

Joanne Barker: *"In Debt: A Reconsideration of 'Race, Empire, and the Crisis of the Subprime' from Manna-Hata"*

Public lecture:

Thursday, October 3, 2013 • 4:00 PM
210 Humanities 1, UC Santa Cruz
Free and open to the public.

Intervening in populist, Occupy Wall Street discourses about the subprime crisis and its remedies, this talk critically uncovers Manna Hata from Manhattan. Offering a long genealogical view of the militarized dispossession, genocide, and enslavement of Native peoples in order to problematize the subprime crisis as a signifier of racism, this talk focuses on territorial expansion, resource destruction and extraction, labor exploitation, and debt as past and present depredations upon Native nations and their citizens within the United States. In so doing, this talk addresses Native debt in ways left unaccounted for in a proliferation of recent scholarship on debt, including the special issue of *American Quarterly*, "Race, Empire, and the Crisis of the Subprime." By tracing current U.S. and global economic formations and their crises to inaugural violence upon Native nations and their citizens, this talk examines the foundational nature of the U.S. military foreclosure of Native lands as part of its territorial homeland and its appropriation of Native bodies into its system of indentured labor relative to the crisis of home mortgages and their speculative securities.

Seminar*:

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