



The Southern Border Fall 2008

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Overview of the Course

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The southern border of the United States, stretching from California to Florida, is the longest physical divide between the First and the Third Worlds. The border is a cultural mosaic, a zone that abruptly brings together diverse experiences from the North and the South. It is also a place where one can see larger social, economic, and political processes at work on both sides of the boundary. This course will look at the southern border from both these perspectives: as a distinct landscape where North-South relations take on a specific spatial and cultural dimension; and as a broader region which has seen the emergence of many issues of national significance, such as bilingual education, immigration, ethnic politics, remittances and free trade.

While many patterns of change were established during the nineteenth century, the century has brought new dimensions of economic expansion, transforming the border region. A restructuring of regional economic and political power caused a tilting of capital, resources, and population toward the previously less-settled zones of the South and Southwest of the US and to the northern frontier of Mexico. This transformation has been accompanied by changes in immigration patterns; the contemporary shift in immigration sources from the Atlantic Rim to the Pacific Rim and the Caribbean has been dramatic. The border states have felt these changes keenly. Areas such as California, Texas, and Florida have become important centers for international trade, as well as gateways for new immigrants and refugees. Since 1950, the frontier zone between the United States and Mexico has been transformed into the most heavily populated border region in the world; by the turn of the century, some ten million people will inhabit this new urban corridor. Cities such as Miami and Los Angeles, the east and west anchors of the new immigration, have emerged as urban centers of intense diversity and sometimes conflict.

In this course we will trace the origins of the changes that have defined today's southern border. After this historical overview, we will look critically at debates on immigration reform, education, trade, and politics as well as new cultural and political identities in the border regions.

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Requirements

mid-term 1	October 2
mid-term 2	November 6
final	December 15, 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Mid-terms = 60% of final grade

Final exam = 40% of final grade

THERE WILL BE NO MAKE-UP EXAMS

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Class E-Mail Lists

There will be two mailing lists from which students will receive course updates and additional materials via e-mail. To be listed on these mailing lists, students must have an e-mail account and then subscribe to them individually. The first mailing list is required, and the second mailing list is optional. Some readings for the course as well as a host of course-related material are available online at the Southern Border Web site:

<http://southernborder.berkeley.edu> or at the Center for Latin American Studies website at: <http://clas.berkeley.edu>.

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Readings

REQUIRED BOOKS

(All books are available at ANALOG BOOKS, 1816 Euclid Avenue, and at ASUC)

Castañeda, Jorge G., *Ex Mex: From Migrants to Immigrants*, (New York: The New Press, 2007).

Manz, Beatriz, *Paradise in Ashes: A Guatemalan Journey of Courage, Terror, and Hope* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2004).

Stepick, Alex, et al., *This Land is our Land: Immigrants and Power in Miami*, (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2003).

Americas Society and Council of the Americas. Summer 2008. *Americas Quarterly*, vol. 2 no. 3. New York: Americas Society/Council of the Americas.

Center for Latin American Studies. Spring 2008. *Berkeley Review of Latin American Studies*. Berkeley: UC Press. (Available online at clas.berkeley.edu and in hard copy at the Center for Latin American Studies, 2334 Bowditch Street, Berkeley, CA 94720. \$5 donation) requested

Required reader available at Copy Central, 2650 Bancroft Way .

OPTIONAL BOOK

Nazario, Sonia, *Enrique's Journey*, (New York: Random House, 2006).

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Schedule

WEEK 1 – HISTORICAL FRAMEWORK**August 28 – Introduction****WEEK 2 – MEXICAN HISTORY****September 2 – Mexico: the Conquest to Independence**

- Skidmore, Thomas E. and Peter H. Smith, "Mexico: The Taming of a Revolution," in *Modern Latin America 6 th ed.* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2005), pp. 254-295.
- West, Rebecca, " Tenochtitlán," in *Survivors in Mexico*, (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2003), pp. 154-165.

September 4 – Mexico: Manifest Destiny and war

- Schoultz, Lars, "Acquiring Northern Mexico," in *Beneath the United States: A History of U.S. Policy Toward Latin America*, (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1998), pp.14-38.

Recommended:

- Walker Howe, Daniel, "The War Against Mexico," in *What Hath God Wrought: The Transformation of America, 1815-1848*, pp. 744-791.
- Nugent, Walter, "Texas, 1811-1845: Overpopulating and Conquering" in *Habits of Empire: A History of American Expansion* , (New York : Knopf, 2008), pp. 130-156.

WEEK 3 –HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES**September 9 – Central America/Caribbean**

- Torres Rivas, Edelberto, "Anarchy," *History and Society in Central America*, (Austin: University of Texas Press, 1993), pp. 1-11.
- Kinzer, Stephen, *Overthrow: America's Century of Regime Change from Hawaii to Iraq*, (New York: Times Books, 2006), pp. 129-147; 203-207; 214-216.

September 11 – Californios / The Depression: Migration and Deportation

- McWilliams, Carey. "Californios and Mexicanos" and "The Growth of a Legend," in *Southern California an Island on the Land*, (Salt Lake City: Peregrine Smith Books, 1946, 1973), pp. 49-83.
- Gregory, James, *American Exodus: The Dust Bowl Migration and Okie Culture in California*, (New York: Oxford University Press, 1989), Chapters 3-4.

WEEK 4 – MEXICO IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY

September 16 – The Mexican Revolution

- Hart, John, "The Mexican Revolution, 1910-1920," in Meyer, Michael C. and William H. Beezley, eds., *The Oxford History of Mexico*, (New York: Oxford University Press, 2000), pp. 435-465.

September 18—Post-revolutionary Mexico

- Camp, Roderic, "The Time of the Technocrats and Deconstruction of the Revolution," *The Oxford History of Mexico* pp. 609-636.
- Guillermprieto, Alma, "Losing the Future," "Zapatas Heirs," and "Elections 2000," in *Looking for History*, (New York: Pantheon Books, 2001), pp. 178-206; 286-303.
- -----, "The Morning Quickie," *The New York Review of Books*, Volume 51, Number 13, August 12, 2004.

WEEK 5 – NEW DIRECTIONS: WHITHER MEXICO?

September 23 – Current Challenges for Mexico

- Selee, Andrew, "More Than Neighbors: An Overview of Mexico and U.S. – Mexico Relations, (Washington: Woodrow Wilson Center, 2007), Available online: [http://www.wilsoncenter.org/topics/pubs/Mexico.More Than Neighbors.pdf](http://www.wilsoncenter.org/topics/pubs/Mexico.More%20Than%20Neighbors.pdf)

September 25 - Contemporary Political Context

- Worthman, Catha, "Bridges or Barriers?," *Berkeley Review of Latin American Studies*, Spring 2008. Available online at: <http://www.clas.berkeley.edu>

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WEEK 6 – CHALLENGES FOR MEXICO

September 30 –Energy & Alternative Energy

- Cárdenas, Cuauhtémoc, "Reforming Pemex", *Berkeley Review of Latin American*

Studies, Spring 2008.

- Delgado, Martha, "Alternative Energy", *Berkeley Review of Latin American Studies*, Spring 2008.
- Dickerson, Marla, "Woes mount for Mexico's state oil titan", *Los Angeles Times*, January 2, 2008.
- Kammen, Daniel, "Energy Shock", *Berkeley Review of Latin American Studies*, Spring 2008.

Recommended:

- Shields, David, " Mexico's Deteriorating Oil Outlook: Implications and Energy Options for the Future", Center for Latin American Studies, UC Berkeley, Policy Paper, (March 2008 / Paper No. 8). Available online: <http://www.clas.berkeley.edu:7001/Publications/workingpapers/>

October 2 –*MIDTERM 1*****

WEEK 7 – CHALLENGES FOR MEXICO: PART II

October 7 – Immigration Reform: the context

- Huntington, Samuel, "The Hispanic Challenge", *Foreign Policy*, March/April 2004.
- Castañeda, Jorge G., *Ex Mex: From Migrants to Immigrants*, (New York: The New Press, 2007), pp. 1-46.
- Roberts, Sam, "In a Generation, Minorities May Be the U.S. Majority", *New York Times*, August 14, 2008.
- ----, "A Nation of None and All of the Above," *New York Times*, August 17, 2008.

October 9 – Immigration Reform: the debate

- Jacoby, Tamar, "Immigration Reform: A Bitter Tide Begins to Ebb", *Berkeley Review of Latin American Studies*, Spring 2008.
- Rafael Fernández de Castro, "Migrant Voices", *Berkeley Review of Latin American Studies*, Spring 2008.
- Echaveste, Maria, " A Mexico in the United States", *Berkeley Review of Latin American Studies*, Spring 2008.
- *Americas Quarterly*, "Our Immigrant Hemisphere," Summer 2008, pp.32-88.

Recommended:

- Martin, Phil, " Global and U.S. Immigration: Patterns, Issues, and Outlook", Center for Latin American Studies, UC Berkeley, Policy Paper, (March 2008 / No. 7). Available online: <http://www.clas.berkeley.edu:7001/Publications/workingpapers/>

WEEK 8 – CHALLENGES FOR MEXICO: PART III

October 14 – Crossing Borders: A Personal Journey

- Documentary: "Matias," Frontline World, Claudine Lomonaco and Mary Spicuzza,

2004.

- Von Drehle, David, "A New Line in the Sand," *Time*, June 30, 2008, pp. 29-35.
- Castañeda, Jorge G., *Ex Mex: from Migrants to Immigrants*, (New York: The New Press, 2007), pp.47-92; 168-194.

Recommended:

- Documentary: "Mexico: Crimes at the Border," Andrew Becker and Lowell Bergman, 2008. Available online: <http://www.pbs.org/frontlineworld/stories/mexico704/>
- Nazario, Sonia, *Enrique's Journey*, (New York: Random House, 2006).

October 16 – Drugs & Violence

- Dickerson, Marla and Cecilia Sánchez, "Sinaloa rocked by soaring drug violence," *Los Angeles Times*, July 15, 2008.
- Lacey, Mark and Antonio Betancourt, "A Boy's Killing Prods a City to Stand Up to Kidnappers," *New York Times*, August 14, 2008.
- Meyer, Maureen, et al, "At A Crossroads: Drug Trafficking, Violence, and the Mexican State," *Washington Office on Latin America (WOLA)*, November, 2007, pp. 1-12. Available online: http://www.wola.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=viewp&id=607&Itemid=2
- Sandoval, Ricardo, "Life, Death and Journalism on the Border," *Berkeley Review of Latin American Studies*, Spring 2008.
- Zimring, Frank E., "Violence and Drugs: Divide, Then Conquer?," *Berkeley Review of Latin American Studies*, Spring 2008.

WEEK 9. CENTRAL AMERICA

October 21 & 23 -

- Manz, Beatriz, *Paradise in Ashes: A Guatemalan Journey of Courage, Terror, and Hope*, (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2004).
- Documentary: "Guatemala: The Secret Files", Clark Boyd, PBS Frontline World, 2008. Available online: <http://www.pbs.org/frontlineworld/stories/guatemala704/>

WEEK 10. EDUCATION

October 28

- Suarez-Orozco, Carola. et al. *Learning a New Land: Immigrant Students in American Society* (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2008), pp. 359-377.
- Fry, Richard, "The Role of Schools in the English Language Learner Achievement Gap," *Pew Hispanic Center*, 2008, Executive Summary, 1-6. <http://pewhispanic.org/reports/report.php?ReportID=89>

October 30 -The Latino Vote

- Echaveste, Maria, "Who is the Latino Voter," *Berkeley Review of Latin American Studies*, Spring 2007. Available online: <http://www.clas.berkeley.edu:7001/>

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WEEK 11. NEW DIRECTIONS FOR MEXICO/CALIFORNIA

November 4 – Political Context in the Americas

- Schoultz Lars, *Latin America and the United States, " Latin America After Neoliberalism: Turning the Tide in the 21 st Century*, (New York: The New Press, 2006), pp. 49-71.

November 6 - * SECOND MIDTERM *****

WEEK 12. TRADE AND ECONOMIC INTEGRATION NAFTA/CAFTA

November 11 – Veterans Day (no classes)

November 13 – NAFTA, CAFTA & Maquiladoras

- Documentary: "Maquilapolis", Directors, Vicky Funari and Sergio De La Torre.
- Delong, Bradford, "Afta Thoughts on NAFTA", *Berkeley Review of Latin American Studies*, Fall 2006. Available online: <http://www.clas.berkeley.edu:7001/>

WEEK 13. TRADE AND ECONOMIC INTEGRATION NAFTA/CAFTA & HAITIAN MIGRATION

November 18 – NAFTA, CAFTA & Maquiladoras

- Pastor, Robert, " The Future of North America", *Foreign Affairs*, July/August 2008.
- CAFTA Congressional Testimony, House Committee on Ways and Means, Statement of Harley Shaiken, April 21, 2005. Available online: <http://waysandmeans.house.gov//hearings.asp?formmode=view&id=2824>

November 20 – Mexico in the Global Economy

- Gallagher, Kevin P. and Roberto Porzecanski, " Climbing Up the Technology Ladder? High-Technology Exports in China and Latin America", Center for Latin American Studies, UC Berkeley, Working Paper, (January 2008 / Paper No. 20).

Available online: <http://www.clas.berkeley.edu:7001/Publications/workingpapers/>

WEEK 14. HAITI

November 25– Haitian Immigration

- Stepick, Alex, et al., *This Land is our Land: Immigrants and Power in Miami*, (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2003), Chapters 1 and 4.

November 28 - *THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY*

WEEK 15. CUBA

December 2 – Cuba: the Cold War context

- Schlesinger, Arthur M., Jr, *Journals: 1952-2000*, (New York: Penguin Press, 2007), pp. 108-113, 120.
- Purdum, Todd S, " A True Story of What Now Seems Incredible," *New York Times*, November 5, 2000.

December 4 – Cuba continued

- Stepick, Alex, et al. *This Land is our Land: Immigrants and Power in Miami*, Chapters 2, 3, 5.
- Chavez, Lydia, *Capitalism, God and a Good Cigar*, (Durham: Duke University Press, 2005), pp. 1-14.
- PEW Hispanic Center, "Cubans in the United States," August, 2006.

December 9 – Summing Up

December 15, 12:30 - 3:30 PM - *FINAL EXAM*****

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