

UCLA CESAR E. CHAVEZ DEPARTMENT OF CHICANA/O STUDIES

CS10B Introduction to Chicana/o Studies: Social Structures and Contemporary Conditions

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Course Description:

This course consists of a broad overview of the challenges and reality the Chican@s/Latin@s currently face. This class will mainly present different types of social science perspectives that will address specific concepts, analysis, and community responses to marginalization. Furthermore, we will see how Mexican-American's racial formation comes to be and its implications. These include second-class citizenship, segregation, labor exploitation and discrimination. This course will also examine how Mexican-Americans understand and identify themselves when they experience exclusion and inequality. The course will also address how race, class, gender, sexuality and immigrant status affect Latinos.

The class will begin with a demographic and historical overview of Latinos' experience in the US, and will then proceed to address the social, cultural, and political significance of self and imposed identification. The class will go onto to explore how the continuity of racialization has affected immigration debates, policy and public discourse. We will further discuss how immigration affects the Chican@ community and how context of reception is not solely about the first generation, but that in fact many of the issues the Chican@ community face are across generation and immigration status. The class will then examine how both traditional and non-traditional politics has been a tool for Latinos to demand inclusion, and also evaluate how effective these interventions have been. In the last part of the course we will engage in recent attacks on Latinos that include SB 1070, attacks on Ethnic Studies, copycat legislation, and local incidents that continue to reflect the unique racialization Latinos experience and its hindrances. We will conclude by incorporating the concept of intersectionality to further explain how parts of the Latin@ community face multiple forms of discrimination.

Course Expectations and Requirements:

The authors you will be reading will be in conversation with one another regarding the weekly topic. Thus, you will be expected to understand their arguments and make your own deductions from their evidence and argumentation. You are required to attend every lecture and complete weekly readings by the beginning of the week. I encourage you to come by during office hours or make an appointment.

Grading:

Class Participation/Attendance: 10%

Take Home Midterm: 40% (Due Tuesday August 28) No late Midterms will be accepted.

In-Class Final: 50% (Thursday September 13 ONLY)

Required Materials:

Coursereader at CopyMat 10919 Weyburn Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90024, (310) 824-5276
Open Weekdays 9am-5pm

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Week 1: Demographics, Racial Identities, & Participation

Bedolla, Lisa Garcia. 2009. Latino Politics. Polity
Introduction: Latinos and US Politics

Garcia, John A. 2011. Latino Politics in America. Second Edition. Rowman & Littlefield Publishers. *Ch. 3: Culture & Demographics & Ch. 5 The Politics of Interest and Culture.*

Cobas, Jose A. Jorge Duany & Joe R. Feagin eds. 2009. How the United States Racializes Latinos: White Hegemony & Its Consequences. Paradigm Publishers.
Introduction: Racializing Latinos: Historical Background and Current Forms & Ch.1 Pigments of Our Imagination: On the Racialization and Racial Identities of “Hispanics” and “Latinos” (Ruben Rumbaut).

Cohn, D’Vera. 2011. Census 2010: 50 Million Latinos: Hispanics Account for More Than Half of Nation’s Growth in Past Decade. Pew Hispanic Center.

Cohn, D’Vera 2011. Latino Youths Optimistic But Beset by Problems. Pew Hispanic Center.

Lopez, Mark Hugo. 2011. The Latino Electorate in 2010: More Voters, More Non-Voters. Pew Hispanic Center.

Week 2: Race, Citizenship and Immigration

Huntington, Samuel P. 2004. “The Hispanic Challenge.” Foreign Policy March/April:30-45.

Chavez, Leo. R. 2008. The Latino Threat: Constructing Immigrants, Citizens, and the Nation. Stanford University Press.

Introduction, Ch 6: The Minuteman Project’s Spectacle of Surveillance on the Arizona-Mexico Border

Fox, Cybelle. 2012. Three Worlds of Relief: Race Immigration, and the American Welfare State from the Progressive Era to the New Deal. Princeton University Press.

Chapter 1: Race, Immigration and the American Welfare State, & Ch 4 The Mexican Dependency Problem

Fraga, Luis R & Gary Segura. 2006. "Culture Clash? Contesting Notions of American Identity and the Effects of Latin American Immigration.

Week 3: Second and Subsequent Generations

Portes, Alejandro & Min Zhou. 1993. "The New Second Generations: Segmented Assimilation and Its Variants." *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 530: 74-96

Lopez, David E. & Ricardo D. Stanton-Salazar. 2001. "Mexican-Americans: A second Generation at Risk": in Ruben G. Rumbaut & Alejandro Portes, eds, *Ethnicities: Children of Immigrants in America*. University of California Press & New York: Russell Sage Foundation

Telles, Edward & Vilma Ortiz. 2008. *Generations of Exclusion: Mexican-Americans, Assimilation, and Race*. Russell Sage Foundation.
Introduction & Conclusion

Golash-Boza Tanya.2006. "Dropping the Hyphen? Becoming Latino(a) through Racialized Assimilation." *Social Forces*.

Week 4: Traditional & Non-Traditional Politics

Montejano. David. eds.1999. *Chicano Politics and Society: In the Late Twentieth Century*. University of Texas Press, Austin.

Introduction: On the Question of Inclusion, Ch 2: Harold Washington and the Rise of Latino Electoral Politics in Chicago, 1982-1987 (Teresa Cordova), Ch 3: Gendered Citizenship: Mexican American Women and Grassroots Activism in East Los Angeles, 1986-1992 (Mary Pardo)

Bedolla, Lisa Garcia. 2009. *Latino Politics. Polity.*
Ch 2: Latino/a Participation: Individual Activity & Institutional Context & Ch 7: Conclusion: The Context of Latino Migration and Mobilization

Baretto, Matt, Sylvia Manzano, Ricardo Ramirez, Kathy Rim.2009. "Mobilization, Participation, and Solidaridad: Latino Participation, in the 2006 Immigration Protest Rallies." *Urban Affairs Review*.

Week 5: Contemporary Latino Racialization: SB 1070, HB 2281, & Copy Cats

Hosang, Daniel Martinez. 2010.*Racial Propositions: Ballot Initiatives and the Making of Post-War California*.

Introduction "Genteel Apartheid," Ch 1: "We Have No Master Race;" Racial Liberalism and Political Whiteness, & Conclusion: Blue State Racism

Cobas, Jose A. Jorge Duany & Joe R. Feagin eds. 2009. How the United States Racializes Latinos: White Hegemony & Its Consequences. Paradigm Publishers.

Ch 4: Repression and Resistance: The Lynching of Persons of Mexican Origin in the United States, 1848-1928 (William D. Carrigan and Clive Webb, Ch 6: Racializing the Language Practices of US Latinos: Impact on their Education (Ofelia Garcia)

Murray, Mark, May 26, 2010. "On Immigration, Racial Divide Runs Deep." MSNBC

White, Elon James. 2011. Black Leaders Get Close-up View of Alabama's New Jim Crow. Colorlines.

Bigger, Jeff. 2011. "Unidos Present Ten Point Resolution on Arizona Ethnic Studies Crisis 'We Want an Educational System Where Many Cultures Fit.'" SpeakEasy.

Week 6: Intersectionality: Race, Class, Gender, Sexuality, & Immigrant Status

Luibheid, Etithne. 2002. Entry Denied: Controlling Sexuality at the Border. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press.

Introduction: Power and Sexuality at the Border

Gutierrez. Elena R. 2008. Fertile Matters: The Politics of Mexican-Origin Women's Reproduction. University of Texas Press.

Ch 1: The Fertility of Women of Mexican Origin: A Social Constructionist Approach, Ch 6: "The Right to Have Children: Chicana Organizing Against Sterilization Abuse"

Chavez, Maria. 2011. Everyday Injustice: Latino Professionals & Racism. Rowman and Littlefield Publishers Inc.

Introduction: Latinos & Race in America & Chapter 4: Latina Struggles: Challenges for Women.