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Why is it so difficult for people in the contemporary United States to acknowledge and address the intertwining of their lives with others elsewhere? This talk focuses on a newly published book—*Something Between Us: The Everyday Walls of American Life, and How to Take Them Down*—that explores these challenges. The book argues that the deep political and social divides in the United States are a consequence of the everyday walls that Americans have come to live with and take for granted in their daily lives. The talk will show how movements for mutual aid and solidarity can break through these barriers and build a different kind of collective life in the United States.



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