Professor Theo Greene, Bowdoin College, presents:
"Making Dupont Gay Again!
Place Reactivation and the Rise of the Vicarious Citizen"

**Description:** Gay neighborhoods are changing — but the changes we observe do not necessarily signal their disappearance. Drawing on gay neighborhoods in Washington, D.C., this talk investigates how community members preserve the function and identity of these neighborhoods through ephemeral forms of place-making. Without claims of residency, these self-identified community members mobilize their practices to stake legitimate claims of local ownership and belonging, at times challenging the spatial claims of residents who may hold alternate visions of community.

**Theo Greene** is an Assistant Professor of Sociology at Bowdoin College. His research and teaching interests lie at the intersection of sexuality, urbanism, and culture. Greene’s research broadly uses sexual communities to understand how urban redevelopment shape and reconfigure how individuals conceptualize, identify to, and participate in local communities. His current book project, entitled *Not in MY Gayborhood: Gay Neighborhoods and the Rise of the Vicarious Citizen* (under contract with Columbia University Press) explores the persistence of iconic gay neighborhoods in Washington, DC through acts of ephemeral placemaking by nonresidential community actors (vicarious citizens). In addition to serving as Secretary/Treasurer for the ASA Section on Sexualities, Greene also serves as the Chair of the LGBTQ Sociologists’ Caucus.

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