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The **Critical Law, Gender, and Sexualities Speaker Series**
invites you to a talk by

Dean Spade

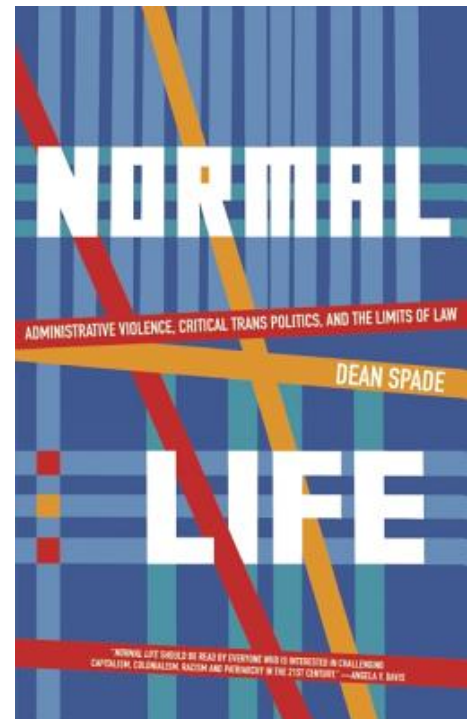
**What's Wrong With Rights? Administrative Violence,
Critical Trans Politics and the Limits of Law**

**October 17, 2012 at 4:00pm
Room 2017, Dunton Tower**

Much of the legal advocacy for trans and gender nonconforming people in the US has reflected the civil rights and "equality" strategies of mainstream gay and lesbian organizations - agitating for legal reforms that would ostensibly guarantee equal access, nondiscrimination, and equal protection under the law. This approach assumes that the state and its legal, policing, and social services apparatus - even its policies and documents of belonging and non-belonging - are neutral and benevolent. However, many trans people, especially the most marginalized, are more at risk for poverty, violence, and premature - or social - death by virtue of those same putatively neutral legal structures.

Join us for a talk by attorney, educator, and trans activist **Dean Spade** on his new book *Normal Life: Administrative Violence, Critical Trans Politics and the Limits of Law* (South End Press, 2011). Visit Dean's website at www.deanspade.net.

Anyone interested in participating in a reading group of Chapter One of *Normal Life* on Wednesday, October 10, 2012 at 4:00pm should contact Stacy_Douglas@carleton.ca for more information.



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