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Staying Power: The Black struggle for home & place in Crown Heights

Oct. 22, 2020 via *ZOOM* (12:00-1:30p ET

In this talk Erin will be presenting her current research of developing an historical materialist framing seeking to situate gentrification within a bundle of continuing historical strands of racializations which both influence and anticipate the treatment of land and property in different historical moments. Her mixed-methods research include residential oral histories with long-term, Black-identifying residents of Crown Heights to gain insight into how their homes are acquired, how gentrification is interpreted, and how footholds are maintained or uprooted in the community.

Erin is a PhD candidate in the Environmental Psychology program at the Graduate Center of the City University of New York. She holds degrees in architecture and currently teaches in Urban Studies at Queens College. Additionally, Erin works in CUNY's Center for Human Environments as a Research Associate for the Public Space Research Group where she was most recently part of developing a literature database on public space for the Center for the Future of Places, funded by the KTH Royal Institute of Technology in Stockholm, Sweden. Erin has also been as a research assistant on an NSF-funded project with the Housing Environments Research Group studying the impacts of Community Land Trusts on disrupting systemic inequalities. She is the second author on the recent publication, Ethical action in the age of austerity: cases of care in two community land trusts, in Housing Studies.

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