

The Atlantic Metropolis Centre, The Department of Political Science, and The Program in Gender and Women's Studies at Dalhousie University present:

The Social Construction of Fear and the Struggle Against It: National Security, Homonationalism and Neo-Liberal Queerness

~ A Public Lecture by Gary Kinsman ~

**Monday, February 11, 2013
3pm-4:30 pm
Dalhousie University
Tupper Theatre C, 5850 College Street**

This talk explores the social construction of fear in the national security campaigns against queers, and more recently against the global justice movements and the construction of the 'Islamic terrorist' in the racist 'war on terror.' It extends this analysis to examine emergence of settler-based and orientalist forms of homonationalism in the 'Canadian' context and focuses attention on the attempts to silence queer Palestine solidarity activism. The social basis for homonationalism in shifting formations of class and racialization within queer communities will be made visible. A politics of solidarity and learning from and becoming the 'other' is suggested as the antidote to the politics of fear.

Gary Kinsman is a long-time queer liberation, anti-poverty and anti-capitalist activist. He is a member of the Sudbury Coalition Against Poverty. He is the author of *The Regulation of Desire: Homo and Hetero Sexualities*, co-author (with Patrizia Gentile) of *The Canadian War on Queers: National Security as Sexual Regulation*, and editor of *Whose National Security?* and of *Sociology for Changing the World*. He is currently working on a new book project called *The Making of the Neo-Liberal Queer*. He teaches sociology at Laurentian University in Sudbury, Ontario, on the historic territories of the Atikameksheng Anishnawbek nation.

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