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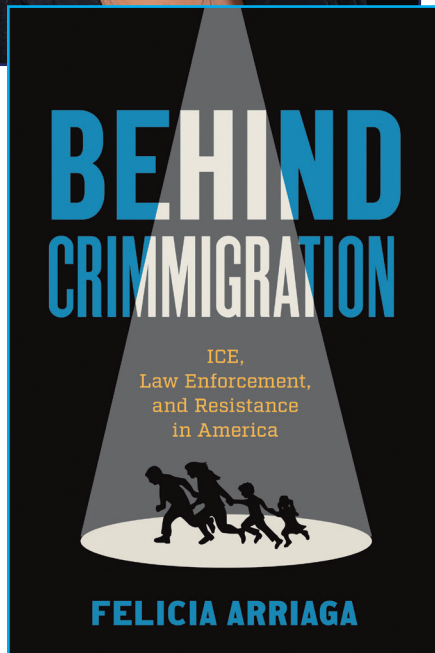
***Behind Crimmigration* by Felicia Arriaga**

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John Jay College of Criminal Justice, Moot Court



Felicia Arriaga (Ph.D. in Sociology from Duke University) is an Assistant Professor in the Marxe School of Public and International Affairs at Baruch College. Her research focuses on race and ethnicity, immigration, and crimmigration (criminalization of immigration policy and procedure) aka La Polimigra. As a public sociologist, she highlights the intersection of criminal justice accountability, transparency, reform, and abolition. In her groundbreaking book, *Behind Crimmigration: ICE, Law Enforcement, and Resistance in America*, Felicia sheds light on the impact of federal immigration enforcement programs, revealing the collaboration between local law enforcement and immigration authorities in the burgeoning immigrant haven of North Carolina.



In recent years, North Carolina has partnered with federal law enforcement to criminalize immigration, known as “crimmigration,” through local law enforcement and governments to identify and deport undocumented immigrants. Felicia Arriaga argues that these partnerships have created a form of racialized social control of the Latinx community in North Carolina. The normalization of these partnerships has led to the incarceration and deportation of many undocumented immigrants, but the Latinx community is also resisting and adapting to these systems. Arriaga’s research reveals how similar methods of controlling immigration are used throughout the United States.

While Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) operations are a major part of American immigration enforcement, Felicia Arriaga maintains that ICE relies on an already well-established system to identify, incarcerate, and deport undocumented immigrants, which has also created a form of racialized social control of the Latinx community in North Carolina.

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