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***Latino Mass Mobilization:  
Immigration, Racialization, and Activism***  
(Cambridge University Press, Sept. 2017)

In the spring of 2006, millions of Latinos across the country participated in the largest civil rights demonstrations in American history. In his new book, *Latino Mass Mobilization* (Cambridge University Press, September 2017), Chris Zepeda-Millán analyzes the background, course, and impacts of this unprecedented wave of protests, highlighting their unique local, national, and demographic dynamics. He finds that because of the particular ways the issue of immigrant illegality was racialized, federally proposed anti-immigrant legislation (H.R. 4437) helped transform Latinos' sense of latent group membership into the racial group consciousness that incited their engagement in large-scale collective action. Zepeda-Millán shows how nativist policy threats against disenfranchised undocumented immigrants can provoke a political backlash--on the streets and at the ballot box--from not only "people without papers," but also naturalized and U.S.-born citizens. *Latino Mass Mobilization* is an intervention into contemporary debates regarding immigration policy, social movements, racial politics, and immigrant rights activism in the United States.

Professor Zepeda-Millán will provide an overview of the book and then focus on one chapter. A shorter-article version of that chapter is available on our website and in hard copy at the Center.

PLACE Selznick Seminar Room, 2240 Piedmont Avenue  
TIME 12:45 – 2:00pm. Coffee and water provided. Bag lunches welcome.  
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