

FALL 2018 COLLOQUIUM SERIES

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Location: Social Sciences 1, room 261

Survival: A Socio-Historical Approach to Resource Extraction, War and Autonomy in the Maroon Circum-Caribbean

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His broad research trajectory examines how racially marginalized societies practicing autonomous governance negotiate conflicts with sovereign states over the political ecological-consequences of resource extraction. Grounded in an interdisciplinary engagement between African diaspora studies and environmental studies, Robert's current project provides a description, interpretation, and analysis of contemporary social organization and governance of the Maroon polity of Accompong as it brings to bear a distinct history of resistance onto the terrain of political conflict and negotiations with the Jamaican state. Robert's parallel research interests include participatory field research methods, oral histories, indigeneity, and the function of utopia and radical imagination in the African diaspora.

