

The UCSC Education Department presents:

Changing Practice

□ **We are all apprentices to our own changing practice.**

□ The talk will address this claim by tracing one such apprentice's multi-directional path – my own – through years of ethnographic research on the apprenticeship of Vai and Gola tailors in Liberia. This also involved years of social theoretical inquiry about how "apprenticeship" is characterized differently with respect to different theories of learning and practice, and how "learning" is characterized differently with respect to different theories of apprenticeship. The changing conception of learning that has emerged in iterative movement between the ethnographic work and the development of social practice theory is summed up in the first sentence (for now!).



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11:30pm – 12:30pm

McHenry 0266 (Ground Floor)

There will be a Brown Bag Lunch with Dr. Lave after the talk.

Dr. Lave is a social anthropologist with a strong interest in social theory. Much of her ethnographically based research concentrates on the re-conceiving of learning, learners, and everyday life in terms of social practice. She has published several books on the subject: *Understanding Practice* (co-edited with S. Chaiklin, 1993); *Situated Learning: Legitimate Peripheral Participation* (with E. Wenger, 1991); *Cognition in Practice* (1988). *History in Person: Enduring Struggles, Contentious Practice, Intimate Identities*, 2000 and *Apprenticeship in Critical Ethnographic Practice* (2011). She is currently finishing a book of essays with Brazilian Anthropologist of Education Ana Gomes, called *Everyday Life's Learning*. She is currently Director of the Slow Science Institute in Berkeley.