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**"Missing Mobilizations: Explaining the  
Invisibility of Anti-Carceral Sexual  
Violence Organizing in Southern Africa"**



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Carceral sexual violence is a social problem that exists in an interstice between social movements in different southern African countries. Few social movement organizations in southern Africa take up carceral sexual violence as an issue. Instead, activist organizations typically address sexual violence that happens outside of carceral contexts. In this way, prison walls lock survivors of carceral sexual violence out of representation in diverse social movements. This presentation, drawing on original archival and qualitative field research in Malawi and Namibia, approaches carceral sexual violence as an unpopular social problem that creates interconnected dilemmas for activists in different southern African social movements to theorize "missing mobilizations" against carceral sexual violence in the region. This lecture is free and open to the public.

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