



**PROGRAM IN AGRARIAN STUDIES  
YALE UNIVERSITY**

The Program in Agrarian Studies at Yale is an interdisciplinary effort to reshape how a new generation of scholars understands rural life and society. The many hands from many disciplines that have shaped this Program share three premises. The first is that any satisfactory analysis of agrarian development must begin with the lived experience, understandings, and values of its historical subjects. The second premise is that the study of the Third World (and what was until recently called the Second World) must never be segregated from the historical study of the West, or the humanities from the social sciences. Finally, we are convinced that the only way to loosen the nearly hegemonic grip of the separate disciplines on how questions are framed and answered is to concentrate on themes of signal importance to several disciplines. By building a sustained community of interdisciplinary conversation and demonstrating what creative trespassing can accomplish, we hope to set a standard of integrative work that will act as a magnet. The Program began in 1991 and is supported with funds from the Educational Foundation of America, Cargill, and Yale University.

**COLLOQUIUM SERIES** The core of the Program's activities is a weekly colloquium organized around an annual theme. Invited specialists send papers in advance that are the focus of an organized discussion by faculty and graduate students. "Hinterlands, Frontiers, Cities, and States: Transactions and Identities" is our theme for the next two years. This topic would embrace the study of mutual perceptions between countryside and city, and patterns of cultural and material exchange, extraction, migration, credit, legal systems, and political order that link them. It would also include an understanding of how different societies conceive of the spatial order they exhibit. What terms are meaningful and how are they related, e.g., frontier, wilderness, arable, countryside, city, town, agriculture, commerce, "hills," lowlands, maritime districts, inland? How have these meanings changed historically, and what symbolic and material weight do they bear? We hope the colloquium will become an important audience for the best work on this subject from any historical period, region, or discipline.

**PROGRAM FELLOWS** The Program appoints research Fellows annually who are in residence for the year, present a paper, and attend the colloquia. Ordinarily, we select four to six Fellows whose diversity reflects the breadth of the Program. We also encourage applications from knowledgeable "activists" and "public intellectuals" whose work on rural life transcends the academy. Fellows are selected competitively. For information about application procedures and deadlines, write directly to the Program in Agrarian Studies, Box 208300, New Haven, CT 06520-8300, USA or check our web page. [www.yale.edu/agrananstudies](http://www.yale.edu/agrananstudies)

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