

## SPRING 2019 COLLOQUIUM SERIES

*Date: Wednesday May 22*

*Time: 3:15 – 5PM*

*Location: Social Sciences 1, room 261*

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### **From Boas to Black Power, a Book Presentation**

*From Boas to Black Power: Racism, Liberalism, and American Anthropology* investigates how U.S. cultural anthropologists wrote about race, racism, and “America” in the 20th century as a window into the greater project of U.S. anti-racist liberalism. It starts with the legacy of Franz Boas and Ruth Benedict and continues through the post-war and Black Power movement to the birth of the Black Studies discipline, exploring the problem “America” represents for liberal anti-racism. The book provides a major rethinking of anthropological anti-racism as a project that, in step with the American racial liberalism it helped create, paradoxically maintained white American hegemony. Anthropologists influenced by radical political movements of the 1960s offered the first sustained challenge to that project, calling attention to the racial contradictions of American liberalism reflected in anthropology. Their critiques remain relevant for the discipline and the nation.

