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**LATINA/LATINO STUDIES**  
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### **"Conjuring Immigrant Racial Threat: Using Citizenship Status to Shape Black-Latino Relations in US Politics"**



**WEDNESDAY, OCT. 1**  
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Political theorists agree that notions of citizenship are among the top concerns for the nation. This project concerns the plight of Blacks and Latinos for inclusion in the U.S. and analyzes how the contentious discourse around citizenship has been used to strategically divide these two groups. Specifically, my project seeks to answer: When issues of immigration come up in local and/or national discourse, how do African Americans perceive Latinos as a "racial threat" (i.e., an immigrant racial threat)? To do this, I provide a theoretical account of race relations that uses social identity theories, racialization processes, and the racial order to explain how Blacks and Latinos come to understand their relationship with the state and to each other.