

Second in the Series of Center for Ethnography and UCHRI Studio Sessions

ACADEMIA AND MILITARY/INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS

This session was held on Monday, December 3, 2007. Those featured in conversation were Achille Mbembe, Caren Kaplan (University of California Davis), Saree Makdisi (UCLA), and Jenny Terry (University of California, Irvine). The concern of this studio were with classifications and practices of secrecy in the government and military. Stimulus readings included recent essays by William Colby and Peter Galison, and interest in the topic for this studio was stimulated by the release this past week of the full report of the Ad Hoc Commission of the American Anthropological Association on the Involvement of Anthropologists in Military, Intelligence, and Security Operations (to be found at: www.aaanet.org/PM_112807.htm).

There will be another studio session of the same character, co-sponsored with the UCHRI, on the topic of 'Interrogation'. We hope to schedule this one for the coming spring. Aside from members of the AAA Commission, we plan to invite others who have practiced interrogation, or been interrogated by state agencies.