

**History 180/Ethnic Studies 134**  
**Immigration, Ethnicity, and Citizenship in Recent American History**  
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The issues of transnational migration, globalization, ethnic group formation, and the politics of citizenship are among the most provocative areas of social science and humanities research today. This intensive upper-division reading/discussion course is designed to provide a thematic interdisciplinary overview on the history of these issues and related questions by exploring recent interpretations of developments in the migration history of the United States over the course of the twentieth century.

**Course Requirements:** This is an intensive upper-division interdisciplinary course in which students are expected to come well prepared to discuss readings each week. Individual students will lead discussion of readings each week and participation in class will account for 30 percent of the final grade. Students are also expected to write a 20-25 page term paper based either on a synthetic review of course readings or on one of the topical areas addressed in the course (e.g. changing paradigms in migration studies; the debate over globalization; problems of the “second generation” and general issues of immigrant adaptation; economic and/or labor dimensions of transnational migration; gendered dimensions of transnational migration; the politics of ethnicity and citizenship; etc.). Students may also choose other topics after consultation with the instructor. The term paper will account for the remaining 70 percent of the final course grade. Papers will be due during final exam week.

All required reading will be available online.

**Week 1 (Oct. 2)—Course Introduction and Overview**

**Week 2 (Oct. 9)—Capitalism and Migration: The Global Context**

**READ:** Adam McKeown, “Global Migration, 1846-1940” *Journal of World History* 15 (2) (2004): 155-89; June Mei, “Economic Origins of Emigration: Guangdong to California, 1850-1882,” *Modern China* 5 (4) (Oct. 1979): 463-501; Triadafilos Triadafilopoulos, “Building Walls, Building Nations: Migration and Exclusion in Canada and Germany, 1870-1939,” *Journal of Historical Sociology* 17 (4) (2004): 385-427; Stephen Castles, “Twenty-First Century Migration and a Challenge to Sociology,” *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 33 (3) (April 2007): 351-71.

**Week 3 (Oct. 16)—Shifting Paradigms**

**READ:** Philip Gleason, “The Melting Pot: Symbol of Fusion or Confusion?” *American Quarterly* 16 (1) (March 1964): 20-46; Nancy L. Green, “Time and the Study of

Assimilation,” *Rethinking History* 10 (2) (June 2006): 239-58; Rubén G. Rumbaut, “Paradoxes (and Orthodoxies) of Assimilation,” *Sociological Perspectives* 40 (3) (1997): 483-511; Michael Kearney, “Borders and Boundaries of State and Self at the End of Empire,” *Journal of Historical Sociology* 4 (1) (1991): 52-74; Zygmunt Bauman, “Migration and Identities in a Globalized World,” *Philosophy and Social Criticism* 37 (4) (2001): 425-35; Susan Bibler Coutin, “Confined within: National Territories as Zones of Confinement,” *Political Geography* 29 (2010): 200-208.

#### **Week 4 (Oct. 23)— Social Historical Case Studies**

**READ:** Adam McKeown, “Transnational Chinese Families and Chinese Exclusion, 1875-1943,” *Journal of American Ethnic History* 18 (2) (Winter 1999): 73-110; Jorae Wendy Rouse, “The Limits of Dress: Chinese American Childhood, Fashion, and Race in the Exclusion Era,” *Western Historical Quarterly* 41 (4) (Winter 2010): 451-71; Shiori Nomura, “The Voices of Women on Birth Control and Childcare: A Japanese Immigrant Newspaper in the Early Twentieth-Century USA,” *Japan Forum* 21 (2) (July 2009): 255-76; Allison Varzally, “Romantic Crossings: Making Love, Family, and Non-Whiteness in California, 1925-1950,” *Journal of American Ethnic History* 23 (1) (Fall 2003): 3-54.

#### **Week 5 (Oct. 30)-- Political Issues in the Early Twentieth Century**

**READ:** Julia G. Young, “Cristero Diaspora: Mexican Immigrants, The U.S. Catholic Church, and Mexico’s Cristero War, 1926-29,” *Catholic Historical Review* 98 (2) (April 2012): 271-300; Catherine Lee, “‘Where the Danger Lies’: Race, Gender, and Chinese and Japanese Exclusion to the United States, 1870-1924,” *Sociological Forum* 25 (2) (June 2010): 248-71; Joan S. Wang, “The Double Burden of Immigrant Nationalism: The Relationship between Chinese and Japanese in the American West,” *Journal of American Ethnic History* 27 (2) (Winter 2008): 28-58; Carlos Blanton, “George I. Sánchez, Ideology, and Whiteness in the Making of the Mexican American Civil Rights Movement, 1930-1960” *Journal of Southern History* 72 (August 2006): 569-604; Paul Spickard, “The Nisei Assume Power: The Japanese American Citizens League, 1941-42,” *Pacific Historical Review* 52 (2) (1983): 147-74.

#### **Week 6 (Nov. 6)— Gendered Dimensions of Migration**

**READ:** Donna Gabaccia and Elizabeth Zanoni “Transitions in Gender Ratios among International Migrants, 1820-1930,” *Social Science History* 36 (2) (Summer 2012): 197-221; Guy Standing, “Global Feminization through Flexible Labor: A Theme Revisited,” *World Development* 27 (3) (1999): 583-602; Ricardo Contreras and David Griffith, “Managing Migration, Managing Motherhood: The Moral Economy of Gendered Migration,” *International Migration* 50 (4) (2012): 51-66; Joanna Dreby, “Gender and Transnational Gossip,” *Qualitative Sociology* 32 (1) (March 2009): 33-52; Edna A. Viruell-Fuentes, “‘My Heart Is Always There’: The Transnational Practices of First-Generation Immigrant and Second-Generation Mexican American Women,” *Identities: Global Studies in Culture and Power* 13 (3) (July-Sept. 2006) 427-53; Yen-Le Espiritu

“We Don’t Sleep Around Like White Girls Do’: Family, Culture and Gender in Filipina American Lives,” *Signs* 26 (2) (2001): 415-40.

### **Week 7 (Nov. 13)—Citizenship and Its Discontents**

**READ:** Matthew Coleman, “Immigrant Il-Legality: Geopolitical and Legal Borders in the U.S., 1882-Present,” *Geopolitics* 17 (2) (2012): 402-22; Torrie Hester, “‘Protection, Not Punishment’: Legislative and Judicial Formation of U.S. Deportation Policy, 1882-1904,” *Journal of American Ethnic History* 30 (1) (Fall 2010): 11-36; Mae M. Ngai, “The Strange Career of the Illegal Alien: Immigration Restriction and Deportation Policy in the United States, 1921-1965,” *Law and History Review* 21 (1) (Spring 2003): 69-107; Nicholas de Genova, “The Legal Production of Mexican/Migrant ‘Illegality,’” *Latino Studies* 2 (2004): 160-85; Margaret D. Stock, “Is Birthright Citizenship Good for America?” *Cato Journal* 32 (1) (Winter 2012): 139-57.

### **Week 8 (Nov. 20)—NAFTA, Neoliberalism, and Demographic Change**

**READ:** David Harvey, “Neoliberalism as Creative Destruction,” *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 610 (1) (Mar. 2007): 21-44; Patricia Fernández-Kelly and Douglas S. Massey, “Borders for Whom? The Role of NAFTA in Mexico-U.S. Migration,” in *Ibid.*: 98-118; Raúl Delgado Wise and Humberto Márquez Covarrubias, “Capitalist Restructuring, Development and Labour Migration: The U.S.-Mexico Case,” *Third World Quarterly* 29 (7) (Oct. 2008): 1359-74; William Kandell and Emilio A. Parrado, “Restructuring of the U.S. Meat Processing Industry and New Hispanic Migrant Destinations,” *Population and Development Review* 31 (3) (Sept. 2005): 447-71; Susan Eckstein and Thanh-Nghi Nguyen, “The Making and Transnationalization of An Ethnic Niche: Vietnamese Manicurists,” *International Migration Review* 45 (3) (Fall 2011): 639-74.

### **Week 9 (Nov. 27)—The Economics and Politics of Contemporary Immigration**

**READ:** Douglas S. Massey and Karen A. Pren, “Unintended Consequences of U.S. Immigration Policy: Explaining the Post-1965 Surge from Latin America,” *Population and Development Review* 38 (1) (March 2012): 1-29; James DeFilippis, “On the Character and Organization of Unregulated Work in the Cities of the United States,” *Urban Geography* 30 (1) (2009): 63-90; Monica Varsanyi, “Neoliberalism and Nativism: Local Anti-Immigrant Policy Activism and an Emerging Politics of Scale,” *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research* 35 (2) (March 2011): 295-311; Nicole Trujillo-Pagan, “Neoliberal Disasters and Racialization: The Case of Post-Katrina Latino Labor,” *Race and Class* 53 (4) (2012): 54-66.

### **Week 10 (Dec. 4)—Ambiguous Future: Citizens and Non-Citizens in the New Century**

**READ:** Irene Bloemraad and Christine Trost, “It’s a Family Affair: Intergenerational Mobilization in the Spring 2006 Protests” *American Behavioral Scientist* 52 (4) (2008): 507-32; Josué David Cisneros, “(Re)Bordering the Civic Imaginary: Rhetoric, Hybridity, and Citizenship in La Gran Marcha,” *Quarterly Journal of Speech* 97 (1) (Feb. 2011): 26-49; Brian Burgoon, et al., “Immigration and the Transformation of American Unionism,” *International Migration Review* 44 (4) (2010): 933-73; Ryan D. King, Michael Massoglia, and Christopher Uggen, “Employment and Exile: U.S. Criminal Deportations, 1908-2005,” *American Journal of Sociology* 117 (60) (May 2012): 1786-1825.