

Global Migration

Geography 443/543



"Border Fence" Joe Post 2006

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12:00-1:20
Tuesday & Thursday
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This course explores the political, economic, and socio-cultural dimensions of labor migration. Although our central focus will be recent migration patterns and processes in the context of globalization, the course will situate these dynamics within the complex history of human mobility, particularly as it relates to histories of capitalism, urbanization, and colonialism. Readings and discussions will require students to engage a range of academic theories and disciplinary approaches—from push/pull theory to the concepts of diaspora and transnationalism. Topics to be examined include: political and economic drivers of migration in particular historical moments and geographical contexts; immigration policies and the role of state power and territoriality in shaping migration dynamics across scale; shifting social identities, cultures, and notions of belonging in relation to migration; and the role of race, gender, and class in these processes.

Tentative list of books for this course:

- Samers, Michael. (2010) **Migration** (Key Ideas in Geography series)
- Nagai, Mae. (2005) **Impossible Subjects: Illegal Aliens and the Making of Modern America.**
- Rodriguez, Robyn M. (2010) **Migrants for Export: How the Philippine State Brokers Labor to the World.**
- Gammeltoft-Hansen, Thomas & Ninna Nyberg Sorensen. (2012) **The Migration Industry and the Commercialization of International Migration.**