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Join us for a dialogue between Miroslava Chávez-García (History) and John S.W. Park (Asian American Studies) about Chávez-García’s new book, Migrant Longing and Park’s new book, Immigration Law and Society. Refreshments will be served.

Tuesday, March 5 | 4:00 pm
McCune Conference Room, 6020 HSSB

MIROSLAVA CHÁVEZ-GARCÍA

Migrant Longing: Letter Writing across the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands
(University of North Carolina, 2018)

Migrant Longing draws upon Miroslava Chávez-García’s personal collection of 300 letters exchanged by family members across the U.S.-Mexico border, illuminating what migrants experienced in their everyday lives both “here” and “there” (aqui y alla). Chávez-García uses these private, firsthand accounts to demonstrate not only how migrants struggled to maintain their sense of humanity in el norte but also how those remaining at home made sense of their changing identities in response to the loss of loved ones.

Miroslava Chávez-García is Professor of History at UCSB. She is the author of Negotiating Conquest: Gender and Power in California, 1770s to 1880s (2004) and States of Delinquency: Race and Science in the Making of California’s Juvenile Justice System (2012).

JOHN S.W. PARK

Immigration Law and Society
(Polity Press, 2018)

In Immigration Law and Society (2018), John S.W. Park makes sense of the political history and the social impacts of immigration law, showing how legislation has reflected both domestic concerns and wider foreign policy. Park examines how legal immigration law reforms have inspired radically different responses across all levels of government, from cooperation to outright disobedience, and how they continue to fracture broader political debates.

John S.W. Park is Professor of Asian American Studies and Associate Director for the UC Center for New Racial Studies. He is the author of Elusive Citizenship (2004), Probationary Americans (co-author, 2005), and Illegal Migrations and the Huckleberry Finn Problem (2013), which was selected as an Outstanding Academic Title by the Association of College and Research Libraries.

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