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CHALLENGING POWER: EQUALITY, CULTURE AND MINORITIES

Presentation of the speakers

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Peter Kivisto is the Richard A. Swanson Professor of Social Thought and Chair of Sociology at Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois. His teaching during the past few years has included courses in social theory, race and ethnicity, immigration, citizenship, religion, and (when he teaches in Augustana's London study program) the culture and politics of Britain. Each of these is also reflected in his research interests and publications. At the end of 2008, he completed a term as Editor of *The Sociological Quarterly* and is currently President-Elect of the Midwest Sociological Society. The Academy of Finland has appointed him a Finland Distinguished Professor. In 2009, he began a four-year affiliation with the University of Turku, working on a collaborative project on multiculturalism.



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