

TALS ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON RESEARCH AND TEACHING

2018 KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

**Teaching Keynote: Rob Swift, Lecturer at the New School: A University in New York City
(February 20th at 6pm)**



Rob Swift is a Lecturer for the Hip Hop program within the Department of Music at the New School. He is also a member of the turntablest crew from the 90s known as the X-cutioners. His courses at the New School have engaged students in rethinking urban history and the intersection with music (and Race and class). He is also recognized for his ability to create brilliant techniques to provide more active learning classrooms. His courses tap and test the origin of creativity and how our own intelligence blocks our intuition. Recently, he participated in a Critical Ethnic Studies Symposium at Indiana University where he made a substantial impact there.

Check out one of Rob's classes at the New School - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B3XOAUc6Nel>



**Research Keynote: Justin R. Garcia, PhD, Associate Director for Research and Education
(February 23rd at 12:15pm)**

“Dr. Justin Garcia is an evolutionary biologist and sex researcher. His research program focuses on the evolutionary and biocultural foundations of romantic and sexual relationships across the life course...Garcia and colleagues have conducted research on a variety of topics related to social and sexual behaviors and intimate relationships, including variation in monogamy, intimacy, gender, courtship, dating, desire, satisfaction, and reproductive strategies. A specialist in interdisciplinary collaboration, Garcia’s research draws from and cuts across multiple fields of study... Since 2010, Garcia served as Scientific Advisor to Match.com. In this role, Garcia provides expertise to Singles in America (SIA), the online dating company's annual study on the attitudes and behaviors of single people in the United States.”

(<https://kinseyinstitute.org/about/profiles/jgarcia.php>)