Nowhere Matters: The Unmaking of the American Home

A Lecture by Prof. Julia Faisst

March 26, 5:30-6:30 pm in 203 DeBartolo

How is the idea of home unmade in an age of real estate crises, housing discrimination, and ever increasing inequality? This talk investigates how selected examples of twenty-first century U.S. literature and photography negotiate fragile habitats divided by class and race. It hones in on the most precarious kinds of belonging, as we find them in millennial homelessness and other forms of contemporary un-housing.

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