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Queerness continues to be a criminal offense in Ghana under the carnal knowledge clause instituted by the British during colonization. Although the law does not specifically mention same-sex sexual relations, carnal knowledge criminalizes all forms of non-heterosexual sexual activities. The criminalization of queerness has sparked an intense debate about African subjectivity. On the one hand, many African nationalists and most Christian organizations argue that queerness is unAfrican; this enables them to both subjugate queers while not having to defend their views more explicitly. Others (typically academics) have explored the existence of diverse sexual behaviors over many generations in many African countries, which were not necessarily condoned, but did not have dire social consequences (Murray, & Roscoe, 1997). Therefore, using critical discourse analysis as theory and method, this talk examines how the queer Ghanaian subject is constituted through discourse.



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12:00pm-1:00pm
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“(Re)producing the Ghanaian/African Queer Subject:
Ideological Tension and Queer Subjectivities in Post-
Colonial Ghana.”