

THE CONSORTIUM ON RACE, GENDER & ETHNICITY & THE MARYLAND POPULATION RESEARCH CENTER *present*

QUALITATIVE

RESEARCH INTEREST GROUP



JAMAICAN HIGGLERS: Natural Rebels or Space Invaders?

a talk with

Dr. Winnifred Brown-Glaude

THURSDAY MARCH 31, 2011

12-2pm

0124B Cole Field House

A light lunch will be served.

Dr. Brown-Glaude will reflect on a recent event in Jamaica (October 14, 2010) where Afro-Jamaican higgleres (female street vendors) were caught by surprise by the local police force who sought to 'clean up the streets' of downtown Kingston by tearing down higgleres' stalls, destroying their goods in the process, and physically removing these vendors and their businesses off the streets. She argues that the lived experiences of these micro-entrepreneurs demonstrate clearly how race, class and gender interlock in the informal economy. She pays particular attention to public representations of higgleres and their interactions with the state and local communities and demonstrate how cultural meanings inscribed on higgleres bodies are mediated by ideas around race, class and gender, and that those meanings help organize social and commercial spaces, and the bodies that navigate them, in the city of Kingston.

The **QUALITATIVE RESEARCH INTEREST GROUP (QRIG)** is a working interdisciplinary group of faculty & graduate students who use qualitative methodologies in their research. Questions? Contact Beth at bdc1@umd.edu or go to www.cрге.umd.edu.