Roopali Phadke (Macalester College) will discuss the "green bargain" of the environmental politics of rare earth mining in California, Wyoming, and Minnesota.

Christine Labuski (Virginia Tech) will share research examining how communities have experienced the development of the Bakken oil fields in North Dakota.

Jessica Smith (CSM) will compare how the different timescales, work requirements, and capital investments of the petroleum and mining industries create different kinds of community/industry relationships in Wyoming.