

## Critical Immigration and Refugee Studies

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### Course Requirements

1. Attendance and active participation.
2. Discussion leader. Each student (or a pair of students) will lead one class discussion. In the presentations, characterize the stakes, methods, and objectives of the group of readings. Rather than summarize, discuss the interventions the works are making; i.e., into what debates are the pieces intervening, how and why, and for what ends? Which disciplinary or theoretical conventions are being criticized, and which employed? Over the course of the quarter, try to identify and discuss the divergences, contradictions, and oppositions between different projects and approaches represented in weekly units. You are welcome to bring in additional materials, if you think they are relevant
3. Writing Assignments/Project. Please select one of these 2 options:
  - a) Three 5-pp response papers, one of which may be written on your presentation and due on the same day. Response papers are due on the day that the readings will be discussed in the seminar. The attached guideline also provides guidelines for your response papers.
  - b) A 15pp. paper that draws on the course themes and materials. Turn in a one-page prospectus by week 3.

### Required Readings:

- Eithne Luibheid. 2002. *Entry Denied: Controlling Sexuality at the Border*. University of Minnesota Press.
- Monisha Das Gupta. 2006. *Unruly Immigrants: Rights, Activism, and Transnational South Asian Politics in the United States*. Duke University Press.
- Geraldine Pratt. 2012. *Families Apart: Migrant Mothers and the Conflicts of Labor and Love*. University of Minnesota Press.
- Jennifer Hyndman. 2000. *Managing Displacement: Refugees and the Politics of Humanitarianism*. University of Minnesota Press.
- Alison Mountz. 2010. *Seeking Asylum: Human Smuggling and Bureaucracy at the Border*. University of Minnesota Press.
- Yen Le Espiritu. In Press. *Body Counts: The Vietnam War and Militarized Refuge(es)*. University of California Press. [I will provide you with the manuscript]
- All other **readings** available through the course's library eReserves page.

## Schedule of Readings and Discussions

### Week 1 – Introduction

#### Part I – Departures

### Week 2 - Problem-Oriented Approach to Immigration/Refugee Studies

- Park, Robert. 1928. “Human Migration and the Marginal Man.” *American Journal of Sociology* 33 (1928): 881-93.
- Park, Robert. 1950. “Our Racial Frontier on the Pacific.” Ch. 9, pp. 138-151 in *Race and Culture*. Glencoe, IL: Free Press.
- Richard Alba and Victor Nee. 2003. “Assimilation Theory: Old and New.” Chapter 2 in *Remaking the American Mainstream: Assimilation and Contemporary Immigration*.
- Min Zhou. 1997. “Growing Up American: The Challenge Confronting Immigrant Children and Children of Immigrants.” *Annual Review of Sociology* 23: 63-95.
- Caplan, Nathan, John K. Whitmore, and Quang L. Bui. 1989. Chapters 3 and 4 in *The Boat People and Achievement in America: A Study of Family Life, Hard Work, and Cultural Values*. Ann Arbor, MI: University of Michigan Press.
- Alejandro Portes and Ruben Rumbaut. 2006. “A Foreign World: Immigration, Mental Health, and Acculturation.” Chapter 6 in *Immigrant America: A Portrait*. University of California Press.
- Hana E. Brown. 2011. “Refugees, Rights and Race: How Legal Status Shapes Liberian Immigrants’ Relationship with the State.” *Social Problems* 58 (1): 144-163.

#### Part II – Critical Immigration Studies

### Week 3 -- Nation State Sovereignty and Citizenship

- Monisha Das Gupta. 2006. *Unruly Immigrants: Rights, Activism, and Transnational South Asian Politics in the United States*. Duke University Press.
- Lisa Lowe. 2008. “The Gender of Sovereignty.” *The Scholar & Feminist Online* 6:3
- Engin F. Isina. “Citizenship in Flux: The Figure of the Activist Citizen.” *Subjectivity* 2009, 29, 367-388.

### Week 4-- Borders on Belonging: Criminalization, Incarceration and Detention

- Catherine Dauvergne. 2003. “Making People Illegal.” In *Critical Beings: Law, Nation, and the Global Subject*, edited by Peter Fitzpatrick and Patricia Tuitt. Ashgate.
- Matthew Coleman and Austin Kocher. 2011. “Detention, deportation, devolution and immigrant incapacitation in the US, post 9/11.” *Geographical Journal* 177 (3): 228-237.
- Perera, Suvendrini. 2002. “What Is a Camp? Borderphobias—the Politics of Insecurity Post-9/11,” *Borderlands e-journal* 1(1).
- Alissa R. Ackerman & Rich Furman. 2013. “The Criminalization of Immigration and the Privatization of the Immigration Detention: Implications for Justice.” *Contemporary Justice Review* 16:2, 251-263.

- Dylan Rodriguez. 2008. "‘I Would Wish Death on You...’ Race, Gender, and Immigration in the Globality of the U.S. Prison Regime." *The Scholar & Feminist Online* 6:3.

### **Week 5—Sexuality, Gender, and Immigration Control**

- Eithne Luibheid. 2002. *Entry Denied: Controlling Sexuality at the Border*. University of Minnesota Press.
- Lionel Cantu. 2002. "Border Crossers: Seeking Asylum and Maneuvering Identities." Ch. 3 in *The Sexuality of Migration: Border Crossings and Mexican Immigrant Men*. New York University Press.
- Martin F. Manalansan IV. 2006. "Queer Intersections: Sexuality and Gender in Migration Studies." *International Migration Review* 40 (1): 224-249.

### **Week 6– The Global and the Intimate**

- Geraldine Pratt. 2012. *Families Apart: Migrant Mothers and the Conflicts of Labor and Love*. University of Minnesota Press.
- Susan Bibler Coutin, Bill Maurer and Barbara Yngvesson. 2002. "In the Mirror: The Legitimation Work of Globalization." *Law & Social Inquiry* 27 (4): 801-843.
- Kale Bantigue Fajardo. 2011. "Introduction: Filipino Crosscurrents." In *Filipino Crosscurrents: Oceanographies of Seafaring, Masculinities, and Globalization*. University of Minnesota Press.

## **Part III – "In-Between" Figures: Refugees and Asylum Seekers**

### **Week 7 – Refugees as "Critical Beings"**

- Arendt, Hannah. 1978. "We Refugees." *The Menorah Journal* XXXI (1943), reprinted in *The Jew as Pariah: Jewish Identity and Politics in the Modern Age*. Edited by R.H. Feldman. New York: Grove Press.
- Peter Nyers. 2003. "Abject Cosmopolitanism: the Politics of Protection and the Anti-Deportation Movement." *Third World Quarterly* 24 (6): 1069-1093.
- Ilana Feldman. 2007. "Difficult Distinctions: Refugee Law, Humanitarian Practice, and Political Identification in Gaza." *Cultural Anthropology* 22(1): 129-169.
- Jenny Edkins and Véronique Pin-Fat. 2005. "Through the Wire: Relations of Power and Relations of Violence." *Millennium: Journal of International Studies* 34 (1): 1-24.
- Patricia Owens. 2009. "Reclaiming 'Bare Life'?: Against Agamben on Refugees." *International Relations* 23 (4): 567-582.
- Patricia Tuitt. "Refugees, Nations, Laws and the Territorialization of Violence." In *Critical Beings: Law, Nation, and the Global Subject*, edited by Peter Fitzpatrick and Patricia Tuitt. Ashgate.
- Lipman, Jana K. 2012. "'Give Us a Ship': The Vietnamese Repatriate Movement on Guam, 1975." *American Quarterly* 64: 1-31.

### **Week 8 – In-Between Spaces: Stateless by Geographical Design**

- Alison Mountz. 2010. *Seeking Asylum: Human Smuggling and Bureaucracy at the Border*. University of Minnesota Press.
- Suwendrini Perera. "Oceanic Corpo-graphies, Refugee Bodies and the Making and Unmaking of Waters." *Feminist Review* 2013 103: 58-79.
- A. Naomi Paik. 2010. "Testifying to Rightlessness: Haitian Refugees Speaking from Guantánamo." *Social Texts* 28 (3 104): 39-65.

#### **Week 9 – "Colonialism of Compassion": Critique of Humanitarianism**

- Jennifer Hyndman. 2000. *Managing Displacement: Refugees and the Politics of Humanitarianism*. University of Minnesota Press.
- Mimi Nguyen. 2012. "Introduction: The Empire of Freedom." Pp. 1-32 in *The Gift of Freedom: War, Debt, and Other Refugee Passages*.
- Carruthers, Susan L. 2005. "Between Camps: Eastern Bloc 'Escapees' and Cold War Borderlands." *American Quarterly* 57: 911-942.

#### **Week 10 – Militarized Refuge(es)**

- Yen Le Espiritu. In Press. *Body Counts: The Vietnam War and Militarized Refuge(es)*. University of California Press.
- Khalili, Laleh. 2005. "Places of Memory and Mourning: Palestinian Commemoration in the Refugee Camps of Lebanon." *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa, and the Middle East* 25: 30-45.

