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# FOUNDERS SEMINAR

## Presents:

**Dr. Zoe Todd**

**Fish against fascists – exploring the relationships between fish, Metis legal traditions and resisting the petro-state in Alberta, Canada**

When: **Friday, February 3, 2016**

Time: **2:30- 4:00**

Location: **Loeb A220**

(Light refreshments will be available)

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## Abstract:

One of the first executive orders of the Trump administration has been to undo the Obama administration's opposition to the Keystone XL pipeline. Media reports indicate that Alberta Premier Rachel Notley and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau both 'welcomed' the move, hoping for a boost to Alberta's flagging oil and gas economy. The proposed pipeline will cut through southeastern Alberta, cross through southern Saskatchewan and run down into the United States. It is yet another environmental stressor to add to the cumulative destruction of fish habitat across the province, which has led some fisheries biologists, including P. Biol Lorne Fitch, to argue that Alberta is in the midst of a catastrophic fish collapse. This talk will explore the relationships between Trump's administration, the rise of fascist threats across the North American continent, the entanglements of petro-state economies and politics with neo-fascist ideologies, and the potentialities of resistance that come from Indigenous legal traditions which centre the reciprocal responsibilities humans share with more-than-human beings, such as fish.

## Bio:

Zoe Todd (Métis) is from amiskwaciwâskahikan (Edmonton) in the Treaty Six Area of Alberta, Canada. She is an Assistant Professor of Anthropology in the Sociology and Anthropology department at Carleton University. She researches fish, colonialism and legal-governance relations between Indigenous peoples and the Canadian State. In the past, she has researched human-fish relations in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region, and has conducted work on Arctic Food Security in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region in the Northwest Territories, Canada. Her current work focuses on the relationships between people and fish in the context of colonialism, environmental change and resource extraction in Treaty Six Territory (Edmonton, amiskwaciwâskahikan), Alberta. Her work employs a critical Indigenous feminist lens to examine the shared relationships between people and their environments and legal traditions in Canada, with a view to understanding how to bring fish and the more-than-human into conversations about Indigenous self-determination, peoplehood, and governance in Canada today.

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