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Contextualizing the Self:

Creating and Recreating the First Person

An Interdisciplinary Workshop 2016 – 2017

Tuesday, December 13, 2016 12:15 – 15:45 Gilman Building, room 449

Chairman: Prof. Aviad Kleinberg

Lecture by:

Paul Stoller

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"Experience, Narrative and the Construction of the Self"

Respondent: Prof. Haim Hazan

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Paul Stoller is Professor of Anthropology at West Chester University and has been conducting

anthropological research for more than 35 years. His early work focused on the religion of the Songhay people who live in the Republics of Niger and Mali in West Africa. Since 1992, Stoller has pursued studies of West African immigrants in New York City. His most widely recognized publications include *Money Has No Smell* (Chicago, 2002), *The Power of the Between* (Chicago 2008) and *Yaya's Story: The Quest for Well Being in the World* (Chicago 2014). His most recent book is a novel, *The Sorcerer's Burden* (Palgrave 2016). Stoller is an anthropologist-writer who likes to tell and listen to stories, which means that narrative is a central feature in his ethnographic writing. This paper explores how social interactions propel us towards narratives and storytelling.

*** The lecture will be held in English