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Religious Responses to Death and Migration: Borderlands in Haiti and the United States/Mexico

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4:00 PM – 5:30 PM
Royce Hall

This talk compares religious responses to death in the U.S./Mexico borderlands and the marine borders of Haiti. It considers how the lost and disappeared are mourned and honored in marginalized spaces by stigmatized people. Drawing from ethnographic and historical sources, it explores how these communities adapt their beliefs and rituals in the face of crisis.



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