Fall Speaker Series

Africa Through Language and Area Studies



Monday, November 13 @ 1:30

The Fragility of Strong Ties Kinship, Marriage and

Child Outcomes in Nairobi, Kenya





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The study of kinship and marriage has loomed large in social science scholarship in Africa. However, both are undergoing significant transformation on the continent due to multiple factors including increased labor force participation of women, changing gender roles, insufficient employment opportunities, changing marriage practices, migration and urbanization. Yet we do not have robust data on these two key social institutions both of which are vitally important to protecting the health of women and children. In this presentation, we describe the JAMO project, an NIH funded mixed methods longitudinal study of kinship, marriage and child well-being in two low-income communities in Nairobi, Kenya and share some of our findings from data collected so far.

The event will be held at H.J. Patterson Hall, room 2124, and will also be available via Zoom for online attendees. Light refreshments will be served. Scan code to register:

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