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“THE WOMEN AND MAIDENS YOU TAKE, THE MEN AND OLD WOMEN YOU MAY KILL: GENDER, PURITY AND PROPHETIC VIOLENCE IN THE AMERICAN SOUTHWEST”

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One of the most horrific cases of intra-Indian violence in the colonial southwest was the massacre of inhabitants of Awat'ovi Pueblo by neighboring Hopi villagers in 1700. From Spanish colonial documents, it was long understood as an act of retribution for Awat'ovi's willingness to allow Franciscan missionaries to re-establish the Catholic church at the pueblo. But James Brooks will discuss the role gender and ritual played in this event. He suggests we consider how gendered violence in the pre-Columbian southwest influences not only social tensions and catastrophes in Hopi history, but also the shifting dynamics of power and exploitation among Ancestral Pueblos across the whole of the Colorado Plateau.

Books by James Brooks will be available for purchase and signing.

Reception, 5:00–5:30 pm
Lecture, 5:30–7:00 pm
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