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LATINA/LATINO STUDIES

Latina/Latino Studies Workshop:

"Under the Influence: The Afterparty of Brown Pleasurable Vulgarity"

Wednesday, April 14 3:30-5:00pm

Written in an epistolary style, this chapter focuses on different tribute parties that took place after late Chicana singer Jenni Rivera's death. It theorizes brown pleasurable vulgarity, as a structure of feeling that Mexican/Latinx immigrants engage in to survive the violence of middle-class affective comportments. I argue that through this working-class affective register, impersonators and fans model for us spaces where immigrants, and their children, do not have to sacrifice their joy at the stake of immigration politics, that situate immigrants and their families into respectable discourses of deserving/non deserving, but instead, through brown vulgarities, they deeply engage with their bodies and pleasures.



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