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BORDER CROSSING: History and the Refugee Crisis from the Classroom to the Detention Center

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25

4:00-5:00 PM, ACT 301

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The mass separation of refugee families at the U.S.-Mexico border has transfixed the nation and the world. Since this summer, U.S. authorities have begun holding growing numbers of migrant children in camps and are seeking to lengthen indefinitely the detention of families in immigration prisons. How can history help us make sense of these events? How can students draw on their training in the humanities to act on these and other global issues? In this lecture, historian Nara Milanich discusses the intersection of public scholarship, experiential learning, and our engagement with the world.

DR. NARA MILANICH

Nara Milanich is Professor of Latin American History, Barnard College, Columbia University. She teaches and researches the comparative histories of family, childhood, gender, reproduction, and law. She is the author of *Children of Fate: Childhood, Class, and the State in Chile, 1850-1930* (Duke, 2009) and a history of paternity testing, *Paternity: The Elusive Quest for the Father* (Harvard University Press, 2019), which will be out for Father's Day. She has volunteered as a translator for Central American mothers and children incarcerated in the immigrant detention center in Dilley, Texas and has written about this experience in the *Washington Post*, *Dissent*, and *NACLA: North American Congress on Latin America*. In the spring semester, she will teach a class on the border crisis and take students to work in the detention center.



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