

Implications of Deportation on Health & Well Being



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***Lunches will be provided**

The United States has expelled nearly 2 million persons since 2009. Relatively little research exists on the potential ramifications of this unprecedented event on health and well being. This talk will provide highlights of notable findings relating to understanding deportation in the context of the northern US-Mexico border and southern Mexico-Guatemala border regions. The communities where research is being conducted by three leading researchers in the field of migration and health highlight the potential health vulnerabilities that deported migrants may experience in the context of converging social forces including drug trafficking, sex tourism and poverty.

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