

# *Sociology Senior Essay Conference*

*May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009, 10:30-3:30*

*107 Williams Hall*

*Lunch served*

## *Program*

### *10:30-12:00 I. Social Class at Yale*

- 1. Amy Jones, Sociology and Cognitive Science: The Low Income Student Experience at an Elite University: Discredited or Discreditable Stigma?*
- 2. Matthew O. Brimer, Sociology: For You, For Money and For Yale: The Role of Socioeconomic Background and Institutional Structure in Academic Decision-Making in Elite American Higher Education*
- 3. Matthew Evans, Ethics, Politics & Economics: Affirmative Action at Yale: Using Admissions Policy to Optimize the Demographics of the Student Body*

### *12:15-1:45 II. Politics and Policy in National and International Contexts*

- 1. Mikkel Krenchel, Sociology and International Studies: An Unthreatened Nation: Swedish Attitudes towards Immigrants in a Comparative Perspective*
- 2. Alice Lin, Sociology: Protecting Children in the United States, Sweden, and the Republic of Korea*
- 3. Kayty Himmelstein, Ethics, Politics & Economics: Scared Straight: Institutional Sanctions against LGBTQ Youth*

### *2:00-3:30 III. Exploring Community in New Haven and Beyond*

- 1. Lauren Frohlich, Sociology: Community Service in New Haven: How Town-Gown Boundaries are Reconstructed and Challenged in Two Soup Kitchen Environments*

2. *Sylvia Bingham, Sociology: Monterey Place and the New Urbanist Experiment: Evaluating the Self-Sufficiency Doctrine of HOPE VI*
3. *Margaret Plouffe, Sociology: The Jazz Audience: An Ethnographic Study*