

## **Building Sustainable Communities Cluster Search**

### **Winter 2015 Colloquium Series**

# **" In Sauce We Do Not Suffer: Ontological Problems and Possibilities for the Future of Sustainable Fisheries "**



**Friday January 23, 2015**

**PFEN 241**

**9:30 – 11:00 am**

**Jennifer Lee Johnson, Post-doctoral Associate, Program in Agrarian Studies, Yale University**

Jennifer Lee Johnson holds a M.S. and Ph.D. from the School of Natural Resources and Environment at the University of Michigan. She has worked professionally on fisheries sustainability issues for the Marine Fish Conservation Network, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the Blue Ocean Institute. During her doctoral studies, Jennifer co-founded, co-hosted, and co-produced *It's Hot in Here*, an environmentally-themed public affairs talk and music show on WCBN-FM-Ann Arbor, and anchored several championship kickball and cross-cut log sawing teams.

Dr. Johnson's research has been supported by the National Science Foundation, the Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropology, and the Institute for the Humanities at the University of Michigan. Since 2004, she has conducted ethnographic fieldwork on sustainability issues with resource-interdependent communities in eastern Africa. Her first book project provisionally entitled, *Littoral Politics: The Life and Death of Lake Victoria*, retheorizes gender and sustainability in relation to the contemporary social life and history of working with fish in Uganda. Her peer-reviewed journal articles have been published in *Aquatic Ecosystem Health and Management* and the *African Journal of Hydrobiology and Fisheries*, and she has published several chapters in edited volumes including *Bringing Subsistence out of the Shadows: Essays on Markets and Self Provisioning* (McGill-Queen's University Press forthcoming in 2015), *Great Lakes Fishery Policy and Management* (Michigan State University Press 2012), and *Landscapes and Environments in Colonial and Post Colonial Africa* (Routledge Press 2011). In the coming years, Dr. Johnson plans to develop an interdisciplinary research program that works theoretically and empirically across the continents of Africa and North America to analyze the submerged histories and contemporary possibilities of and for sustainable economies, ecologies, and communities in the Rust Belt region.

**Meet and greet reception to follow presentation in hallway, outside of PFEN 241!**