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Friday, Nov. 7, 2025 2:30 - 4:00pm Rm. 111 (Quiet Room) St. John's College

Light snacks and refreshments will be provided.

About the Book:

Between the 1870s and 1930s, Americans transformed sexual vice into an international political and humanitarian concern. As social reformers and state officials worked to eradicate prostitution and trafficking, they promoted sexual self-control as the cornerstone of civilization and used the policing of sexuality to justify American interventions around the world.

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