Let’s Talk About the Humanities

Feeding and Building Communities of Care on the U.S.-Mexico Border
February 2, 2022 at 1 PM ET
with Guillermina G. Núñez-Mchiri
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What motivates people to give of their time, presence, and their food to care for others? This is the question driving the oral history interviews of the Border Foodways oral history project. This work presents various examples of how food becomes a medium for expressing care, compassion, and resistance on the U.S.-Mexico border. By exploring the politics of care through a Chicana feminist praxis lens, this webinar will note the ways in which people on the U.S.-Mexico border offer what they have to care for each other. Food builds social solidarity by unifying people across diverse backgrounds and building stronger webs of social support and cohesion through the politics of care.

Queer Lens in Focus: A Photovoice Project in Athens, Greece
March 2, 2022 at 1 PM ET
with Moshoula Capous-Desyllas
Professor of Sociology, California State University Northridge

This webinar is based on an ethnographic, arts-based research project conducted in Athens, Greece, where professor Moshoula Capous-Desyllas, collaborated with a grassroots collective known for its advocacy for and with LGBTQ+ refugees and asylum seekers. Moshoula Capous-Desyllas will discuss the methodological process, challenges and successes of engaging in arts-based research with marginalized communities, as well as the impact and power of co-curating national and international photography exhibits as a way to share the participants’ art and knowledge with audiences beyond academia.

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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