



## South Asia Institute Spring 2018 Seminar Series *Musth: Somatic States in South Asia*

March 1 - Ann Grodzins Gold, Syracuse University

### ***Jahazpur Passages: Thinking Through a Rajasthan Market Town***

Jahazpur is a small town or *qasba* in the North Indian state of Rajasthan. With a diverse population of more than 20,000 people, and roots deep in history and legend, Jahazpur has long been a regional hub for trade. It also serves today as a subdistrict headquarters and provides government and medical services unavailable in villages. Until sometime in the mid-twentieth century the town's stone walls were intact and its several gates locked between dusk and dawn. Based on ten months of fieldwork, Gold's recently published book, *Shiptown: Between Rural and Urban North India* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2017) offers an integrated series of ethnographic sketches depicting the distinctive nature of Jahazpur as a non-urban, non-rural place. Gold enters Jahazpur (translated as "Shiptown") through five gates and a window – approaches that are both literal and metaphoric. This presentation retrospectively considers ways of encountering a complex locality through varied lenses and fieldwork methods.

All seminars take place in the

**Meyerson Conference Room (WCH 4.118) from 3:30-5pm,**  
with a reception preceding at 3pm. Convener: Martha Ann Selby