



Chet Mitchell Memorial Lecture Series

The Chief's Two Bodies:

Theresa Spence and the Gender of Settler Colonialism

Dr. Audra Simpson



Dr. Audra Simpson is Assistant Professor of Anthropology at Columbia University. Her book, *Mohawk Interruptus: Political Life Across the Borders of Settler States* (2014), is published by Duke University Press. She is the co-editor (with Andrea Smith) of the 10 chapter collection *Theorizing Native Studies* (2014), also with Duke University Press. In 2010, she won Columbia University's School for General Studies' Excellence in Teaching Award. She is a Kahnawake Mohawk.

Thursday, October 9, 2014

6:00pm | 2017 Dunton Tower

A light reception will accompany this complimentary event.

Join us for this examination of the geopolitical logic of settler colonialism and Indigenous (women's) death which underwrites the incredulity and skepticism met by (Chief) Theresa Spence's hunger strike in December and January 2012-13. Dr. Simpson argues that the structure of settler colonialism in Canada showed its public face in blog posts, editorial commentary and popular discourse (not to mention formal politics) when Spence's strategic life in the face of a stated and willed death, continued on --- as hers was a life that was already predisposed to death.

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