



## Sexual Latitudes: The Erotic Life of Globalization

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Ara Wilson is an Associate Professor of Women’s Studies and Cultural Anthropology, and Director of Sexuality Studies at Duke University. She is currently working on a project entitled *Sexual Latitudes: The Erotic Politics of Globalization*, an ethnographic exploration of sexuality and sexual rights activism at the global scale. Wilson’s first book, *The Intimate Economies of Bangkok: Tomboys, Tycoons, and Avon Ladies in the Global City* (University of California Press), is a pioneering feminist ethnography of gender, sexuality, and economic globalization. She has published widely on queer activism, Asian modernity, and neoliberalism.

Wilson’s talk will explore new forms of sexual politics and transnational advocacy, offering a view of NGOs as erotic sites, that is, as modern spaces that both generate and regulate queer sexuality.