

THE AMERICAN STUDIES GUEST SPEAKER SERIES

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PUBLIC LECTURE

by

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*Shape Shifters: Sometimes Race Changes*



*“We are accustomed to thinking of identities—racial, ethnic, national, gendered, religious—as if they were permanent, essential, unalterable features of individuals and groups. The people whose lives are the subject of my research are more complicated than that. They are not tragic mulattoes, caught between two monoracial identities that reject them. They are not really X but passing for Y. They are shape shifters, people who, for various reasons, are changing races or other primary identities. This lecture sets out an agenda for understanding the phenomenon of racial change. My quest is to figure out what kinds of circumstances produce racial change, and what kind of work that change is doing.”*

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**Venue:** ELTE BTK Rákóczi út 5., Room 356

**All welcome!**

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