Freshman Seminar: Undocumented Immigrants and the State
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It has always been easier, it will always be easier, to think of someone as a non-citizen than to decide that he is a non-person.

– Alexander Bickel, “Citizenship and the American Constitution”

Do you think that after doing all that you have done, you still have a right to love? That life's law can be changed now so that with everything else you will have love too? You lost your innocence in one world, you can't reclaim it in another. Maybe you had your garden. I had mine, too, my little paradise. Now we have both lost. Try to remember, for you can't find in me what you have lost forever and by your own action. I don't know where you came from, or what you did. I only know that your life lost before I knew you what you made mine lose later: the dream, the innocence. We will neither of us ever be the same again.

– Carlos Fuentes, The Death of Artemio Cruz

Immigrants have endured kerosene baths and strip searches, tumultuous seas and searing deserts, prison camps and county jails in pursuit of the American dream. This seminar examines attempts to regulate and deter undocumented immigration through public health, border security, and large-scale detention over the last century. There are two basic requirements for this course: do the readings, and come to class ready to discuss the material. There are three required texts listed below and they are all located at the UCSD bookstore.

1. *The Heathen Chinee*: Race, Rights, and Immigration before the Border
   Wednesday, October 24
   Readings:

   Wednesday, October 31
   Readings:
   Erika Lee, *At America's Gates…*, 147-255

2. The Darkest Corner in America Society: The Detention of Immigrants and Asylum Seekers
   Wednesday, November 7
   Readings:

   Wednesday, November 14
   Readings:

   Wednesday, November 28
   Readings: