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Bodies Exposed: Environmental In/Justice in Canada's Chemical Valley

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11:30 am – 12:50 pm

Cornett Building, Room A225

In an area known as Canada's Chemical Valley, citizens of Aamjiwnaang live in Anishinabek territory at the frontlines of this pollution hotspot. Dr. Wiebe will discuss her recently published book *Everyday Exposure: Indigenous Mobilization in Canada's Chemical Valley*, which uncovers systemic injustices near the Ontario-Michigan border, where Canada's densest concentration of chemical manufacturing surrounds the Aamjiwnaang First Nation. Living in the polluted heart of Chemical Valley, members of this community express concern about their environmental and reproductive health. By examining the problems that Canada's conflicting levels of jurisdiction pose for the creation of environmental justice policy and analyzing clashes between Indigenous and scientific knowledge, this book argues that social and political change requires an experiential and transformative "sensing policy" approach grounded in lived-experiences and stories.

EVERYONE WELCOME.