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Mapping the Walk of Shame: Putting Theory and Methods

4:00 p.m., 18 May 2016, Monument Building

The “walk of shame” is a term in the U.S. that refers to a walk of shame after a night of hookup sex. In this talk, I discuss my research on how I have found the persistence, but just as importantly, the instability of these sexual norms and in the power of shame to police them. In this talk, I will discuss the concept of sexual scripts and the cognitive mapping method I have developed as a dimension to both. I will discuss conceptual and methodological implications for sociology’s affective turn, and explore possibilities for bringing this dimension into social research.