

# **Racial and Ethnic Studies Institute**

## **2011-2012 Colloquium Series**

### **Texas A&M University**

**Dr. Roderick Ferguson**



**April 23, 2012**

**12:00-1:30**  
**410 Rudder Tower**

Refreshments will be served

## **The Proliferation of Minority Difference**

The Proliferation of Minority Difference" is a talk taken from Ferguson's forthcoming book *The Reorder of Things* (University of Minnesota Press, Summer 2012). Using the 1969 Lumumba-Zapata Protests at UC San Diego as a jumping off point, the talk analyzes the ways in which the U.S. nation-state and U.S. capital during the nineteen sixties began to exploit social movement affirmations around minority difference. To illustrate this new "strategic situation," the talk turns to the ways in which corporate capital and the Nixon administration, in particular, began to see minority difference as an entity with and through which they might work, as the reason for an incitement to power rather than the simple object of a repression.

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