

GRADUATE COLLOQUIUM SERIES



Tuesday, 9 February 2016, 4-5 p.m.

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**“Corporate-State Relations and State Environmental Policy:
Texas Oil and Gas Flaring Regulations, 1890-2014”**

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Katherine Ann Calle Willyard's research examines the effect of corporate-state relations on state environmental policies. She conducts a historical analysis of the formation of Texas oil and gas flaring regulations from 1890 to 2014. Katherine focuses on Texas flaring regulations because flaring releases air pollutants contributing to climate change and Texas is currently experiencing a drastic rise in the amount of gas flared. Data sources include archival information obtained through Public Information Act requests. Historical data is organized using ATLAS.ti, a qualitative analysis software. In contrast to corporations' claims that flaring is a byproduct of Environmental Protection Agency policies, the analysis shows (1) regional state agencies establish flaring regulations, (2) flaring regulations have changed over time due to corporate influence and (3) during periods of economic decline, corporate lobbyists mobilized to increase the opportunities to legitimately flare natural gas.

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