Ph.D. position: SFU Geography/Nick Blomley: Critical Legal Geography: the governance of the personal property of the precariously housed

Please contact me if you are interested in pursuing a PhD in Vancouver in September 2019, joining a recently funded project exploring the governance of the personal possessions of the precariously housed (project summary below). This is an interdisciplinary project, bringing critical legal and geographic analysis to bear. I am seeking a highly motivated and qualified student, ideally with a) some practical experience in working with and collaborating with marginalized people (e.g. the homeless, poor, indigenous people etc); b) interview/focus group training; c) relevant research experience in related work. You would work within the project, carving out a research area connected to it. You would collaborate with lawyers and social scientists. You would also work with and mentor MA and LLM students, recruited to the team, and would play an important role in shaping the project in its formative months.

A stipend of up to \$20,000/annum over 4 years is available. Additional funding (including TA support, graduate fellowships etc.) is also readily accessed.

precariousness. We frame our analysis through a legal geographic lens, alert to the manner in which vulnerably housed people's possessions move between hybrid and overlapping public and private regulatory spaces. Through two carefully focused and methodologically rigorous comparative case studies in Ontario and British Columbia, we derive conceptual and policy tools for the systematic analysis of the governance of poor people's possessions.

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