

## ***Fall 2018 ERFA Luncheon Schedule and Presenters***

**11 September 2018: “Housing in Humboldt: Challenges, Opportunities and Choices” a presentation and discussion with Gregg Foster, Executive Director Redwood Region Economic Development Commission.**

*More and more, our community is talking about a tight housing market. Is there actually a housing shortage in Humboldt County? Is the local housing market a drag on economic growth or is it an asset that supports it? Gregg Foster will discuss some key issues around local housing and the upcoming Redwood Coast Housing Forum to be held on September 20th.*

**9 October 2018: “Tracing a Continuum of Violence: Reframing Conditions of Power and Debt” a presentation and discussion with Michihiro Sugata, Assistant Professor in Criminology & Justice Studies (Sociology), and 2018 ERFA award recipient.**

*My research centers on issues of financial violence, which I define as the systematic and intentional exploitation of vulnerable people for financial gain. Specifically I examine the ways in which subprime loan instruments, such as automobile title loans and payday loans, are strategically marketed to profit off of the vulnerability of marginalized social groups. Using GIS mapping tools we can see how subprime debt is woven into the landscape of urban space, thereby exacerbating the racial and class stratifications. Lastly, I will discuss some directions in my research which explore the ways in which different forms of social violence overlap with one another.*

**13 November 2018: “Using Novel Technology to Study Humboldt Flying Squirrels and to Engage Students in Research” a presentation and discussion with Barbara Clucas, Assistant Professor in Wildlife, and 2018 ERFA award recipient.**

*The Humboldt flying squirrel (*Glaucomys oregonensis*) is a newly described species of flying squirrel in North America. This species was previously thought to be part of the geographically widespread Northern flying squirrel (*Glaucomys sabrinus*) but recent molecular studies show that flying squirrels in California, Oregon and Washington are a distinct species. Flying squirrels are nocturnal, cryptic animals so are difficult to monitor and study in the wild. My research objectives were to develop methods to monitor Humboldt flying squirrels using novel technology to develop efficient and effective strategies and to give Humboldt State University undergraduate students hands-on experience in the field and engage them in research. In this presentation, I will present results of the project so far and discuss conservation implications of the research.*

**11 December 2018: “The Future of Higher Education is Now: Reflections on Positioning the HSU College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences to Thrive” a presentation and discussion with Lisa Bond-Maupin, Dean CAHSS.**