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3:30-5:00pm

“Carceral Conservation: Environmental Management in Chains at California’s Salton Sea”

How and where do histories of incarceration and conservation collide? In California beginning in the 1950s, social control met with environmental management in the form of state programs that put incarcerated people - disproportionately non-white - to work clearing stream beds, managing rangeland, landscaping for soil erosion control, and everything in between. Set on the dusty shores of southern California’s Salton Sea, this talk examines how racial and settler colonial systems of imprisonment, policing, and incarceration have operationalized the larger conservation goals of the state.

Accommodations on the basis of disability are available by contacting the Department of the History of Science; (405) 325-2213 prior to the event.

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