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The Demise of Queer Space? The Role of Planning in Atlanta's LGBT Spaces

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Friday, October 24, 2014
Otto Richter Library, 3rd Floor Conference Room
3:00PM-4:00PM

The talk explores the evolution of LGBTQ spaces in Atlanta with a special focus on the Midtown area that since the 1970s has been the most prominent gay neighborhood in Georgia and possibly the Southeast. This area has experienced strong gentrification pressures over the past 20 years and urban planners and city officials have been complicit in enabling that redevelopment process in order to make the Peachtree Street corridor “safe” for families. As a result municipal officials pressured gay bars to close, the police and a neighborhood security organization have hassled non-normative street people, and most recently the Atlanta City Council tried to re-zone Cheshire Bridge Road, the remaining “commercial strip” with gay clubs and adult businesses some of which catered to the LGBT community. This talk will explore the consequences of these actions for LGBTQ spaces in the Atlanta area and elsewhere. A SEEDS/College of Arts & Sciences You Choose Leadership Award to J. Miguel Kanai, Assistant Professor, sponsors this lecture. For more information and/or to RSVP by October 14, 2014, please visit www.as.miami.edu/SEEDS or contact Marisa Hightower, mhightower@miami.edu.



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