



Race Matters Series

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**Dr. Amy
Martinez**

The Colonial-Carceral City's Attempt to Eliminate the "Mexican Problem"

Dr. Martinez examines the intersections between U.S. settler-colonial ideology and its influence on contemporary perceptions of race, imprisonment, and gang involvement. She examines prominent instances of gang violence, the responses of cities and law enforcement to gang presence, and the significance of tattooing practices within gangs. She sheds light on how the policing of body art impacts the daily experiences of Mexican/Chicano males in Santa Barbara. Dr. Martinez argues that Santa Barbara provides valuable insights into how its settler-colonial history contributes to the racialization and criminalization of Indigenous, Chicano, and Mexican communities. Dr. Amy Martinez is a lecturer in the Sociology Department at UCSB and Assistant Professor in the Justice Studies Department at San Jose State University.

Tuesday, Nov 7th, 6-7:30PM
Lecture/MCC Theater



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