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***The Third Net:
The Hidden System of Migrant Health Care***

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Will be held in person (Bunche 10383) and via Zoom



Lisa Sun-Hee Park

Lisa Sun-Hee Park is professor of Asian American Studies and a founding member of the Health Justice & Community initiative at UC-Santa Barbara. Park's research focuses on migration, health, and environmental justice. She received her Ph.D. in Sociology at Northwestern University and is the author of five books, including *The Third Net: The Hidden System of Migrant Health Care* (co-authored with Erin Hoekstra & Anthony Jimenez, NYU 2024), which received the Best Book Award from the American Sociological Association's International Migration Section in 2025. She is currently researching medical deportations of low-income migrants in the U.S. Park also co-directs ÉXITO (<https://exito.ucsb.edu/>), an Ethnic and Feminist Studies teacher training program at UCSB.



Discussant: Randall Kuhn

Dr. Randall Kuhn is a Professor in the Fielding School of Public Health. He is a demographer and sociologist focused on the social determinants of health among vulnerable populations, with a focus on homelessness, immigrant health, and global health. He leads the Periodic Assessment of Trajectories of Housing, Homelessness and Health Survey (PATHS), a representative, monthly survey of Los Angeles County's unhoused population that is being used for evaluations of field-based medical programs.



The U.S. health care system encompasses not only a formal safety net but also an informal, fragmented “Third Net” of mobile, pop-up, and makeshift clinics that provide low-cost or free care to undocumented, uninsured, and low-income migrants excluded from conventional services. By examining these diverse alternative care sites, Lisa Sun-Hee Park, Erin Hoekstra, and Anthony M. Jimenez illuminate how the Third Net both sustains marginalized populations and exposes the structural inequities and limitations embedded within the broader U.S. health care system.

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