Talk: Environmental Justice As Freedom

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4:00 – 6:00 PM
McCune Conference Room, 6020 HSSB

This talk argues that environmental justice movements are freedom struggles. Beginning with the starting point that unjust environments are rooted in racism, capitalism, militarism, colonialism, land theft from Native peoples, and gender violence, the talk frames environmental justice as particularly significant in the moment of danger that we are currently facing. It is drawn from a forthcoming book that examines activism at Standing Rock, in Flint and the Central Valley, and in the wake of Hurricanes Katrina and Maria. A reception will follow.

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