

MARTIAL MATTERS: RACE, ENVIRONMENT, AND SURPLUS IN THE SUBURB

BETWEEN 2016 AND 2019, THOUSANDS OF MIGRANT CHILDREN WERE DETAINED AT THE HOMESTEAD TEMPORARY SHELTER, A DETENTION CAMP JUST SOUTH OF MIAMI, FLORIDA. THOUGH OSTENSIBLY A PLACE OF REFUGE FOR ASYLUM-SEEKING CHILDREN, DETAINED CHILDREN WERE EXPOSED TO TOXIC AND SONIC HAZARDS FROM AN ADJACENT MILITARY BASE, A CRUCIAL NODE IN THE HEMISPHERIC CIRCULATION OF WEAPONS, SOLDIERS, AND COUNTERINSURGENT EXPERTISE. DRAWING ON TWO YEARS OF ETHNOGRAPHIC FIELDWORK WITH INDIGENOUS MAYA MIGRANTS AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZERS, SOLDIERS AND PRO-MILITARY CIVILIANS, AND ENVIRONMENTAL AND MUNICIPAL PLANNERS, THIS TALK ASKS HOW THE ENVIRONMENTAL SURPLUS OF WAR BECOMES A SITE OF AMBIVALENT POLITICAL MOBILIZATION. ETHNOGRAPHIC ATTENTION TO WAR'S REMAINS ILLUMINATES THE DETENTION CAMP NOT AS A BOUNDED SPACE OF EXCEPTION BUT AS PERMEABLE AND EMBEDDED IN SUBURBAN LANDSCAPE—AND PART OF A BROADER PROJECT OF RACIALIZATION IN THE AMERICAS.

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