

Race and Climate Change

Latino/Latin American Studies Spring 2022 Series



Viviana Huiliñir-Curío: "Landscapes of Mapuche Mobilities in the Andes of Southern Chile, Wallmapu"

Monday, January 31 at 6:00 PM CST, Webinar event

This presentation will discuss the production of the landscapes of the mobilities of the Mapuche in the southern Andes of Chile, Wallmapu. The Mapuche are an indigenous people of Chile with a long history of resistance to the colonization of the Southern Cone. The landscapes associated with specific routes and mobilities in the Andes, account for past and present mobilities that challenge and resist processes of territorial dispossession in the context of settler colonialism.

Viviana Huiliñir-Curío is a Mapuche geographer who has a Master's degree in Social Sciences and is currently a Ph.D. student at the University of Colorado, Boulder. Her research is located at the intersection of mobility studies, human geography, and political ecology. In her work, she examines the various forms of mobility in Wallmapu, especially in the Andes of southern Chile, and their implications in the production of Mapuche landscapes, social memory and territories in the context of settler colonialism.



Dr. Fernando Burga: "Latino Climate Justice and Activism in the New Immigrant Gateway: Interrogating Policy, Urban Planning, Research in MN"

Wednesday, March 2, 7:00 PM, Quad 264 SJU

This presentation considers the opportunities and challenges linking climate justice/activism and the Latino experience in MN through the lens of urban planning practice and research. To explore this link the presentation will be composed of two parts; the first part offers a baseline assessment of current debates concerning Latinos and public policy in MN. This analysis is placed in relation to a broader discussion about urban planning and Latinos in order to evaluate the potential of centering climate justice/activism in MN. In the second part of the presentation participants learn about the experience of conducting community-engaged research focused on urban planning and Latinos in MN through a series of case studies focused on transportation, food systems

and community engagement. The presentation concludes by identifying key tensions between policy, research and practice that may inform a synthesis of climate justice and activism, Race and immigration in MN.

Dr. Fernando Burga is an assistant professor at the Masters of Urban and Regional Planning Program at the Humphrey School of Public Affairs. His research, teaching and service focus on immigration, food systems and Race in urban planning.



Dr. Ian Carrillo: "Dislodging Authoritarianism: The Brazilian Labor Ministry's Fight Against Neo-slavery and Environmental Exploitation"

Wednesday, March 23, 6:30 PM, Upper Gorecki CSB

In this talk, Dr. Carrillo will discuss his research on the Brazilian Labor Ministry's efforts to combat neo-slavery and environmental exploitation. Based on interviews conducted with labor inspectors, prosecutors, and judges, Dr. Carrillo will describe how these actors built a federal bureaucratic infrastructure to dislodge local systems of authoritarianism in interior Brazil. The talk will detail how these officials enforced legal principles grounded in human rights, worker justice, and environmental protection to undermine regimes of racialized labor abuse and resource depletion.

Dr. Ian Carrillo is an Assistant Professor of Sociology at the University of Oklahoma. He completed his PhD at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and was a postdoctoral fellow at the University of California, Santa Barbara. His research focuses on how race, class, and environment interact to shape inequality, with an emphasis on Brazil and the United States. With past support from the Fulbright Association and the National Science Foundation, his work has been published in *Rural Sociology*, *Agriculture and Human Values*, *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*, *Current Sociology*, *Environmental Sociology*, and *Latin American Perspectives*.

All are welcome