

Ethnic Studies

Colloquium, Monday, December 2nd, 1:00-2:00 p.m., INTN 3023:

“Indigenous Futures: Oaxaqueñx Youth *Encuentro* and New Voices in the California Central Valley”



by Nancy Morales

Based on a five-year Native ethnography with participant observation of fifteen Oaxaqueñx Youth *Encuentro* events, and twenty-four interviews with 1.5 (U.S.-raised) and second generations (U.S.-born) of Mixtec and Zapotec women and queer youth, Morales argues for more expansive definitions of Indigenous governance, such as *tequio* (community labor) to account for the political participation of Indigenous women and Indigiqueer youth that challenge static nationalist notions of Indigeneity.

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