Let’s Talk About the Humanities

Colonizers and Colonized: A Latino History of the United States
October 13, 2021 at 1 PM ET
with Geraldo L. Cadava
Professor of History and Latino/a Studies, Northwestern University

Does it make sense to consider the Spanish colonial period as a part of Latino history? What are the historical experiences that have brought Latinos together over time, and those that have made us different from one another? Beyond our shared and divergent historical experiences, what are the politics of thinking of Latino group identity, versus Latinos as diverse individuals whose uniqueness makes them impossible to classify? This webinar will present an insightful overview of Geraldo Cadava’s upcoming book, Colonizers and the Colonized: A Latino History of the United States, that explores 500 years of Latino history, from the colonial period to the present.

The Value of Life
November 10, 2021 at 1 PM ET
with Michael Ralph
Professor and Medical Anthropologist, New York University

This webinar will present research concerned with historic techniques for inscribing and regimenting the monetary value of human life, in part based on shifting notions of gender, ability, race, and expertise. Michael Ralph will examine the United States insurance industry, how it affixes monetary value to human life, and how life insurance is derived from the legal rationale and commercial logic of marine insurance and, later, slave insurance.

All talks are free to the general public and will be held virtually on Zoom. All interested participants should register here.

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