Friday, April 15

8:30-9: Coffee and Registration, Hyde Hall

8:45-9: Welcome and Opening Remarks

9:00-10:45: Panel I: Gendered Health and Reproductive Rights

Chair: Kia Caldwell, UNC-Chapel Hill

Stacey Langwick, Cornell University: "The Properties of Plants: Epistemology, Ontology, and Rights"

Caroline Bledsoe, Northwestern University: "Puzzling Changes in Sub-Saharan Fertility in the Last 25 Years: How to Understand Them as well as the Analyses of Them"

Robert Wyrod, University of Colorado-Boulder: "When Rights Come Home: The Intimate Politics of Women's Rights in Urban Uganda and the Implications for Health and Human Rights"

Peter Redfield, UNC-Chapel Hill: discussant

10:45-11:00: Break

11:00-12:45 Panel II: Queer Identities and LGBT Rights

Chair: GerShun Avilez, UNC-Chapel Hill

Ashley Currier, University of Cincinnati: "The Politics of Preemption: Mobilization against LGBT Rights in Liberia"

Marc Epprecht, Queen's University: "Contextualizing Uganda's Scientific Statement on Homosexuality"

Matthew Thomann, Columbia University: "'It's Got Nothing to Do With Travestis': Gender Identity, Hormone Therapy and Trans-spectrum Identities in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire"

Lydia Boyd, UNC-Chapel Hill: discussant

12:45-2:15 Lunch (to coincide with a special event of the Moral Economies of Medicine working group, which will meet in the incubator room of IAH)
2:15: Afternoon welcome remarks, Jonathan Hartlyn, Senior Associate Dean for Social Sciences and Global Programs, UNC-Chapel Hill College of Arts and Sciences

2:30-4:00: Panel III: Human Rights and Institutionality

Chair: Georges Nzongola-Ntalaja, UNC-Chapel Hill

Benjamin Lawrance, Rochester Institute of Technology: "Failed Legislative Remedy as Legal Trope of Jeopardy in Asylum Petitions and Expert Testimonies of Gender-Based Violence in West Africa"

Meredith Terretta, University of Ottawa/Institute for Advanced Study: "Human Rights, Women's Activism and Popular Politics in Africa's United Nations Trust Territories"

Alice Kang, University of Nebraska-Lincoln: "Family Law and the Sources of Power of Religious Elites in Niger"

Tom Kelley, UNC-Chapel Hill: discussant

4-5:00: Break

5-6:30: Keynote: Harri Englund, Anthropology and African Studies Centre, Cambridge University, Talk title: “The Intimacy of Rights”

6:30: Wine and cheese reception

7:30: Dinner for participants and invited guests

Saturday, April 16

9-10:45: Panel IV: Sexuality and Sovereignty

Chair: Lucinda Ramberg, Cornell University

Lauren Jarvis, UNC-Chapel Hill: "Morality, Mobility, and Virginity Testing in the Nazaretha Church in Segregationist South Africa"


Marame Gueye, East Carolina University: "No Space for Gays: How the Senegalese Media Contributes to the Criminalization of Homosexuality and Violence Against the LGBT Community"

Emily Burrill, UNC-Chapel Hill: discussant

10:45-11: Break

11-12:30: Plenary

12:30-1:30: Lunch and closing