

17th ANNUAL TINKER SYMPOSIUM

KEYNOTE LECTURE

"Ecologies of Justice: The Rights of Nature in Colombia"

Dr. Kimberly Theidon

Thursday, February 2, 2023
Student Union, Sabino Room
4:00pm - 5:00pm

In 2016 the Colombian government and the *Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia* (FARC) signed Peace Accords that marked the official end of the longest armed conflict in the Western Hemisphere. In addition to the human casualties of war, the environment itself was one component of a “wounded warscape.” Clearly armed conflict can contribute to an environment that is toxic to human health and well-being, but to leave the argument there is to reduce more-than-human entities to mere resources that exist to satisfy human needs. I aim to move beyond this instrumentalized concern to consider the interspecies entanglements that make life possible in the best and the worst of times. I focus on the Atrato River, Colombia’s longest and most-polluted waterway. On this river, lifeways and waterways converge; *the river gives and is life.*



Dr. Theidon is a medical anthropologist focusing on Latin America. She is the Henry J. Leir Professor in International Humanitarian Studies in the Fletcher School at Tufts University. She is also director of the Gender and Intersectional Analysis Program and co-director of the Ecologies of Justice Initiative. Her most recent book is entitled *Legacies of War: Violence, Ecologies and Kin* (Duke University Press, 2022).



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