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Eric Tang

Discussing

Unsettled: Fugitive Life in the Hyperghetto

**Wednesday, April 6th, 2016 — 12:00pm — 1:00pm
Bunche Center Library Media Center in Haines Hall 135**

Throughout the summer of 1967, African American residents took to the streets of nearly 150 cities, engaging in an unprecedented wave of insurrectionary activity. Local and federal governments responded to the insurrections with a dual strategy of punishment and neglect: the militarization of the police and the abandonment of insurrectionary neighborhoods. This led to the creation of “hyperghettos”—sites meant to warehouse the poorest of the urban poor. In this lecture, Eric Tang revisits the summer of 1967 to uncover the origins of the hyperghetto and the low-intensity warfare that has since been waged against its mostly African-American residents. Tang will also draw on themes from his new book *Unsettled* to discuss how refugees from the US war in Southeast Asia—particularly Cambodians—became the lone “new immigrant event” to hyperghettos. He asks: What does it mean for these Third World migrants to resettle into this distinct time and space of slavery’s afterlife?

Eric Tang is an Assistant Professor in the African and African Diaspora Studies Department and faculty member in the Center for Asian American Studies at the University of Texas at Austin. A former community organizer, Tang has published numerous essays on race and urban social movements, including award-winning writing on post-Katrina New Orleans. *Unsettled: Cambodian Refugees in the NYC Hyperghetto* is his first book.