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Covid-19/Fall 2020

[President Maud S. Mandel has announced plans for the fall 2020 semester.](#) Please note that all Williams College buildings are closed to the public until further notice.

New Voices in Science and Technology Studies: A C3 Symposium

Saturday, November 2, 2019

Sawyer Library Reading Room

At this symposium, seven early-career scholars from historically underrepresented groups will convene on the Williams campus to share new work in the vibrant, interdisciplinary field of Science & Technology Studies (STS). The papers to be presented scrutinize the imbrications of society with science and technology from diverse disciplinary vantages, offering new insights into such crucial matters as the automation of immigration and employment; public involvement in and alienation from public health regimes; and the racial investments of seemingly neutral techniques of quantification and measurement. This symposium is organized by the Williams College Science & Technology Studies Program and the Office of Institutional

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion with generous support from the Creating Connections Consortium (C3) and the Thomas B. Healy '50 Fund. Audience Q&A to follow each panel. All are welcome.

9:00am – Panel I: Automated Connection, Automated Control

Iván Chaar-López, “From the Green Card to ADIT: Alien Data and Regimes of Connectivity, 1940s-1970s”. Iván is currently a Mellon Diversity Postdoctoral Associate in Latina/o Studies and Science & Technology Studies at Cornell University. They received their PhD from the Department of American Culture at the University of Michigan.

Rida Qadri, “Driving Disruption: How Jakarta’s Bike-Taxi Drivers Domesticate Digital Platforms”. Rida is currently a PhD Candidate at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology where they are completing their doctoral work.

Discussant: Nicholas Carr, Richmond Visiting Professor of Anthropology & Sociology, Williams College

11:00am – Panel II: Ethnographic Perspectives on Infrastructure and Public Health

Kessie Alexandre, “No Scientists Required’: Toxicity and Off-Grid Aspirations in the Newark Lead Crisis”. Kessie is currently a PhD Candidate at Princeton University where they are completing their doctoral work.

Luísa Reis-Castro, “To Enter the Territory’: Mosquitos, Health, and Science in the Streets of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil”. Luísa is currently a PhD Candidate for History, Anthropology and STS at Massachusetts Institute of Technology where they are completing their doctoral work.

Discussant: Eli Nelson, Assistant Professor of American Studies, Williams College

2:00pm – Panel III: Epistemic Borders and Solidarities

Clare Kim, “Universal Subjects: Modern Mathematics and the Problem of ‘Oriental’ Mathematics”. Clare is currently a Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow at Washington University in St. Louis. They completed their doctoral work at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Meredith Palmer, “The Racist Acre: Rendering Settler Sovereign Landscapes in Haudenosaunee Homelands”. Meredith is currently an MPH, PhD Candidate at UC Berkeley, Department of Geography; Henry Roe Cloud Dissertation Fellow at Yale University where they are completing their doctoral work.

Catherine Tan, “Collective Epistemic Identity and the Preservation of Contentious Knowledge and Practices”. Catherine is currently an Assistant Professor at Southern Connecticut State University. They completed their doctoral work at Brandeis University where they received a PhD in Sociology.

Discussant: Brittany Meché, Bolin Fellow in Environmental Studies, Williams College

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