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The Deportation Machine:America's Long History of Expelling Immigrants

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Discussant: Tobias Higbie, (PhD, University of Illinois)

Tobias Higbie is Professor of History and Labor Studies at UCLA, the Chair of Labor Studies and the Associate Director of the Institute for Research on Labor and Employment. His research explores social movements, migration, and the politics of community in the United States. He is author of *Labor's Mind: A History of Working Class Intellectual Life* (2019), which explores the social world of self-educated working people and the politics of working-class identity during the early 20th century.



The Deportation Machine traces the troubling history of the US government's systematic efforts to terrorize and expel noncitizens over the past 140 years. The book uncovers public officials' use of force, coercion, and fear to purge immigrants from the country and exert control over those who remain. It introduces the politicians, bureaucrats, businesspeople, and ordinary citizens who have pushed for and profited from expulsion. The Deportation Machine chronicles the devastating human costs of punitive enforcement policies and the innovative strategies people have adopted to fight against removal and redefine belonging in ways that transcend citizenship.

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