

POLICING RACIAL CAPITALISM





“We continue to find that the prison is itself a border...
There is a very specific political economy of the prison
that brings the intersections of gender and race,
colonialism and capitalism, into view.”
— Angela Davis and Gina Dent



ABOUT THIS MODULE

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- *What are prisons? How is state violence linked to extraction and accumulation? Should the police be abolished?*
- This module examines the relationship between racism, capitalism, and state violence. Drawing on black and anti-colonial Marxism, post/decolonial theory, (trans, queer) feminism, and critical indigenous studies, together we explore the racial and colonial history of borders, detention centres, prisons, police, psychiatric institutions, and family surveillance. By moving from the local to the global and back again, we think about how state violence has been a constant feature of racial and colonial capitalism. In doing so, we ultimately explore what an abolitionist world without prisons, police, and other carceral structures might look like.

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TOPICS

1. “Who do you serve? Who do you protect?”
2. Police, property, political economy
3. Policing the colonial frontier
4. Vagrancy, indenture, and the criminalisation of mobility
5. Policing the crisis: Neoliberalism as counterinsurgency
6. Family policing and population control
7. Extraction and ecocide
8. ‘Madness’, carceral ableism, and psychiatry
9. Abolitionist futures



WHY TAKE THIS MODULE?

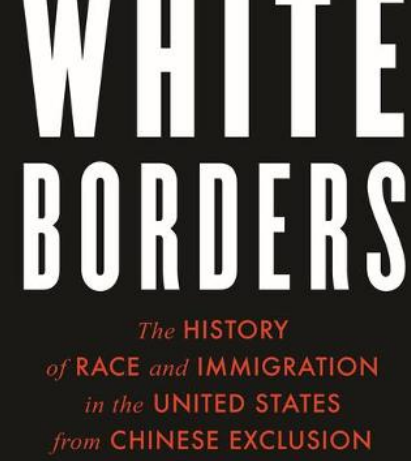
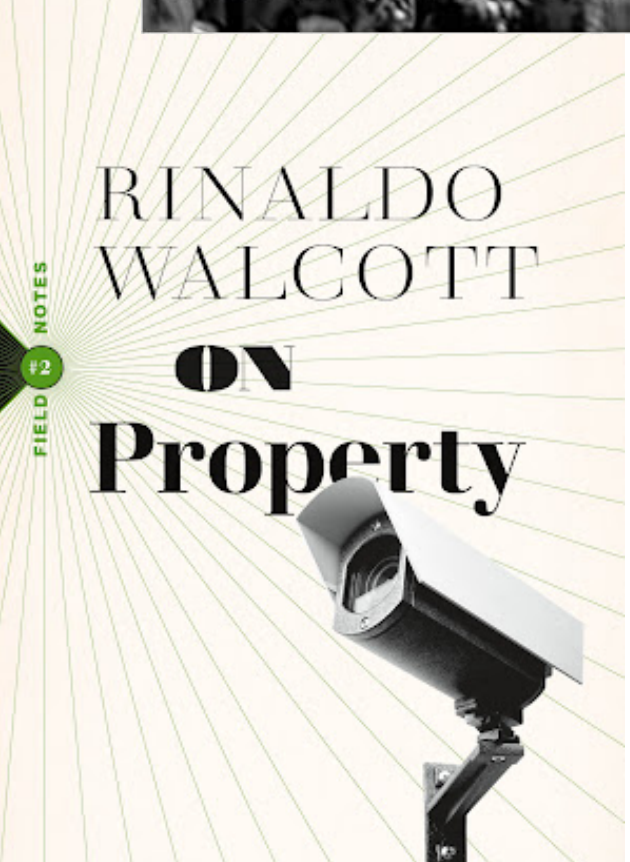
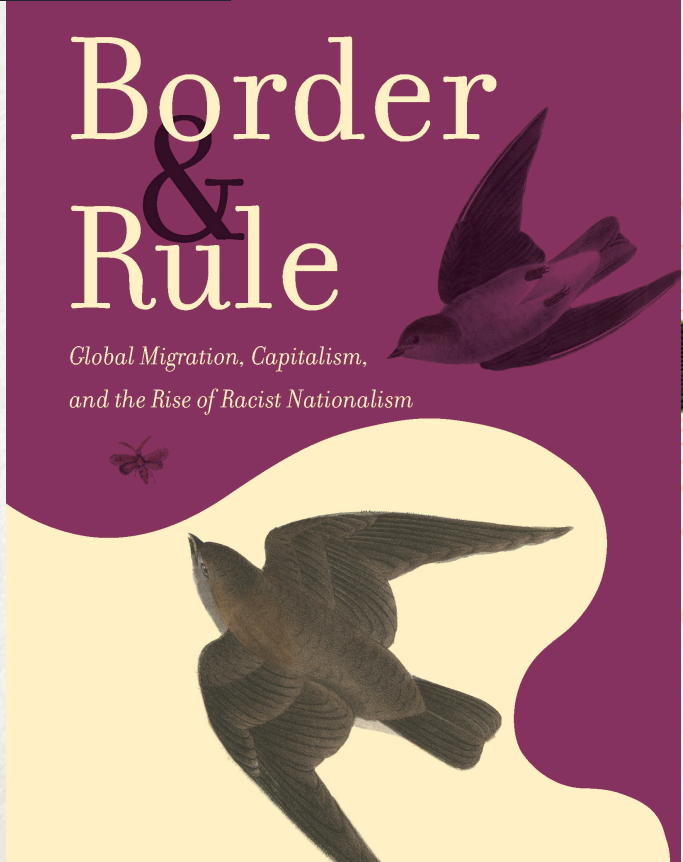
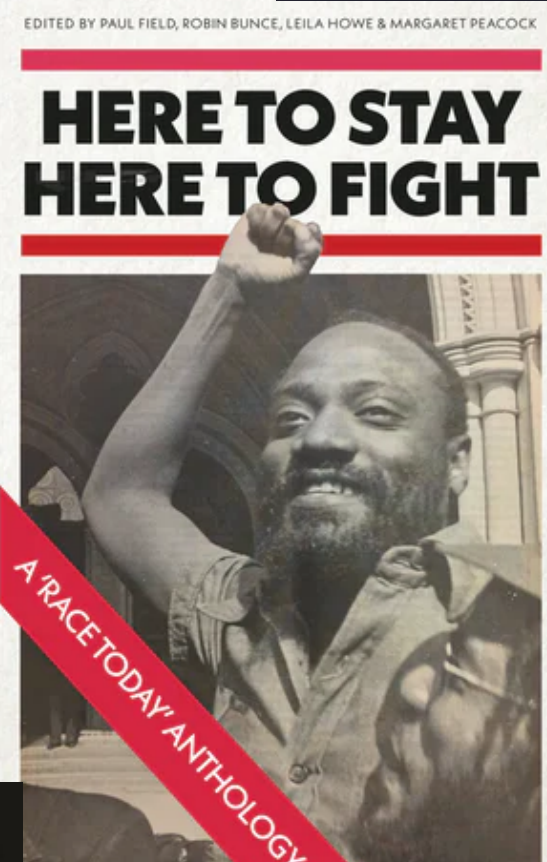
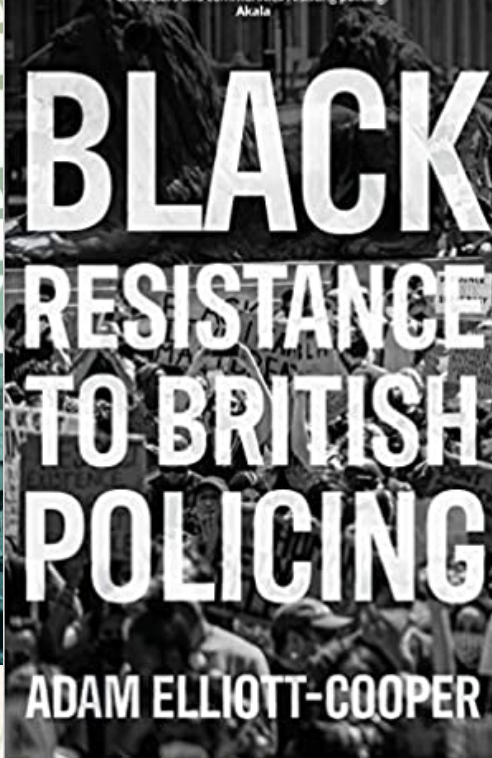
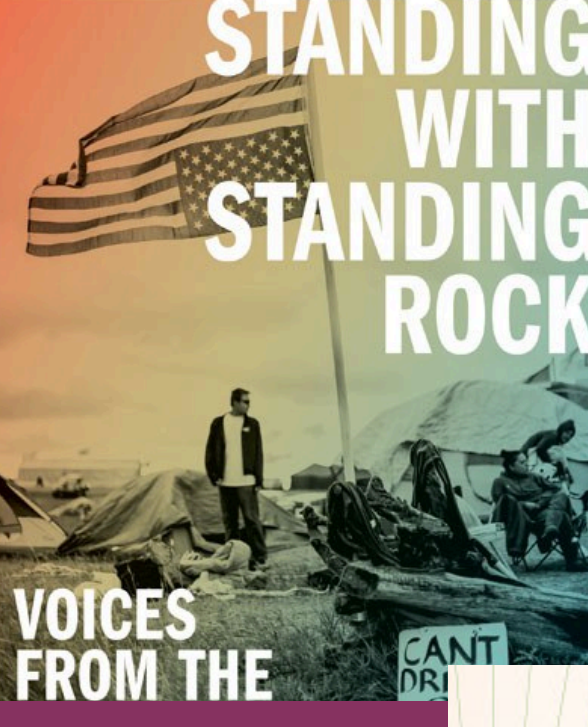
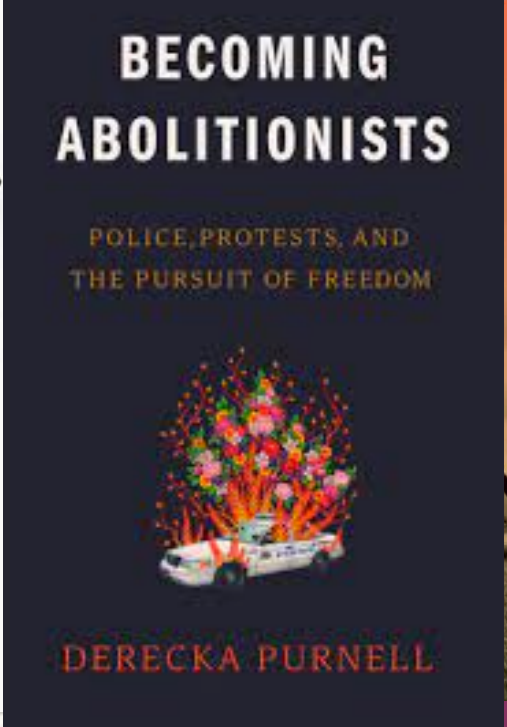
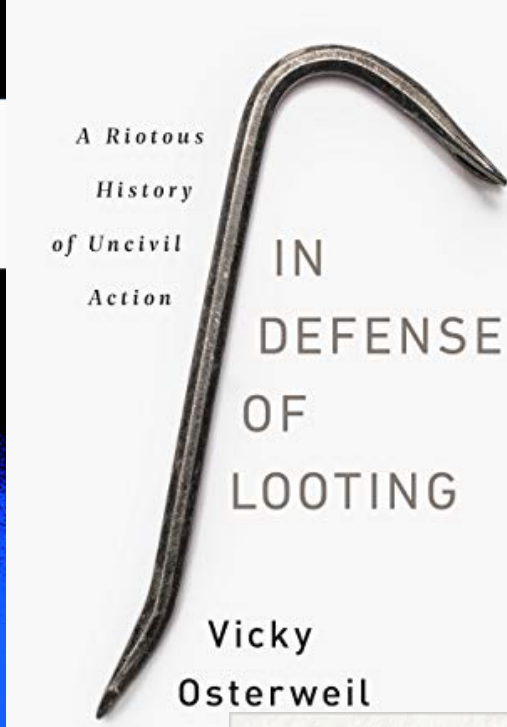
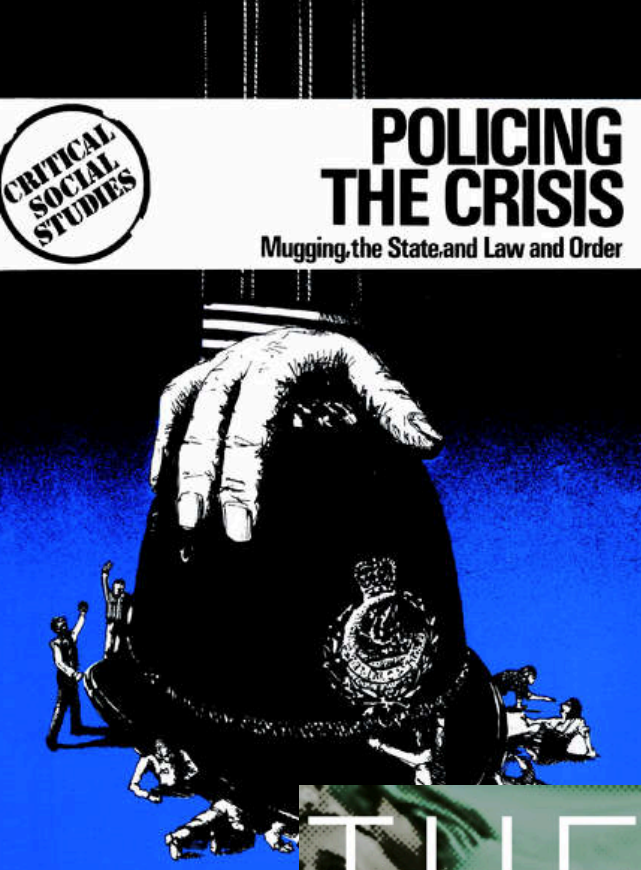
- A critical and interdisciplinary approach to the study of racial capitalism
- Focused on the colonial history of policing, bordering, surveillance, and incarceration
- Strong emphasis on abolition and global resistance to state violence
- Case studies drawn from around the world
- Interactive and creative learning materials: we'll work with music, poetry, zines, podcasts, and more!



MODULE ORGANISATION

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- Structure
 - Weekly 3-hr seminar
- Assessment
 - Book review (1,000 words)
 - Essay (3,500 words)
 - Group presentation/podcast





MODULE CONVENOR

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