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THE ERASURE OF BLACK SPACES THROUGH GEOGRAPHIC CONTESTATIONS

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ABOUT THIS TALK

"Both contemporary and historic acts of dispossession are key components of understanding the urban spatial changes in Oakland. Theories of space, racial capitalism and underdevelopment help to make sense of the lived experiences of Black subjects defending their communities. Building on the work of scholars of Black geographies, I explore the myth of development and the relationship to the dispossession of Black geographies. I theorize how racial capitalism produces vulnerable populations through housing in urban areas. This talk will detail the theoretical interventions residents of Oakland make toward theories of space in both geography and urban sociology. As I will demonstrate, for Black subjects dispossession is cyclical and a characteristic of Black space. I argue that the relationship between dispossession and refusal creates a distinct politic in order to resist dispossession and disposability."

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Stephanie Jones (she/her/hers) is currently a UC Presidential Postdoctoral Scholar at University of California, Riverside in the Department of Anthropology. Her work focuses on housing inequality as an anti-Black project in Oakland to understand both how housing is racialized and how Blackness is coded through housing. She theorizes dispossession within Black Geographies to better understand how Black experiences are spatialized.



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