SPAN Postdoc Talks & Welcome Reception


Mitali Thakor
Gender & Sexuality Studies and Anthropology

Mitali Thakor’s research covers the design and use of new digital techniques to locate child pornography online, from 3D avatars to image recognition software. Mitali’s ethnographic fieldwork in the Netherlands, Thailand, and the U.S. explores partnerships and tensions between international police, border control, computer scientists, UN bureaucrats, and activists as they develop algorithmic solutions to cases of exploitation and trafficking.

“Disappearing the Police Station: Enchantment and Occult Politics in the Gay Liberation Movement”

Abram J. Lewis
Gender & Sexuality Studies and History

Abram J. Lewis’ research examines queer activist challenges to secularism and reason at the end of the social movement era. He is interested in how experiments with madness, spells, psychic powers, psychedelics, and otherworldly forces helped expand possibilities for thinking and acting during the early onset of neoliberalism.

Thursday, October 13th @ 5:30pm
Chambers Hall | Transportation Conference Center
600 Foster St.

For questions, please contact Eliot at sexualities@northwestern.edu