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Location: Buchanan Hall 1930

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Title: Shifting regional patterns of Mexican maize production: understanding the context of livelihood risk.

Abstract: This seminar will be used to report preliminary results from a recently funded three-year project by the U.S. National Science Foundation’s Human and Social Dynamics program. These grants are intended to foster cross-disciplinary integrative research that bridges the social and bio-physical sciences to address problems with strong policy dimensions. The funded project, titled Market Integration and Climate as Drivers of Change in the Mexican Maize System: Multi-scale Interactions in Livelihood and Land Use Change, is led by Hallie Eakin and Stuart Sweeney with a research team composed of policy and agronomy experts from Mexico and expertise in economics, climatology, regional analysis, and geography from UC Santa Barbara and Arizona State University.