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## LATINO METROPOLIS

**PP&D 172 Chc/LaT Studies 154 (REVISED SYLLABUS: September 29, 2015)**

Fall 2015

7pm-9:50 Tuesday

Classroom: SSL 248

Instructor:

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### **Course Description:**

This course will explore across generations the processes of Mexican American urbanization, particularly in the context of the changing Southern California political economy. Selected analytical comparisons with other “Latino populations” will be made to highlight differences and similarities. Instructor has scheduled special guests to give lectures and informal talks. We will also be screening several films and documentaries to complement the readings. Important note: Syllabus is subject to change.

**Required Text:**

*Latino Urbanism* edited by David Diaz and Rodolfo D. Torres (New York University Press, 2012)

*Latino Stats: American Hispanics by the Numbers* by Idelisse Malave and Esti Giordani (The New Press, 2015)

**Course Requirements: (REVISED)**

Final Paper: On a topic related to the major themes of the class. Topics to consider: immigration, inequality, education, gangs, gender, Dreamers, health, environment racism, criminal justice, voting and politics, radical urban political economy, and segregation, urban poverty, child poverty, housing, jobs and the economy, labor market participation (gender differences) —these are just some suggestions. No more than 3000 words. Font: Times New Roman; Font Size 12; Spacing: 1.5. Should equal 9.5 pages. Do not include number of words in your bibliography as part of the official total word count. Sorry! Please do NOT wait to write your paper late in the term. Get to it now! Speak to the TA or instructor. Also do not hesitate to schedule a meeting with a librarian. Librarians are your best source of information---Not Google!

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**Course Outline****September 29**

Introduction

**October 6**

Guest: Julia M. Gelfand UC Irvine Librarian

Film: Harvest of Empire

Readings:

1. Merging Borders: The Remapping of America by Edna Acosta-Belen and Carlos E. Santiago (hand-out) in *The Latino Studies Reader* edited by Antonia Darder and Rodolfo D. Torres (Blackwell, 1998)

2. *Latino Stats* pages 9-23;121-132

**October 13**

Guest Dr. Susan Brown UCI Sociology Department

Readings:

1. *Latino Stats* pages 57-66
2. Unauthorized Mexican Migration and the Socioeconomic Integration of Mexican Americans by Frank Bean and Susan Brown

**October 20**

Guest: Dr. Alfredo Carlos California State University, Long Beach

Film: Harvest of Shame

Readings:

1. *Latino Stats* pages 9-23

2. Mexican Mass Labor Migration in a not-so-changing political economy by Armando Irbarra and Alfredo Carlos (website or hand-out)

**October 27**

Guest: Dr. David Diaz, California State University, Los Angeles

Readings:

*Latino Urbanism* by David Diaz and Rodolfo D. Torres Chapters 1 and 2

*Latino Stats* pages 25-35

**November 3**

Readings:

1. *Latino Urbanism* by David Diaz and Rodolfo D. Torres Chapter 8

2. *Latino Stats* pages 71-91

**November 10**

Guests: Carla Osorio Veli and friends

A Los Angeles Latina collective will discuss their new book. This book celebrates the victories and resiliency of Latina immigrants in the U.S.

Recommended Readings:

1. *Latino Urbanism* by David Diaz and Rodolfo D. Torres Chapters 4 & 7

**November 17**

Carla Salazar Gonzalez PhD student in Department of Sociology, UCLA (UCI alumnus) Ms. Carla Salazar Gonzalez will be discussing her research and her experience as a young Chicana scholar in academy.

Readings: TBA

**November 24**

No Class Research in Library

Readings: None

**December 1**

Readings:

1. *Latino Urbanism* by David Diaz and Rodolfo D. Torres Chapter 8 (Valle and Torres)
2. *Latino Stats* pages 37-55;

**December 8** Final Paper Due in Torres' office no later than 8pm (in-person)

No e-submissions