

Yale SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Epidemiology of Microbial Diseases

EMD Seminar Series

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“Back to the Future: The Afterlives of Frozen Blood”

In this talk, based on my book “Life on Ice: A History of New Uses for Cold Blood,” I explore the practices and ethical issues surrounding the reuse of blood samples collected from Indigenous peoples. This blood, first collected as part of studies in human biodiversity in the 1960s, found its way to freezers in labs around the world. My talk focuses on how one lab in New York State has been thawing those old samples for use in our present genomic age. Finding new uses for old, cold blood involves more than technical expertise—it also requires attention to interrelated matters of care, ethics, and politics.

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