

Udall Center Fellows Program

Spring 2024 Talk Series



Join us for a Udall Center Fellows Talk by:

Jennifer Roth-Gordon, 2023-24 Udall Center Fellow

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Experiencing Extreme Heat in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Tuesday, Apr. 9, 2024
11:30-1:00 PM (MST)
(Lunch provided for in-person attendees)

Udall Center for Studies in Public Policy
Conference Room

803 E. First St., Tucson, AZ 85719

Parking is available on a first-come first-served basis in the small lot east off of Euclid, just north of 1st Street. [Click here for a map](#)

And on Zoom* (beginning at 11:45 AM)

Prof. [Jennifer Roth-Gordon](#) will be presenting her work as a Udall Center Fellow, followed by a question-and-answer session with attendees. The [Udall Center Fellows Program](#) offers a semester off from normal teaching to allow for creative scholarship and pursuit of funds to further the Fellow's research.

In this presentation, Prof. Roth-Gordon draws on interviews and ethnographic research conducted in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil across neighborhoods that range from auto-constructed, unregulated, low-income favelas, to white and wealthy coastal neighborhoods, to distant suburban areas that constitute urban heat islands. She focuses on two analytic lenses that emerge from centering people's daily experiences and knowledge of heat. In the first, the concept of thermal control is introduced to foreground the impact of racial and socioeconomic inequality on the lived experience of extreme heat, as individuals retain differential abilities to regulate their own bodily temperature and the temperature of their ambient environment. In the second, the naturalization of extreme heat, we see how beliefs about how Rio residents are "used to" the heat can impact the perception of health risks and public discussion surrounding heat.

Lunch will be provided beginning at 11:30 AM, but physical space is limited!
Please register to attend in person by April 5th.

***Note that the Zoom broadcast will begin between 11:45 AM-12:00 PM, after in-person attendees have eaten lunch.**

RSVP TO ATTEND IN-PERSON or REMOTELY

Please contact Molli Bryson at mollic@arizona.edu for questions or accommodations.

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