Please join us for a lecture by

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**Civic Engagement and the Neoliberal University:**  
**Who’s Watching the Chicken Coop?**

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Dr. Stephen Philion is an Associate Professor of Sociology at St. Cloud State University in Minnesota. He completed his PhD in Sociology here at UH Mānoa in 2004. He was a finalist for the 2013 Thomas Ehrlich Civically Engaged Faculty Award (a national award presented by the US Campus Compact) as well as panelist at the 2013 Association of American Colleges & Universities focusing on the current situation of higher education in the US.

He founded and has directed the SCSU Research Group on Immigrant Workers in Minnesota since Fall 2009. The research group has since then sponsored three annual "Global Goes Local" Conferences on the social conditions of immigrant workers in Minnesota. Global Goes Local is making its mark in the region because immigrants are active conference participants, not merely subjects of study. They are stakeholders who help form research questions for the Faculty Research Group on Immigrant Workers in Minnesota.

Dr. Philion teaches courses such as “Social Theory, Race and Ethnic Relations,” “Sociology of Religion,” “Global and Racial Inequalities,” and “China and Globalization.” He published articles with such titles as Is Race REALLY Controversial in the University Classroom?; Theorizing Class and Social Movements; Chinese Workers’ Protests against Privatization; Fieldwork Encounters with Chinese Workers; and Against Smorgasbord Approaches to Teaching Race - and books including Workers' Democracy in China’s Transition from Socialism (2009).

More information Dr. Philion can be found at http://www.stcloudstate.edu/sociology/faculty/philion.asp

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