

Bootlegged Aliens: Immigration Politics on America's Northern Border

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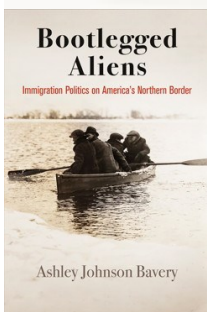
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Discussant: Tobias Higbie

Tobias Higbie is Professor of History and Labor Studies at UCLA, the Chair of the 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. Higbie's most recent book, *Labor's Mind: A History of Working Class Intellectual Life* (2019), recovers the social world of self-educated working people and the politics of working-class identity during the early 20th century.



This explores immigration on America's northern border before World War II to situate Detroit, Michigan as America's epicenter for unauthorized immigration. In this industrial center, thousands of Europeans crossed the border from Canada each year, prompting nativist backlash and complicating the labor politics of the automobile industry.

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