

MIT Seminar on Environmental and Agricultural History

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Staying with the Trouble: Becoming Worldly with Companion Species

Most of my work these days asks what it could possibly mean to inherit the histories of companion species on a blasted earth. Companion species “break bread” together at table; who is on the menu at this table is a question of ethical, political, and ecological urgency. “Staying with the Trouble” aims to work through ontological, ethical, and ecological knots tying together three companion species: 1) 21st century urban chickens and the women and families who depend on them in Greater Gaborone, Botswana, and also Missoula, Montana; 2) park managers (Aboriginal and AngloAustralian), ecologists and tourist experts, Bininj/Mungguy Aboriginal traditional owners of the land, and Asian water buffalo in an Australian World Heritage site, Kakadu National Park; and 3) the people and other critters of the Navajo Sheep Project who bring the Iberian Churro into unexpected worlds of alliance and conflict.

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