Colloquium provides a space for shared intellectual exploration within the department, while also welcoming guest speakers and listeners from outside the department. Each year the Department of Geography hosts a lecture series, inviting guest speakers to share exciting new research from various subfields of geography and from intersecting disciplines. The annual colloquium series brings faculty guests from universities across the United States, as well as honored guests working here at the University of Washington in a range of disciplines. Graduate students nearing the completion of their Ph.D. work are also invited to present their research in this forum. The colloquium series also hosts Special Workshops, which are often aimed at graduate students' needs and include a Pedagogy Seminar Series taught by department faculty, as well as workshops on funding, human subjects review, and library resources and tools. Previous colloquium events are listed in our calendar archive. The current schedule of speakers is listed below. In addition, guests invited to talk at our colloquium series can find information about their visit here.

Colloquium lectures take place in Smith Hall, room 304 on Friday afternoons at 3:30pm. A reception with light refreshments follows each talk (upstairs in Smith 411).

Due to Smith Hall elevator construction, for the Fall 2019 quarter our colloquium events will take place in alternative accessible locations. Please see specific information for each event below for location information.