

Department of Geography Coffee Hour: The Genealogical Critique of Policing

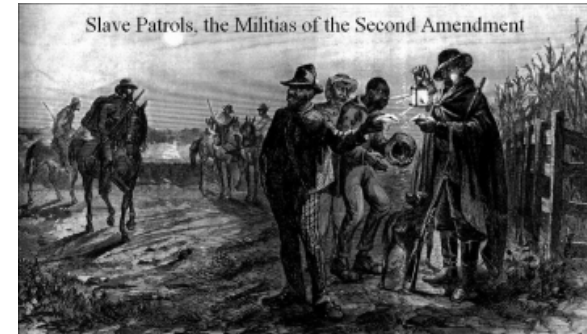
Date: Friday, January 21, 2022

Time: 4.00- 5.00 p.m. EDT

Location: [Zoom](#)

For More information:

<https://www.geog.psu.edu/event/genealogical-critique-policing>



Dr. [Ben Jones](#) is the Assistant Director of the Rock Ethics Institute at Penn State, who does his research in moral, legal, and political philosophy and the history of political thought. He is the co-editor with Eduardo Mendieta of [The Ethics of Policing](#) (New York University Press) and author of [Apocalypse without God](#) (Cambridge University Press). Much of his current work focuses on normative analysis of police policy and institutions.

In this coffee hour talk, Dr. Jones will discuss one of his works which situates Black Lives Matter's (BLM) critique within political theory's genealogical tradition and shows how it unsettles widely held assumptions about the police. This presentation will highlight the genealogical critique which (1) uncovers aims of policing absent from standard justifications for it, (2) alters the moral meaning of current police failures, and (3) dispels reputational myths enjoyed by police.