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A TERRIBLE INHERITANCE:
ARGENTINE INTIMACIES: QUEER KINSHIP
IN AN AGE OF SPLendor, 1890-1910

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In this presentation, Pierce outlines the "terrible inheritance" that led members of the Argentine elite to defend the family as the last bastion of stability in a changing world. By discussing kinship as an interface of relational dispositions, he reveals the queerness at the heart of the modern family. Queerness emerges not as an alternative to traditional values so much as a defining feature of the state project of modernization.

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