

# American Studies Research Colloquium

## Guest Lectures Winter 2021/22

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14 December 2021, 6pm c.t., Zoom

»Walking, Talking Mount Tam:  
Esoteric Cartographies in the San Francisco Renaissance«



“This talk explores the place-making poetics of Robert Duncan and Gary Snyder, two poets affiliated with the mid-century San Francisco Renaissance, focusing on a cluster of poems related to the landscape around Mount Tamalpais (a coastal mountain lying to the north of the city, known locally as ‘Mount Tam’). Duncan and Snyder’s channeling of spiritual and esoteric currents, I argue, came to map alternative poetic cartographies: an enchanted (re)configuration of place which intersects with larger environmental debates around the conservation (or development) of Mt Tam. The entanglement of these poetics with religion and ecology can be seen as both extensions of Charles Olson’s influential ‘field poetics,’ as well as a kind of psychogeographic line-making (Tim Ingold).”

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