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Anthropology

Speaker Series - Spring 2016

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4:30pm: FILM SCREENING: "In the Shadow of Ebola"

(Greg Mittman and Sarita Siegel, Director; 27 mins), with discussion

'In the Shadow of Ebola' is an intimate story of a family and a nation torn apart by the Ebola outbreak. Caught in an invisible war that is painfully reminiscent of the chaos and confusion they lived through during a fourteen-year civil war, a family and a people find the compassion and inner resolve to combat the virus's spread. For a trailer, see:

<https://vimeo.com/123541483>

5:30pm: LECTURE: The Discovery of "Community" in the West African Ebola Epidemic: A View from Above, and Below

This lecture presents original research on how West African cultures came to be seen as the leading problem driving the rapid spread of Ebola in West Africa in 2014; and how social mobilization came to be seen by the humanitarian response community as the solution to ending the epidemic. By contrasting community-based viewpoints about the spread of Ebola in Sierra Leone and Liberia with global expert assessments of epidemiological causation and prevention, this talk highlights the seen and unseen ways in which culture interacts with global humanitarian reason to produce unexpected public health responses during epidemic and pandemic events.

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Ruth Adams Building Room 206

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