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Presents:

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Settler Colonial Theory and the Limits of “Colonial City” Thinking

When: **Wednesday, March 8, 2017**

Time: **3:00pm**

Location: **Loeb A410**

(Light refreshments will be available)

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Abstract:

In the spirit of critical engagement that this position calls for, my presentation surveys some of the key limitations of the existing geographical work on colonial urbanisms. Specifically, it argues that geographical interest in the functioning of “colonial cities” is informed by too narrow an interpretation of what constitutes a colonial urban environment. Because such analyses focus almost exclusively on the urban effects of metropolitan forms of colonization, they are of limited analytic use in critical evaluations of places where different sorts of imperial practice prevails, including settler colonial societies like Canada, Australia, and the United States, among others. In an effort to address this limitation, my presentation argues that the time is right for a rapprochement between urban geography and the emergent social scientific literature on the politics of settler colonization. Drawing on empirical examples from my own research, it demonstrates that both research traditions have much to gain from such an engagement.

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