Presenter: Roberto Toledo, Ph.D. Candidate in Philosophy

Title: Religion and Hip-hop’s Response to Youth Delinquency in Rio de Janeiro

Synopsis: Roberto will be discussing the strategies of various religious organizations and the hip-hop community in dealing with the difficulties facing the youth of Rio de Janeiro’s favelas. He will examine the connection between hip-hop and religion in Brazil as well as the perception of hip-hop and anti-racist activism among religious groups that attract marginalized youth. Finally, he will address the varying manners in which diverse religious organizations interpret the social reality of these youth and the complex interrelation between various urban religions that is leading to shifts in social perceptions through inter-religious dialogue.

Brief Biography: Roberto holds a Masters in Philosophy and Social Policy from American University and is currently a doctorate candidate in the Department of Philosophy at Stony Brook. His areas of specialization are phenomenology, cultural studies, and race theory. His dissertation focuses on the difficulties facing urban youth and on various social networks that are emerging within communities to address these issues.

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