

## **Economics and Morality**

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The 2006 SEA Annual Meeting was held on April 20-22, 2006 at California State University, Channel Islands. The program theme was "Economics and Morality," and was organized by Katherine Browne (Colorado State University) and Lynne Milgram (Ontario College of Art and Design). Local arrangements were orchestrated by Paul Rivera (California State University, Channel Islands).

**Meeting Theme:** Morality refers to a code of conduct based on shared principles about what is good and right behavior and values, and what is not. When moral meanings intersect changing economic realities, economic anthropologists are ideally positioned to investigate the product of these intersections. For the 2006 SEA meeting, we invited ethnographically-grounded papers that engage the following issues: how everyday economic activities are conceptualized in moral terms, how local and global institutions, enterprises and social movements develop moral claims and package them for consumption, how moralities are challenged, reformed, and newly indexed, and how moral choices impact stratification by class, ethnic groups, gender, sexualities, and nations.