

# MEN WITH GUNS: Cultures of Paramilitarism & the Modern Americas

An Interdisciplinary Symposium

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From *Ferguson* to *Michoacán* to *Rio de Janeiro*, scholars, journalists and the public at large are talking about the prevalence of forms of paramilitarization such as the expansion of paramilitary police, the increasing role of military contractors in zones of conflict, the privatization of the security state and the militarization of civilians as organized autodefensas.

This 2-day symposium brings together an interdisciplinary group of premier scholars examining the history of these forms of paramilitarization throughout the Americas. The symposium aims to facilitate an interdisciplinary, transnational dialogue that will accompany the pioneering volume of original essays of the same name, edited by Professor Joshua Lund of the University of Notre Dame and the University of Arizona's Professor Anne Garland Mahler.

## THURSDAY

### 8:15 AM

Opening Remarks

### 8:30 AM – 9:45 AM

JUAN PABLO DABOVE, Literary Studies, *University of Colorado Boulder*

ELAINE PARSONS, History, *Duquesne University*

### 10 AM – 11:15 AM

MATTHEW CASEY, History, *University of Southern Mississippi*

GUSTAVO DUNCAN CRUZ, Political Science, *Universidad de los Andes, Colombia*

MARIANA RIVERA, Human Rights Law, *Bogotá, Colombia*

MICOL SEIGEL, American Studies, *Indiana University, Bloomington*

### 1 PM – 2:15 PM

JOHN MILL ACKERMAN, Juridical Studies, *Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México*

GARETH WILLIAMS, Critical Theory, *University of Michigan*

### 2:30 PM – 3:45 PM

JENNIFER BURRELL, Anthropology, *SUNY, Albany*

KIMBERLY THEIDON, Anthropology, *Tufts University*

## FRIDAY

### 8 AM – 8:45 AM

Graduate Student Breakfast

### 8:45 AM – 10 AM

MICHEL MISSE, Sociology, *Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro*

JEB SPRAGUE, Sociology, *University of California, Santa Barbara*

### 10:15 AM – 11:30 AM

SALVADOR M. ARANDA, Anthropology, *El Colegio de Michoacán, México*

TIMOTHY DUNN, Sociology, *Salisbury University*

ALBA ZALUAR, Anthropology, *Universidade do Estado do Rio de Janeiro*

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#### Speakers:

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