Annual Geography Lecture

Sacred Geographies: Land & Religion at

Bears Ears National Monument

With guest Speaker: Dr. Brennan Keegan, Assistant Professor of Religious Studies at CofC

Date: Tuesday, February 22, 2022

Time: 4 pm

Location: ECTR 118

Southern Utah and the Four Corners region is home to five Tribal nations, united by shared experiences of settler colonialism and a tie to the contested landscapes of Bears Ears National Monument. Conflicts over religious freedom, capitalism, nationalism, and environmental protection, have coalesced at the site in an example of the production, shift, and conflict of spatial relations. In this lecture, Dr. Keegan maps the constellation of spaces produced by the stakeholders, arguing at its core, this is a conflict over what is sacred.



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