Mapping, Indigenous research ethics, and the “Global War on Tribes”

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A review of the controversial Bowman Expeditions “México Indígena” project, a University of Kansas participatory mapping project in Oaxaca that was funded by and shared data with the U.S. Army’s Foreign Military Studies Office. Dr. Grossman, a former co-chair of the American Association of Geographers’ Indigenous Peoples Specialty Group in 2008-10, will discuss how exposure of the project sparked an examination of geographers’ research ethics in working with Indigenous communities. He will look at the project in the context of the privatization of Indigenous communal lands, and global counterinsurgency campaigns focused on “tribal regions.”