

September 2014



# Immigration Speaker Series

**Thursday, September 11, 2014**

Noon | King Hall, Rm. 1301

*Lunch will be served*

## Caged Birds: The Rebirth of Mexican Imprisonment in the United States

**Kelly Lytle Hernandez**



Kelly Lytle Hernandez is associate professor in the UCLA Department of History and director of the UCLA Department of History's Public History Initiative. Her research interests are in twentieth-century U.S. history with a concentration upon race, migration, and police and prison systems in the American

West and U.S.-Mexico borderlands. Her new book, *MIGRA! A History of the U.S. Border Patrol* (University of California Press, 2010) is the first book to tell the story of how and why the U.S. Border Patrol concentrates its resources upon policing unsanctioned Mexican immigration despite the many possible targets and strategies of U.S. migration control. Her current research focuses upon exploring the social world of incarceration in Los Angeles between 1876 and 1965.

Professor Lytle Hernandez will discuss the criminalization of unlawful entry in the U.S. and its effects on the rate of imprisonment for Mexicans.

**Thursday, September 18, 2014**

Noon | King Hall, Rm. 1301

*Lunch will be served*

## Mass Deportation and Global Capitalism in the 21st Century

**Tanya Golash-Boza**



Tanya Golash-Boza is Associate Professor of Sociology at the University of California, Merced. She is the author of five books, including the forthcoming *Mass Deportation and Global Capitalism* (New York University Press 2015). She has published over a dozen articles, and has won awards for her research and public

service. She also writes on contemporary issues for many outlets including *Al Jazeera*, *The Boston Review*, *The Nation*, *Counterpunch*, *The Houston Chronicle*, and *The Chronicle of Higher Education*.

Professor Golash-Boza will discuss how global capitalism works to facilitate mass deportation.

**Tuesday, September 23, 2014**

Noon | King Hall, Rm. 1001

*Lunch will be served*

## Film Screening and Discussion: The Tinaja Trail



Bryce Clayton Newell (J.D., 2010, UC Davis School of Law) will present his new documentary film, *The Tinaja Trail* (2014), about humanitarian and artistic responses to migrant deaths along the U.S.-Mexico border. He will talk about the film and his on-going research with migrants and aid-workers investigating how migrants access

information about border crossing, how the use of technology plays a role in irregular cross-border migration to the U.S., and how migrants perceive and have experienced U.S. government surveillance in the U.S.-Mexico borderlands.

*The Tinaja Trail*: For centuries, survival in the unforgiving deserts of the American Southwest has hinged on one's ability to locate natural cavities or wind-carved cisterns in rocks called tinajas (tee-NAH-hahs). In these desolate borderlands, hundreds of undocumented immigrants die every year while attempting to cross into the United States from Mexico. In response to this humanitarian crisis, many volunteers and human rights activists are caching water supplies along the migratory trails, while others are imagining cell phones running geo-poetic trail-finding software promising to lead migrants to water. From the perspectives of both the undocumented migrants and the aid-givers, *The Tinaja Trail* provides a compelling tale of life and death, and humanitarian service, in the U.S.-Mexico borderlands. The film features an interview with King Hall's own Kevin Johnson (Dean). Watch the trailer at [www.humanitarianfilm.org](http://www.humanitarianfilm.org).

**Friday, September 26, 2014**

9:00A.M. - Noon | King Hall, Rm. 1001

*Conference:*

## Immigrant Access to Bar Admission: Then and Now



In 1890, New York lawyer Hong Yen Chang was denied the opportunity to practice law in California because of state laws that barred Chinese immigrants from most careers and opportunities. In 2014, the California Supreme Court granted Sergio Garcia, an undocumented Latino law graduate, the right to seek a license to

practice law. The parallels between the immigrant experience at the turn of the twentieth and twenty-first centuries provide lessons for us as we explore the barriers to access to justice for low-income communities, minorities, women and immigrants. This conference brings together scholars, practitioners, and those personally affected by laws that limit professional licenses based on race, national origin, gender or immigrant status.