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How I Learned What I Learned: An Ethnographic Portrait of Misunderstandings and Their Consequences

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This talk explores how interactions break down and why people sometimes struggle to understand each other. Using video and audio recordings from my ethnographic research, Dr. Duck highlights three cases: (1) interactions shaped by neighborhood poverty, divestment and the drug trade, (2) food insecurity and neighborhood solidarity, and (3) a clinic where children are assessed for autism, focusing on a test that measures emotional understandings in verbally fluent children. Through these examples, Dr. Duck reveals the hidden social rules and expectations that guide everyday interactions, rules we often take for granted until they break down.



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Date & Time

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Location

Carman Hall B-08
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