Dr. Schotten argues that the War on Terror is both an outgrowth and a contemporary chapter of the settler conquest that founded the United States via a queer reading of liberal political theory’s discourses of “savagery” and “civilization” that interprets these categories as centrally about proper and improper desire. This overlay of “savagery” and improper or abject desire exposes the moralization of the otherwise seemingly objective or self-evident categories of “life” and “death” that anchor both the settler colonial and the US imperial project.

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