

Call for papers/presentations – Association of American Geographers 2021 – Virtual participation.

Governing the belongings of the precariously housed: a critical legal geography

Precariously housed people (living in shelters, outside, in private rental housing, social housing etc.) face serious challenges in securing their personal possessions from the actions of both private and public actors, given the regulatory spaces in which they find themselves. This is despite evidence of widespread destruction, seizure, and theft; associated violations of equality and dignity rights; the significance of their belongings to their owners, and the heightened vulnerability that the loss of their belongings may place people in. Law seems to provide minimal recognition and protection of precariously housed people's possessions. There is a significant lack of scholarly and policy attention given to the issue. We invite presentations on this crucial topic, drawn from any jurisdiction and focusing on a wide range of belongings. These can be in the form of conventional papers or more creative formats. Community based and intersectional research is particularly valued.

Please submit a 250 word abstract to Nick Blomley ([blomley@sfu.ca](mailto:blomley@sfu.ca)) by October 10

All accepted participants will be required to: 1) register and submit an abstract to the AAG following the AAG guidelines (<https://www2.aag.org/AAGAnnualMeeting>); and 2) send a PIN number to [blomley@sfu.ca](mailto:blomley@sfu.ca) by October 28, 2020