



THE DEPARTMENT OF GENDER & SEXUALITY STUDIES PRESENTS

BEETS, BLOOD, LETTERS:

THE CHUALAR CRASH AND MEXICAN WOMEN'S CRITIQUE OF LABOR AND EXPECTATION

This talk examines a set of letters by relatives of Mexican braceros killed in a crash with a Southern Pacific Railroad train carrying beets out of the Salinas Valley. Using family and community oral histories, experimental ethnography, and correspondences, this talk argues that Mexican women's transnational reproductive and affective labor was central to the decades-long program but also a site of critique of its modalities of ecological-human commodification.

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