

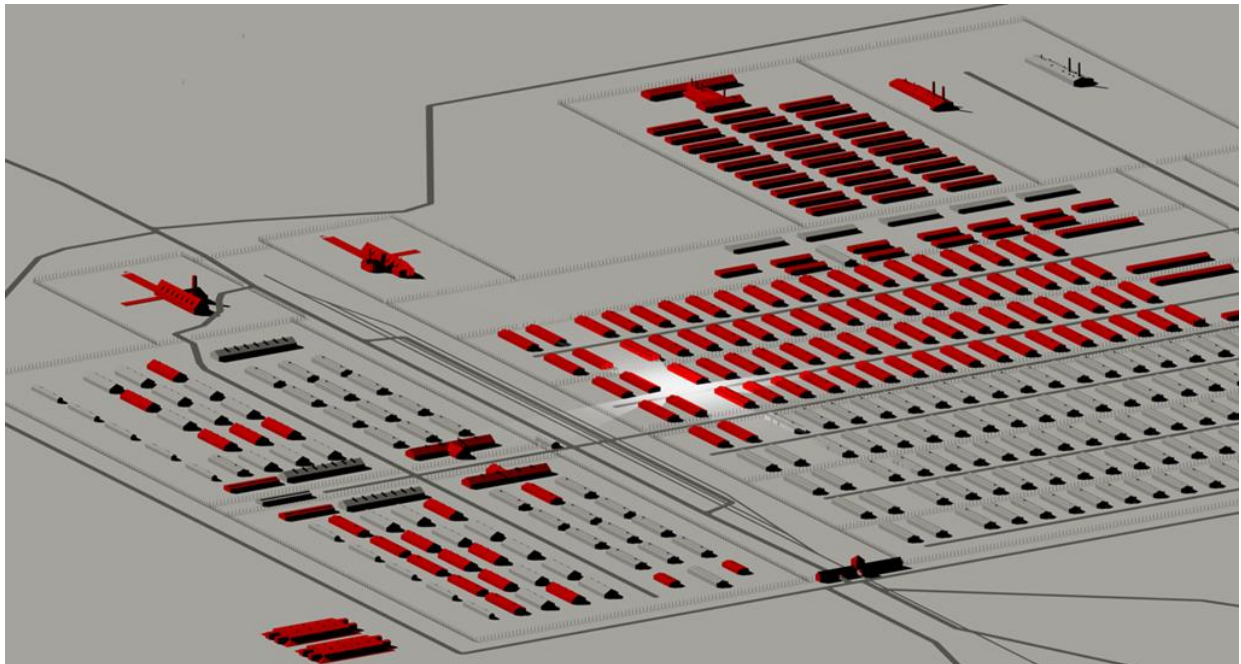
**UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA  
DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY**

**Colloquium / Research Seminar**

**Anne Knowles**

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**“Telling Spatial Stories: The Narrative Impulse in Historical GIS”**



Scholars working in historical GIS and the spatial humanities now commonly speak of “spatial stories” and “spatial history.” These suggestive, elastic terms seem to fit a wide assortment of representational modes. But just what does it mean to tell a spatial story? How different are the spatial stories based on HGIS from conventional narrative history or historical geography? In this talk, Anne Knowles will look critically at the visual rhetoric of historical GIS and reflect on how its methodologies shape historical research and writing, using her work on the geographies of the Holocaust as an example.

**Monday, 19 March  
Geography Room 214  
at 12:30 pm**