

GLC Speaker Series
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Finding Energy in the Field:
Reflections on a Qualitative Project in Africa

My discussion will focus on finding energy, recognizing inspiration, and following your instincts in cross cultural qualitative/immersive field work. Possible discussion points include: (1) preparing interview instruments before you travel to the distant place, and how to think about revising these instruments in the field; (2) reading theory in a sheet metal house in the Kenyan bush; (3) working with untrained research assistants who also happen to be the subject of the research; (4) forging ahead underfunded; and (5) disconnects once you get back to the U.S.



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Each 45 minute talk begins at 4:00 PM
in Room F of the Graduate Life Center
Coffee and Cookies Provided