

# WINTER 2016 COLLOQUIA SERIES

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### *The Glimpse: Remediating Indigeneity and Critique in the Ayoreo Video Project*

How can we envision effective critical engagements with the non-sensical violence against life on our planet? To address this perplexing dilemma, the talk draws on the experimental video imagery recently created by Ayoreo-speaking people of the Paraguayan and Bolivian Gran Chaco. It explores how unauthorized Indigenous self-imagery and the minor conditions of its production may offer untimely correctives to the visual economies, temporal causalities, perceptual registers and political lexicons often presumed to define the so-called “Anthropocene.” In doing so, the talk examines how Ayoreo remediations of self and world may charter novel axes for ethnographic critique.

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