



RFG Talk: Critical Access Studies

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Thirty years after the passage of the Americans With Disabilities Act, much of the built environment remains inaccessible to disabled people. In this talk, Professor Aimi Hamraie will discuss the emerging field of “Critical Access Studies,” which engages with the methodologies, epistemologies, and political commitments of accessibility from the perspectives of Disability Justice and disability culture. Using historical and contemporary examples, they will show how critical and intersectional perspectives on disability can enable a deeper engagement with the politics of knowing, making, and belonging in the twentieth-century United States.

Aimi Hamraie (they/them) is Associate Professor of Medicine, Health, & Society and American Studies at Vanderbilt University and Director of the Critical Design Lab. Hamraie is author of *Building Access: Universal Design and the Politics of Disability*, host of the *Contra** podcast on disability, design justice, and the lifeworld, and serves on the US Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board.

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