BORDERS & BELONGING: A SERIES OF EVENTS ON HUMAN MIGRATION

RETHINKING MIGRATION

FRIDAY & SATURDAY / MAY 6 & 7, 2016
MERRILL CULTURAL CENTER, UC SANTA CRUZ

This conference is free and open to the public and is sponsored by the UC Santa Cruz Chicano Latino Research Center, the Institute for Humanities Research, Latin American and Latino Studies Department and Division of Social Sciences, with generous support from the Dean’s Fund.
DIRECTOR’S WELCOME

Rethinking Migration grows out of and adds to work by faculty and students affiliated with the Chicano Latino Research Center (CLRC) at the University of California, Santa Cruz. Since its founding in 1992, the CLRC has been a hub of Chicano, Latino, Latin American, and migration studies. We support faculty and student research via our award competitions and Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship Program; by sponsoring research clusters; and by hosting public gatherings, including lectures, workshops, symposia, and conferences. From 1999 to 2005, we collaborated with UCSC’s Latin American and Latino Studies Department on Hemispheric Dialogues, a series of events that helped make our campus a vibrant site for the development of transnational approaches and perspectives.

As the CLRC approaches its silver anniversary, we’ll continue to build upon our traditions of collaboration and innovation. Rethinking Migration is part of Borders and Belonging, our spring 2016 series of events on migration, and helps launch Non-citizenship, our 2016-17 Andrew W. Mellon Foundation John E. Sawyer Seminar on the Comparative Study of Culture. In addition to bringing together the campus and community and scholars in the humanities and social sciences, these efforts endeavor to expand the discourse on migration by putting intellectuals, artists, and activists from the Americas in dialogue with people working in and on other regions of our world. The questions, conversations, and works Borders and Belonging and Non-citizenship will engender promise to extend our understanding of migration, mobility, and belonging in the twenty-first century.

Rethinking Migration would not be possible without the support of Sheldon Kamieniecki, Dean of the Division of Social Sciences at UC Santa Cruz. The CLRC is proud to cosponsor this conference with the Institute for Humanities Research, Latin American and Latino Studies Department, and Division of Social Sciences, with generous support from the Dean’s Fund.

¡Bienvenidos!

Sincerely,

Catherine S. Ramírez
Director, Chicano Latino Research Center
Associate Professor, Latin American and Latino Studies Department
FRIDAY / MAY 6 / 2016

8:30-9:00AM COFFEE AND PASTRIES
Merrill Cultural Center

9:00-9:15AM WELCOME
CATHERINE RAMÍREZ
Latin American and Latino Studies, UC Santa Cruz

9:15-10:30AM KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
RHACEL SALAZAR PARREÑAS
Sociology and Gender Studies, University of Southern California
Serial Labor Migration: Exclusion and Domestic Worker Patterns of Temporary Labor Migration

10:30-10:45AM COFFEE BREAK

10:45AM-12:30PM PANEL ONE:
Labor & Precarity

SHANNON GLEESON
School of Industrial and Labor Relations, Cornell University
~and~
MARCEL PARET
Sociology, University of Utah
Precarity and Agency through a Migration Lens

SARAH SWIDER
Sociology, Wayne State University
Employment Configurations: A Spatial Analysis of Precarious Labor

STEVE MCKAY
Sociology, UC Santa Cruz
Agents of Precarity: Intermediaries, Institutions and the Vulnerable Lives of Migrant Workers

MODERATOR: VERONICA TERRIQUEZ
Sociology, UC Santa Cruz

12:30-2:00PM BREAK FOR LUNCH
2:00-3:45PM **PANEL TWO:**
(II)legality & (In)security

LISA MARIE CACHO
Latina/Latino Studies and Asian American Studies, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
De Facto Status Crime: Legitimizing Violence, Legalizing Discrimination

FELICITY AMAYA SCHAEFFER
Feminist Studies, UC Santa Cruz
Remote Identification: Criminalizing the “Hidden Intent” of Migrant Embodiment

SUSAN. B. COUTIN
Anthropology and Criminology, Law and Society, UC Irvine
Deferral

**MODERATOR:** GABRIELA ARREDONDO
Latin American and Latino Studies, UC Santa Cruz

3:45-4:00PM **COFFEE BREAK**

4:00-5:45PM **PANEL 3:**
Detention, Deportation, Asylum

LEISY ABREGO
Chicana and Chicano Studies, UCLA
Central American Women and Girls: A Gendered View of Forced Migration

RACHEL LEWIS
Women and Gender Studies, George Mason University
Precarious Temporality: Neoliberalism, Sexual Citizenship, and the Global Deportation Regime

DANIEL KANSTROOM
Boston College Law School
The Forgotten Deported: Towards Better Understanding and a Declaration of Rights

**MODERATOR:** PAT ZAVELLA
Latin American and Latino Studies, UC Santa Cruz

5:45-7:00PM **RECEPTION**
SATURDAY / MAY 7 / 2016

8:30-9:00AM **COFFEE AND PASTRIES**
Merrill Cultural Center

9:00-9:15AM **WELCOME:**
Catherine Ramírez
Latin American and Latino Studies, UC Santa Cruz

9:15-10:30 **KEYNOTE SPEAKER:**
Alicia Schmidt Camacho
American Studies and Ethnicity, Race, and Migration, Yale University
Defending Migrancy: In/against the Violent Orders of State
Sovereignty and Transnational Capitalism

10:30-10:45AM **COFFEE BREAK**
10:45AM-12:30PM WORKSHOP ONE

ADRIÁN FÉLIX
Latin American and Latino Studies, UC Santa Cruz
Mythologies of Transnational Citizenship: The Political Life Cycle of Mexican Migrants

RUBEN ESPINOZA
Sociology, UC Santa Cruz
From Farm to Factory: The Making of Precarious Union Labor

JUAN POBLETE
Literature, UC Santa Cruz
Americanism/o: Intercultural Border Zones in Post-social Times

RESPONDENT: SHANNON GLEESON

12:45-2:00PM BREAK FOR LUNCH

2:00-3:45PM WORKSHOP TWO

CECILIA RIVAS
Latin American and Latino Studies, UC Santa Cruz
El otro norte: Rethinking Migration, Orientations, and Intersections

ANGIE BONILLA
Literature, UC Santa Cruz
Mediations of Migrant Suffering in Testimonio and Documentary Film

KIRSTEN SILVA GRUESZ
Literature, UC Santa Cruz
“Poor Eliza” On the Border: Abolition, Public Feeling, and the Migrant Woman’s Body

RESPONDENT: ALICIA SCHMIDT CAMACHO

3:45-4:00PM COFFEE BREAK

4:00-5:45PM CLOSING REMARKS AND DISCUSSION:
ALICIA SCHMIDT CAMACHO, SHANNON GLEESON, & CATHERINE RAMÍREZ
LEISY J. ABREGO is Associate Professor of Chicana and Chicano Studies at UCLA. Trained as a sociologist, she studies families, Central American migration, and Latino immigrants’ lived experiences of US immigration laws. Her book, Sacrificing Families: Navigating Laws, Labor, and Love across Borders (Stanford University Press, 2014), examines the well-being of Salvadoran immigrants and their families both in the US and in the home country.

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MARCEL PARET is Assistant Professor of Sociology at the University of Utah and Senior Research Associate with the South African Research Chair in Social Change at the University of Johannesburg. Examining the politics of class formation in South Africa and the United States, with a particular focus on protest, labor markets, migration, and citizenship, his work appears in Review of African Political Economy, Critical Sociology, Citizenship Studies, International Sociology, African Affairs, International Labor and Working Class History, and Latino Studies.

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JUAN POBLETE is Professor of Literature at UC Santa Cruz. He is the author of Literatura chilena del siglo XIX: entre públicos lectores y figuras autorales (Santiago: Cuarto Propio, 2003), editor of Critical Latin American and Latino Studies (University of Minnesota Press, 2003), and co-editor of Andrés Bello
(with Beatriz Gonzalez-Stephan, IILI, 2009), Redrawing The Nation: National Identities in Latin/o American Comics (with Héctor Fernández-L’Hoeste, Palgrave, 2009), Desdén al infortunio: Sujeto, comunicación y público en la narrativa de Pedro Lemebel (with Fernando Blanco, Santiago: Cuarto Propio, 2010), Sports and Nationalism in Latin America (with Héctor Fernández L’Hoeste and Robert McKee-Irwin, Palgrave, 2015), and Humor in Latin American Cinema (with Juana Suárez, Palgrave, 2015). He is currently at work on three book projects: one on labor and affect in Latin American cinema, another on US Latino Cultures in a transnational context, and Angel Rama y la Crítica Cultural Latinoamericana.

Catherine Ramírez is Associate Professor of Latin American and Latino Studies and director of the Chicano Latino Research Center at UC Santa Cruz. She is currently writing Assimilation: An Alternative History.

Cecilia M. Rivas is Associate Professor of Latin American and Latino Studies at UC Santa Cruz. Her book, Salvadoran Imaginaries: Mediated Identities and Cultures of Consumption (Rutgers University Press, 2014), explores a diverse range of sites where the nation’s postwar identity is forged. Her current areas of research include the structural conditions and migratory process of Central Americans in transit through Southern Mexico. She is also writing a book about modernity and nationalism in El Salvador.

Felicity Amaya Schaeffer is Associate Professor of Feminist Studies at UC Santa Cruz, and author of Love and Empire: Cybermarriage and Citizenship Across the Americas (New York University Press, 2013). Her current project, Tracking Migrants, analyzes how Latina/o migrants are branded deviant and criminal threats in and by the US, and asks, What alternative knowledges and imaginaries point us to other possibilities for coexistence and for temporalities of justice that refuse the current order of segregating bodies and territories?

Sarah Swider is Assistant Professor of Sociology at Wayne State University and author of Building China: Informal Work and the New Precariat (Cornell University Press,
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**PAT ZAVELLA** is Professor of Latin American and Latino Studies at UC Santa Cruz. Her most recent book is *I’m Neither Here Nor There: Mexicans’ Quotidian Struggles with Migration and Poverty* (Duke University Press, 2011). Her current project is on the movement for reproductive justice by women of color.
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