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Dr. Godwin Arku is an Associate Professor in the Department of Geography at Western University. His research broadly revolves around the local impacts and community responses to global economic, social, and political changes. Within this broad research field,

Dr. Arku looks at specific issues such as transnationalism and immigrants housing experiences, impacts of economic liberalization on housing markets, local impacts and policy responses to plant closures, municipal economic development policies, and economic reforms and built environment changes. His publications have appeared in a wide range of journals including, *Planning Theory and Practice*, *Geoforum*, *Urban Studies*, *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, *Regional Studies*, *Regional Science*, and *Urban Affairs*. He is currently working with PhD candidates Merlin Chatwin, Evan Cleave, and Emmanuel Kyeremeh on the project below.

What's the Yelling About? Interrogating Sanctuary City Rhetoric in Canada

Sanctuary city policies have emerged globally as a local solution to provide non-status migrants access to city-services and better integration, while reducing the fear of being detained or deported. Recently, there has been an increased discussion and adoption of sanctuary city policy in Canada, primarily in the largest cities. This rise in attention, however, has been matched by an increasingly polarized debate around sanctuary city policies within both media and public spheres of discourse. This research is based on a comprehensive analysis of Canadian newspapers, city councils debate, and perspectives of key stakeholders. From this, key outcomes include the identification and examination of the arguments, narratives, themes, and conceptions of sanctuary city policy and non-status migrants within media and government discourse; cutting through rhetoric to explore what policies have been adopted, their implicit and explicit goals, the rationales for them, and who they are intended to help.

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4:00 pm, SSC 5220

Refreshments at 3:30pm in SSC 5220

All Welcome!

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