Small Strangers: Immigrant Children in America, 1880–1925

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Child immigrants and the American-born children of immigrants made up an important part of one of the most significant population movements in history: the arrival of nearly 25 million immigrants in the United States between 1880 and 1924. Their youthful encounters with ethnic heritage, American values, and mass culture contributed to the shape of the twentieth century in a United States still known symbolically around the world as a nation of immigrants.

Thursday, April 26, 7:00 pm
Main Library, North Conference Room, W449
Dessert reception will precede the lecture.

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