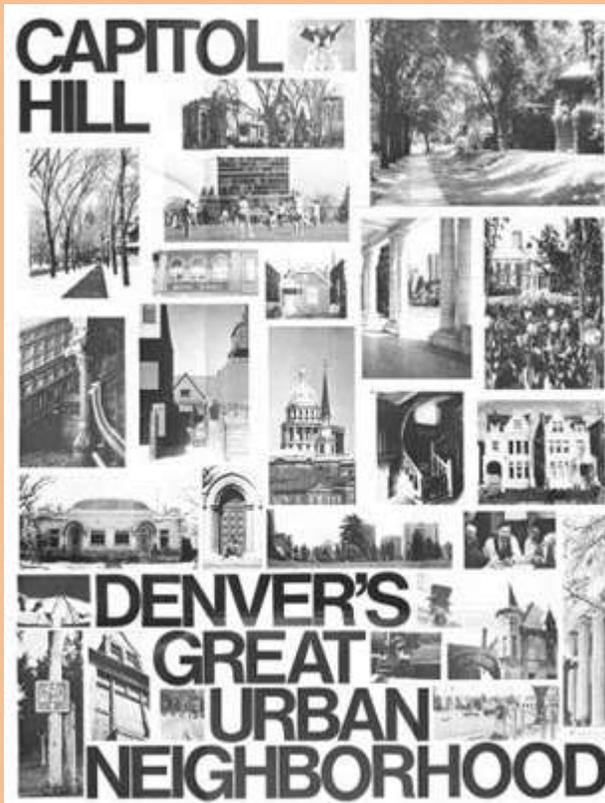


The Feminist Research Institute Presents

“Creating a Home in the Heart of the City’: Zoning and the Emergence of Queer Community in Denver’s Capitol Hill Neighborhood, 1950-1991”



B. Erin Cole
Thursday, Feb 9th
12:30-1:30 p.m.
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B. Erin Cole’s presentation is drawn from her dissertation, titled “A Single-Family City: Zoning, Race, Sexuality and Neighborhoods in Denver, 1956-1989.” In the 1950s, Capitol Hill, one of the oldest neighborhoods in Denver, began to emerge as the home of Denver’s gay and lesbian community. Its mix of old houses, apartment buildings, bars and stores welcomed an eclectic mix of people, but outsiders viewed Capitol Hill as a hive of “social chaos.” Cole’s presentation examines two intertwined narratives – the emergence of a visible and politically active gay movement in Denver from the 1950s through the 1990s, and the simultaneous use of zoning laws to protect “family” neighborhoods next to Capitol Hill from the social, economic, and sexual environment that the neighborhood represented to many Denverites.

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