

## **REAF Fellow: Prof. Dr. Ben Chappell**

We had the privilege of having Prof. Chappell as REAF Fellow and Fulbright Visiting Professor for the summer term at UR.

Ben Chappell is Associate Professor of American Studies at the University of Kansas. He is the author of *Lowrider Space: Aesthetics and Politics of Mexican American Custom Cars* as well as numerous articles and essays on ethnography and cultural politics. His current research projects include Mexican American Fastpitch, a multi-sited ethnography of vernacular sport and *The Cultural Lives of Neoliberalism*, a critique of neoliberal epistemology embedded in discourse. In the ASA he has served on the Task Force for American Studies Departments (2012-15), as chair of the Graduate Education Committee, and currently, as founding convener of the Ethnography Caucus.

We greatly enjoyed having this prolific and wonderful scholar with us for an entire semester!