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(2) 1993 ACT UP PROTEST

FORGOTTEN STORIES:



(3) ACT UP - MONTREAL
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(4) AIDS ACTIVISTS Douglas Buckley and
 Elaine Mosley speaking at 1992 protest

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EARLY AIDS



(5) INSTANCES OF POLICE
 REPRESSION AT 1991 PROTEST

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In their lecture, Gary Kinsman and Alexis Shotwell will share some of the unremembered stories of early AIDS activism in Montreal, with a particular focus on the work of two groups - Réaction SIDA and ACT UP Montreal. These groups made significant interventions at the Fifth International AIDS Conference in Montreal in 1989, fought for treatment access and funding, wrote and distributed explicit safer sex materials in French and English, established Parc de l'Espoir and engaged in some of the earliest organizing around women and AIDS. Kinsman and Shotwell will offer some of the analysis they've generated through interviews with activists from the late 80s and early 90s about their accomplishments, as well as highlight what we might learn from some of the difficulties they faced.

Gary Kinsman is a long-time queer liberation, AIDS, anti-poverty, and anti-capitalist activist living on indigenous land. He is currently involved in the AIDS Activist History Project, with Queer Trans Community Defence and the We Demand an Apology Network. He is the author of *The Regulation of Desire* (Black Rose Books, 1996), co-author (with Patrizia Gentile) of *The Canadian War on Queers* (UBC Press, 2010), and editor of *Whose National Security?* (Between the Lines, 2000) and *Sociology for Changing the World* (Fernwood Publishing, 2006). He is currently working on a new book called *The Making of the Neo-Liberal Queer*. He currently shares his time between Toronto and Sudbury, where he is a professor emeritus at Laurentian University, on the historic territories of the Atikameksheng Anishnawbek nation.

Alexis Shotwell is an associate professor at Carleton University, on unceded and unsundered Algonquin territory. Her political work focuses on queer liberation, indigenous solidarity and decolonization, and feminist community education. She is the author of *Knowing Otherwise: Race, Gender, and Implicit Understanding* (Penn State Press, 2011) and *Against Purity: Living Ethically in Compromised Times* (Minnesota University Press, 2016). She has published in *Signs*, *Hypatia*, *The International Journal of Feminist Approaches to Bioethics* and *Sociological Theory*. Her academic work addresses racial formation, disability, unspeakable and unspoken knowledge, sexuality, gender, and political transformation

The lecture will take place in English.

« Récits oubliés : les débuts de la lutte contre le sida à Montréal »

Gary Kinsman et Alexis Shotwell

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Il y a plus de deux décennies déjà, les militants de Montréal et des alentours ont vécu une époque tumultueuse sur le plan sociopolitique. Durant ces années ont eu lieu la crise autochtone de Kanasatake, d'Oka et de Kahnawake; le massacre de Polytechnique; le meurtre de Joe Rose; le raid policier au Sex Garage; la réponse inadéquate et raciste à la crise du VIH-sida; et bien d'autres conflits encore. Sur la ligne de front, aux côtés des pionniers de la lutte contre le sida - c'est-à-dire des organismes d'aide aux personnes atteintes, tels que Sida bénévoles Montréal et ses ancêtres (dès 1983) -, les militants ont dû évoluer en faisant preuve de créativité et de dévouement. En effet, leur travail s'était grandement complexifié en raison d'un cadre teinté de colonialisme et de nationalisme, sans compter les divisions de toutes sortes, fondées notamment sur la langue, le genre, l'âge et l'orientation sexuelle.

Dans leur exposé, Gary Kinsman et Alexis Shotwell rappelleront à notre mémoire les débuts de la lutte contre le sida à Montréal. Ils traiteront particulièrement du travail de deux associations militantes : Réaction SIDA et ACT UP - Montréal. Ces groupes ont fait des interventions marquantes lors du 5^e colloque international sur le sida tenu à Montréal, en 1989; lutté pour l'accès au traitement et son financement; rédigé et distribué de la documentation explicite sur le sexe sécuritaire en français et en anglais; inauguré le Parc de l'Espoir; et participé à plusieurs des premières organisations vouées aux femmes atteintes du sida. M. Kinsman et M^{me} Shotwell offriront un aperçu de l'analyse qu'ils ont effectuée à la suite d'entrevues auprès de militants de la fin des années 1980 et du début des années 1990, à propos de

leurs réalisations. Ainsi, ils tenteront de mettre en lumière les enseignements que nous pouvons tirer des difficultés auxquelles ces activistes se sont heurtés.

Établi en terre autochtone, Gary Kinsman est un militant de la première heure de la libération allosexuelle, de la lutte contre le sida et des mouvements anti-pauvreté et anticapitaliste. Il participe actuellement au projet AIDS Activist History, conjointement avec la Queer Trans Community Defence et le Réseau Nous Exigeons des Excuses. Il est l'auteur d'un livre intitulé *The Regulation of Desire* (Black Rose Books, 1996), co-auteur (avec Patrizia Gentile) de l'essai *The Canadian War on Queers* (UBC Press, 2010) et éditeur des ouvrages *Whose National Security?* (Between the Lines, 2000) et *Sociology for Changing the World* (Fernwood Publishing, 2006). Il travaille en outre sur un nouveau livre intitulé *The Making of the Neo-Liberal Queer*. Il partage son temps entre Toronto et Sudbury, où il est professeur émérite à l'Université Laurentienne. Il y enseigne les notions propres aux territoires historiques et à la Première Nation Atikameksheng Anishnawbek.

Professeure agrégée à l'Université Carleton, Alexis Shotwell s'intéresse au territoire algonquin non cédé et non abandonné. Son œuvre politique porte principalement sur la libération allosexuelle, la décolonisation et la solidarité autochtone ainsi que l'éducation féministe communautaire. Elle est l'auteure des essais intitulés *Knowing Otherwise: Race, Gender, and Implicit Understanding* (Penn State Press, 2011) et *Against Purity: Living Ethically in Compromised Times* (Minnesota University Press, 2016). Elle a publié des communications dans les revues spécialisées *Signs*, *Hypatia*, *The International Journal of Feminist Approaches to Bioethics* et *Sociological Theory*. Ses travaux universitaires portent sur la formation des races, l'incapacité, les connaissances inavouées et inavouables, la sexualité, le genre et la transformation politique.

La présentation aura lieu en anglais.

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In collaboration with the Centre for Oral History and Digital Storytelling:

**Oral History, Memory, and the Social Organization of Forgetting:
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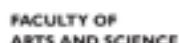
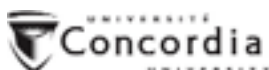
In this interactive workshop Gary Kinsman and Alexis Shotwell will discuss the work of the AIDS Activist History Project to document the history of Canadian AIDS activism. Working in collaboration with the Canadian Lesbian and Gay Archives and AIDS activist organizations across the country, the AIDS Activist History Project seeks to document the oral histories of those who have struggled – and many who continue to struggle – against the criminalization and stigmatization of people living with HIV/AIDS.

For Kinsman and Shotwell, engaging with oral histories means engaging with questions regarding the social character of memory and remembering. Their research practice makes visible a vibrant history of AIDS organizing that has largely been forgotten. Moreover, it seeks to challenge the social organization which facilitates the forgetting of the roots of AIDS activism – especially in its more direct-action-oriented forms. The particular focus of this workshop will be on Kinsman and Shotwell's first wave of interviews regarding AIDS activism in Montreal with a focus on Reaction SIDA and ACT UP Montreal.

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