

Colloquium  
Brandeis University- Department of Sociology

Thursday, February 28, 3:30 - 4:50  
Pearlman Lounge



**Pride of Place:  
Queer Female Identities  
and  
Communities in Four Small  
U.S. Cities**

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Japonica Brown-Saracino is an ethnographer who specializes in urban and community sociology, cultural sociology, and the study of race, ethnicity, and sexuality. In 2009, *A Neighborhood That Never Changes: Gentrification, Social Preservation, and the Search for Authenticity*, was published by the University Chicago Press. Brown-Saracino has written on the practice of ethnography, newspaper coverage of gentrification, and on social movements, sexuality, and culture. She is currently completing a comparative ethnography of four small U.S. cities with growing or emerging populations of lesbian, bisexual, and queer women. An article from the study, "From the Lesbian Ghetto to Ambient Community: The Perceived Costs and Benefits of Integration for Community," appeared in the August, 2011, issue of *Social Problems*.

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