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SPEAKER SERIES

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Cohon University Center

Danforth Room 4:30pm -6:00pm

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"The Mind of the State: Cold War anti-Black Counterinsurgency in the United States and Canada"

How can scholars better contextualize the mass incarceration dragnet in the United States that disproportionately ensnares Black males, subjecting them to a lifetime of social death? Which factors have contributed to social disorganization and gang violence in Black communities? How do we make sense of a moribund, racially and materially vapid Black politics after the Black Power era? This lecture will illuminate the persistent, yet poorly understood, phenomenon of counterinsurgency that the United States—and Canadian—intelligence and national security apparatus waged on Black Power and revolutionary Pan-Africanism in the post-World War II period.