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Renowned scholar on lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered migration to give public lecture

WATERLOO – How do undocumented lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered (LGBT) migrants survive in their new environments? How do they make the places they move to more livable? What specific issues arise for migrants that identify as LGBT, and how do they cope with these issues?

Martin Manalansan, a key scholar in Gender Studies and Filipino Studies in the United States, will cover these and other questions during a public lecture at Wilfrid Laurier University Sept. 12, 2012, entitled “Queer dwellings: Migrancy, Precarity, and Fabulosity.”

“Given that Canada has one of the highest per-capita immigration rates in the world, we wanted to invite a speaker who could discuss how a specific sub-set of migrants creates spaces of belonging,” said Robert Diaz, an assistant professor in Laurier’s Women and Gender Studies program. “Since Manalansan’s work focuses on LGBT migrants, I thought he could provide new insight for the larger Laurier community about a topic that has not yet been thoroughly discussed. Manalansan’s research is of interest not only to academics, but also to those in the general public who might want to learn more about these issues.”

An associate professor at the University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign, Manalansan is the author of *Global Divas: Filipino Gay Men in the Diaspora*, published by Duke University Press in 2003. He holds a PhD in Social Anthropology from the University of Rochester, and has conducted research in the areas of sociocultural anthropology, sexuality and gender, immigration and globalization, cities and modernity, food and culture, critical theory, performance, public health, the Filipino diaspora and Asian Americans, among other topics.

Manalansan’s lecture at Laurier was organized by Diaz and is co-sponsored by the Women and Gender Studies, North American Studies and Cultural Analysis and Social Theory (CAST) programs together with the departments of Sociology and Global Studies.

The lecture takes place from 1 p.m. – 2:20 p.m., in room 2-108 in the Dr. Alvin Woods Building (DAWB) on Laurier’s Waterloo campus.

For more information on the lecture, see www.wlu.ca/page.php?grp_id=80&p=22102.

For more information on Martin Manalansan, see www.aasp.illinois.edu/people/manalans.