

# CU in the City

## Depressed Economies: Transgender Un/deremployment, affective labour and revitalizing labour activism in austere times.



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**Wednesday November 16, 2016**  
**7:00 pm**  
**Bronson Community Centre,**  
**211 Bronson Avenue Room 103**

Drawing from his quantitative research project on un/deremployment among trans\* and two-spirit identified individuals, Irving will present the major issues that many trans\* and two-spirit people face when trying to obtain and maintain work. Featuring excerpts from research interviews, Irving demonstrates the ways that trans\* experiences urge labour activists to reflect on the significance of affective, or emotional labour in all sectors of post-industrial capitalism. The personal experiences of trans\* and two-spirit people reveal the ways that gender normativity, mediated by whiteness, influence who is recognized as employable within a service relation based economy geared to create positive feeling states among clients and customers. The often unspoken and unspeakable feelings that particular bodies are worth-less on the labour market results in excluding particular trans\* and two-spirit people from employment while marginalized others within the workplace. This exclusion has a debilitating emotional impact on trans\* and two-spirit people and communities.

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