



# Fossil Fuels and Radical Sovereignties: Boardrooms, Blockades, and Jurisdictional Struggles over Oil and Gas Development in 'North America'

28-29 January 2016, UC Berkeley  
Warren Room, Berkeley Law

This event brings scholars and activists working on the rescaling of governance over hydrocarbon projects and Indigenous struggles for authority in Canada and the US. Unconventional oil and gas projects and associated infrastructure have been among the most politically contested resource governance issues, with struggles among municipal, provincial and federal authorities, as well as between Indigenous communities and settler-state authorities. Drawing upon critical legal scholarship, workshop participants will examine how settler colonial frameworks delimit or elide recognition of Indigenous jurisdiction, and conversely how assertions of Indigenous jurisdiction may challenge, modify, and counter settler colonial practices of governance.

## Participants

**Bosworth, Kai**, PhD student, Department of Geography, University of Minnesota  
*Keystone XL, Climate Populism, and the Politics of Public Participation*

**Bowles, Paul**, Professor of Economics, University of Northern British Columbia, Co-Director of the Western Regional Research Centre of the Urban Aboriginal Knowledge Network  
*Contesting 'Social Licence': Local Responses to Extractivism in Northern British Columbia*

**Christie, Gordon**, Associate Professor of Law, University of British Columbia, Director, Indigenous Legal Studies Program, University of British Columbia (tbc)  
*Pipelines, Aboriginal Law and Indigenous Authority*

**Eckhouse, Gabe**, PhD graduate student, Department of Geography, UC Berkeley  
*The Political Economy of Unconventional Oil in North America: Capital, Rent, and Political and Corporate Decision-Making Process*

**Estes, Nick**, PhD student in American Studies, University of New Mexico  
*Mni Wiconi: The Politics of Water and the Keystone XL Pipeline in Lakota Country*

**Le Billon, Philippe**, Professor, University of British Columbia and Canadian Studies Fulbright Research Chair, UC Berkeley (co-organizer)

**McCarthy, James**, Professor of Geography, Clark University  
*Municipalities and Micropolitics in the Marcellus Shale*

**McCreary, Tyler**, SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellow, Geography, University of British Columbia (co-organizer)  
*Rival Jurisdictions: Unraveling the competing Indigenous and settler claims to authority in pipeline governance*

**McGregor, Deborah**, Professor of Law, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University  
*The State of Traditional Ecological Knowledge research and utilization in Canada*

**Mills, Jennifer**, PhD Graduate Student, York University, Faculty of Environmental Studies  
*Contesting Consultation in Alberta's Tar Sands*

**Minifie, Leena and Turner, Jerome**, journalists  
*Land and Responsibility: An Introduction to Indigenous Resurgence in the Face of Industrial Aggression in Canada*

**Pasternak, Shiri**, SSHRC Post-Doctoral fellow, York University, Member of the Indigenous Sovereignty and Solidarity Network  
*The Geo-Economics of Jurisdiction: Aboriginal Rights as Economic Risk*

**Preston, Jen**, PhD Graduate student, York University, Graduate Programme in Social and Political Thought  
*Naturalizing the White Settler State: Resource Extraction and Indigenous Sovereignty in the Athabasca Region*

**Scott, Dayna**, Associate Professor of Law, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University, Associate Professor of Environmental Studies, York University, Director of the National Network on Environments and Women's Health  
*Consent & Contract: Contemporary Modes of Securing Jurisdiction over Indigenous Lands*

**28 January:** 3:30 – 6:30 pm (pizza & drinks)

**29 January:** 9 am – 3:30 pm

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