



Nuclear Coloniality:

The Legacy of the Manhattan Project in New Mexico

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TECH194, ASU Polytechnic campus

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In 2015, U.S. Congress directed the National Nuclear Security Administration to expand plutonium pit production to at least 80 pits per year to meet the standard set for 2030 to produce W87-1 nuclear warheads. However, per the 2022 Nuclear Posture Review, the U.S. is supposed to be working toward the elimination of nuclear weapons. If the U.S. is supposedly working toward the elimination of nuclear weapons, then why is it building new weapons, and why does it continue to happen in New Mexico?

In this presentation, Myrriah Gómez, author of *Nuclear Nuevo México: Colonialism and the Effects of the Nuclear Industrial Complex on Nuevomexicanos*, will examine the legacy of the Manhattan Project, the atomic bomb development project that started in New Mexico in the 1940s, to examine why in 2023, the U.S. continues to build new nuclear weapons in New Mexico. She will discuss the critical impacts of nuclear colonialism on communities of color, rural communities, and historically poor communities in New Mexico.

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