial Lectureship Endowed Fund and the Colorado College sociology department.

Please read more about *The Shock Doctrine* at www.naomiklein.org/shock-doctrine

PROFESSOR PARTICIPATES IN DIGITAL YOUTH REPORT

Professor CJ Pascoe participated in the collaborative project, "Kids' Informal Learning with Digital Media: An Ethnographic Investigation of Innovative Knowledge Cultures." Funded by the MacArthur Foundation and carried out by researchers at USC and UC-Berkeley, the digital youth project explores how kids use digital media in their everyday lives. The book based on the findings from this study will be released online October 9th and in print later in the fall by MIT Press. Pascoe's chapter, "Intimacy," describes the ways in which practices such as "friending," flirting, and dating are both reproduced and reshaped by online communication.

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ALUMNI ENDEAVORS: CLASS OF 2008

Justin Behravesh - Working as the coordinator for the Eagle County Programs of SOS Outreach, a nonprofit organization in Beaver Creek, CO

Megan Berry - Working as a technician in the emergency department of Memorial Hospital North. She plans to go to nursing school.

Eryka Charley - Pursuing a Master's degree in Higher Education at the University of Denver with an emphasis on student development. She also has an assistantship as a Community Advisor with the Housing and Residential Education Department.

Jocelyn Corbett - Public Policy Fellowship with Coro in San Francisco

Jason Flegel - Working in San Francisco as a paralegal for the firm O'Melveny and Myers while he prepares for law school

Drew Foster - Fulbright Scholarship to conduct research in Japan on institutional identity amongst Japanese universities at Hiroshima University's Research Institute for Higher Education

Elsa Frey - Pursuing a Master's degree in International Affairs at The New School in New York City

Alice Gallmeyer - Paraprofessional in the Department of Sociology, Colorado College

Jessica Gingold - Working with Chicago's Access Community Health Network in the quality department assessing quality of care and analyzing health disparities issues

Mitra Heffron - Heading to Paraguay to serve as a Peace Corps volunteer, teaching beekeeping and facilitating sustainable agricultural practices

Jessie Pocock - Interning at Justice Corps Colorado, where she provides legal resources for *pro ses* in Colorado Springs. She is also involved in the development of an Urban Art Initiative which will reach out to local youth through break dancing.

Amy Reedy - Presented her thesis research at the ASA Conference in Boston; presently job searching in Los Angeles

Maya Zarchan - Working as an account executive at S&S Public Relations in Colorado Springs

PAM LEUTZ JOINS THE SOCIOLOGY DEPARTMENT

Pam Leutz, our sociology staff assistant, is the newest member of the department. Originally from the Chicago area, Pam came to us from Dallas, where she worked at Southern Methodist University for 13 years. She served as the assistant to the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at SMU's Dedman College, which is the college of Humanities and Sciences. We're very fortunate to have Pam, as she is both experienced in

working in an academic environment and enthusiastic about it. "I really like the higher education environment," she said. "It's a lot of fun to be around students."

Also an artist, Pam has been bookbinding for thirty years. She has a studio here in Colorado Springs at Cottonwood Artists' School, and she just finished writing her book, "The Thread that Binds," which explores the art of bookbinding through a series

of interviews with artists. Pam has spent the past four years traveling around the country to conduct the interviews. "It was something I was passionately interested in," she explained, "so it was my own interest that motivated me to do the project."



FUN FACTS ABOUT PAM:

- ◇ FAVORITE MOVIE: The Muppet Christmas Carol
- ◇ 3 ½-WEEK-LONG INTELLECTUAL ADVENTURE: Studying with master bookbinder Jan Sobota in the Medieval town of Locket, the Czech Republic.

3RD BLOCK CLASS: SOCIOLOGY OF SCIENCE



There is still space available in Mark Jones' 3rd block class, SO 190: Sociology of Science. The course will examine scientific biographies; social life in laboratories and the scientific community; the economic, political, organizational, and moral dimensions of scientific practice; the emergence and resolution of scientific controversies; and the broad social implications of scientific and technological developments.

Also, check out his other courses:
Block 7: Sociology of Economic Life
Block 8: Digital Technology & Society

DECLARE SOCIOLOGY!

Underclassmen: are you thinking of majoring in sociology? Top ten reasons to declare a sociology major today:

10. You can't drink department coffee until you declare.
9. The sociology lab has new computers.
8. Neither declaring nor switching a major is a cumbersome process.
7. You'd like to be on the leadership team for the student group, Sociology Subculture. Contact Alice.
6. You want your picture up in Palmer.
5. Sociology connects with a wide variety of career paths. (Visit www.asanet.org/cs/root/topnav/students/students_3column for more information).
4. The department needs to know about you in order to offer classes for you.
3. Embrace your sociological imagination: understand individuals within the context of larger social realities.
2. Learn how to think clearly, gather information accurately, and write well. Complete a thesis project!
1. The discipline provides a relevant and interesting lens through which to view your everyday life.





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Student Venture Partnership (STVP)

The Student Venture Partnership is a group of civically minded CC students who strive to impact the Pikes Peak Region through a self-organized initiative combining engaged volunteerism and effective philanthropy.

Each year STVP selects a local nonprofit organization to collaborate with, support, and learn from. If you are interested in being more involved with the Colorado Springs community, getting an insider's scoop on the nonprofit sector, or just putting in some serious volunteer hours, this group could be a great fit for you.

If you don't have time to commit but are still interested, look for our educational workshop series. We invite nonprofit professionals to speak for an open CC audience about a variety of topics connected with the nonprofit sector and our community.

Questions? Please contact CC sociology major Lauren Jenkins at stvp@coloradocollege.edu.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sociology Colloquium for October

"How I'm Secretly Writing a Senior Thesis in my Spare Time -- A Step-by-Step Guide"
Or, "The Social Networks of Isolated Geniuses"

Presented by Kathy Giuffre

October 8 (Wednesday), 12-1 PM, Palmer 123

Sociology Department Open House during Homecoming

Alumni, Parents, and Students Welcome

October 10 (Friday), 1-3 PM, Department

Sociology Subculture Film, Food, and Discussion

Pizza included

November 5 (Wednesday), 7:30 PM, Palmer 123

Sociology Subculture Holiday Party

Hors d'œuvres and fun

December 11 (Thursday), 4-6 PM, Gates Common Room

