

The History Department Lecture Series presents:

THE INVENTORY OF DEMOCRACY: THE 1940 CENSUS AND THE POLITICS OF FACT IN NEW YORK CITY

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This talk explores the politics of making facts in a crucial site, the U.S. census, through a close examination of the 1940 count in New York City. As scholars today wrestle with the implications of Big Data, this project can help us understand how the urge to expand opportunity and encourage economic growth came to be so tightly bound to new forms of public and private surveillance. It also allows us to better understand how even “objective” knowledge cannot avoid becoming political.

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