

**CCIS SEMINAR SERIES WELCOMES:**

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**ERC Conference Room 115**

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***Growing up in the Age of Enforcement:  
Illegality and Children's Power in Families***

The turn towards restrictive immigration policies and practices in the United States has brought to the fore research documenting the detrimental impacts that regimes of il/legality have had for families and especially for children and youth. Children have been shown to be particularly vulnerable when deportations and detentions target their parents, experiencing a multitude of negative emotional, socio-development and health impacts. The threat of deportation may be most salient for the least powerful members of families.

In this talk, I turn our focus from these devastating direct impacts to the unintended consequences of policies for children in families. Specifically I explore how the specter of il/legality within a family shapes girls' roles and responsibilities and, as a result, their relationships with adults. Although the roles and responsibilities of both boys and girls may change as a result of enforcement regimes, I focus on girls' experiences because they demonstrate most acutely how immigration regimes intersect with other power differences in families related to age and gender.

**Joanna Dreby** is Associate Professor of Sociology at SUNY Albany and received her PhD from the CUNY Graduate Center in 2007. Dreby is author of the award-winning book *Divided by Borders: Mexican Migrants and their Children* (University of California Press 2010) and *Everyday Illegal: When Policies Undermine Immigrant Families* (University of California Press 2015). She is co-editor of *Family and Work in Everyday Ethnography* (Temple University Press 2013). Dreby's research prioritizes multi-sited and child-centered approaches and her written work explores the themes of gender, work-family balance, child care, transnational ties, context-specific settlement patterns and return migration. Her most recent work highlights the role of restrictive immigration policies, especially enforcement, on child well-being. Furthering this work on the intersection between immigration policy and family, Dreby has done pilot research on the impacts of return migration on U.S. citizen children and is pursuing research on the transnational family relationships that result from return migrations to Mexico.



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