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**4:00 – 6:00pm**

**Humanities & Social Sciences Bldg. #3027**

**Reception prior to talk at 3:30pm in H&SS 3005**

**Science, Law and the 20th Century Politics  
of Causations**

How do you write a history of causation? In my talk I will follow the intertwined history of the causal doctrines of epidemiology and toxic tort litigation, and examine how they became pivotal in the late-modern America, where true causes are hard to find, no single explanatory factor is enough, and neither the partisan expert nor the lay juror can be trusted to decide the evidence alone.

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