

# **The Department of Anthropology**

*2011-2012 Colloquium Series*

*Presents:*

## **Max Viatori**

Iowa State University

**Friday, September 2, 2011**

**2:30 P.M.**

**27 Macbride Hall**

*Locating Dissent: Ecuadorian Nationalist Discourse  
during the 2008 Border Row with Colombia*

On March 1, 2008, the Colombian military conducted a combined air and land strike on a Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) camp in northern Ecuador, triggering an outburst of nationalist discourse from the Ecuadorian state. Ecuador's President Rafael Correa denounced the strike as an illegal and immoral violation of Ecuadorian sovereignty by a more powerful neighboring state. Furthermore, he accused the Colombian government as being the United States proxy in South America, thereby framing Ecuador's assertion of national sovereignty as a rejection of US military influence and anti-drug policy in the region. This talk examines the narratives of anti-imperial nationalism and state sovereignty that the Correa government promoted in response to the Colombian incursion. In doing so it probes the way in which these narratives assigned the state the role of legitimate dissenter and the implications of this for Ecuador's social movements, particularly those of Indigenous peoples.

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