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**Geography &
Environmental Studies**

FOUNDERS SEMINAR

Presents:

Dr. Laura Pitkanen

The State Comes Home: Radiation and In-Situ Dispossession in Everyday Life

When: **Friday, March 10, 2017**

Time: **3:00pm**

Location: **Loeb A410**

(Light refreshments will be
available) ALL WELCOME



Abstract:

Dr. Laura Pitkanen analyzes how the radioactive contamination of the home constitutes an in-situ dispossession, a material, corporeal and psychosocial dislocation in everyday life that is inextricable from the state. In analyzing how a state-owned refinery contaminated a town with radioactive waste, she reveals discrepancies between internal state positions and those publically conveyed, while showing how the categories of normal and abnormal are malleable social constructs. Her analysis reflects on the interconnectedness of body, home, and nation-state.

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