



# FUGITIVE CARE: BEYOND CAPITALIST WELFARE

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Care is often seen as the antidote to violence and as a powerful frame for abolition: hence the activist slogan “fund care, not cops.” But while scholars of racial capitalism have done much to excavate the violent history of prisons, borders, and police, they have had less to say about the history of state care and welfare. In this talk, I explore how state-sponsored forms of care have functioned as technologies of pacification, expropriation, abandonment, and control. By looking beyond the neoliberal period of “punitive welfare”, I examine the messy relationship between care and carcerality across three sites of the “benevolent” welfare state: public health, housing, and schooling. In so doing, I work towards an anarchistic approach to abolition which seeks, not just to fund care, but to transform and conceive of it anew: what I call fugitive care.

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