The Ethnic Studies Department is proud to present the first in a series of Panel Discussions regarding contemporary crises facing our communities. In the wake of Standing Rock’s resistance to Dakota Access’ desire to build an oil pipeline under Lake Oahe, desecrating sacred sites and endangering the water and environment surrounding it, national attention has been drawn to the question of environmental justice, specifically with respect to water. Water is central to both indigenous and non-indigenous ways of life, and yet, Standing Rock’s water crisis is only one of many similar situations facing communities within the U.S. settler state and abroad. This panel discussion, “Water is Life: Water, Dispossession, and Resistance from Standing Rock to Gaza” brings together two speakers to discuss the water crises being encountered by the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation and Palestinians living under Israeli military siege in the Gaza Strip. Central to the discussion will be the state-sanctioned mismanagement of water and natural resources at the heart of corporate and state-led assaults on minoritized peoples in various places. This panel will discuss how the denial of access to clean water functions as both a fundamental tactic of settler-colonial erasure of indigenous populations and a mechanism of racial warfare and genocide. By using a comparative framework, this discussion seeks to gauge possibilities for solidarity and modes of radical resistance.

Refreshments will be provided.

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