

LATINX SPEAKER SERIES

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"Imagining Land and Latinidad in the Wake of the California Gold Rush"



To destabilize dominant accounts of the California Gold Rush, Latinx literary critics have celebrated the Spanish-speakers who settled in the region before it was a part of the US. However, as critics have illuminated these Californias/os, they have turned a blind eye to the Chilenas/os, Mexicanas/os, and other foreign-born Latinas/os who made up the majority of the area's Spanish-speaking population as early as 1850. By assembling a multilingual archive of novels and newspapers, this talk shows how these migrant Latinas/os shaped “imagined environments”—my term for the frameworks through which human groups represent, relate to, and reside in more-than-human worlds.

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