Public Lecture: Pieces Back Together

Community Memory of Sexual Violence in Radical Environmental Organizations in the Pacific Northwest of USA

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Exploring the roots of what many now dub 'call-out culture', Anderson's presentation looks at feminist call-outs around interpersonal violence in the early 2000's in Oregon and the impact this had on two closely-linked 'forest defense' groups – Cascadia Forest Defense and Cascadia Forest Alliance. Anderson draws on extensive oral history interviews to give a brief history of the groups, outline the ways in which they responded to call-outs of sexual violence and misogyny by group members, and explore how lingering tensions and on-going conflicts have made the conducting of oral history interviews both difficult and healing for all involved.

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