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Location: Social Sciences 1, room 261

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Unsettling Nature: An Everglades Ethnography

In settler societies, nature and indigeneity are co-produced in patterned ways that generate broad and problematic consequences for both sociocultural and ecological flourishing. With ethnographic focus on water in the Florida Everglades and analytical attention to settler colonialism and the cultural politics of nature, this paper explores three modes: 1) land reclamation, which calls attention to nature's national scope; 2) ecological restoration, which illustrates nature's temporality and compels attention to interest formation; and 3) invasive species management, which calls into question the categories through which nature is enacted.

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