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Filipino Goonies in Astoria, Oregon:
Engaging Settler Colonialisms in Queer/Asian Diaspora Studies and Transnational Filipino/a Studies

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ArtSpace, Cross-Cultural Center

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This essay focuses on the submerged and forgotten histories of Filipino cannery workers in Astoria, Oregon in the early 20th Century. Fajardo will discuss his inter/trans disciplinary research in Astoria (and Oregon more broadly), and he will engage the concept, reality, problem of settler colonialism in the context of Oregon and the Philippines. Fajardo will also address and dialogue with Queer and Two-Spirit Indigenous Studies critiques of Asian/Diaspora Studies and queer of color critique (namely, that these fields are complicit in settler colonialisms). In response, Fajardo suggests a trans*colonial approach that addresses racialized and classed non-conforming genders across (colonial) geographies and temporalities, while also attending to the specificities of settler colonialism(s). This essay is part of Fajardo's second book project, tentatively titled, "Following Filipinos: Sailors, Travelers, and Migrants – or A Pinoy History of the World."

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The speaker is a candidate for the Transnational Asia and Asian Diaspora Search.
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