

BOUNDARY WORK: ON EXPERTISE AND AMBIGUITY

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MONDAY APRIL 3

WATERMAN MEMORIAL

LOUNGE, 6:00 TO 7:30PM

Dr. Caitlin DeSilvey will present a chapter from her recently published book, *Curated Decay: Heritage Beyond Saving* (University of Minnesota Press, 2017). Through exploration of three different sites, she will show how maintenance of the boundary between cultural and natural heritage can lead to the erasure of both ecological histories and cultural memories. An alternative mode of practice based on a principle of 'composting', she will argue, may be more appropriate in ambiguous heritage landscapes.

Caitlin DeSilvey is Associate Professor of Cultural Geography at the University of Exeter. Her research explores the cultural significance of material and environmental change, with a particular focus on heritage contexts.

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