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U.S. Immigration Policy: Where do we go from here?

featuring



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Wednesday, May 27, 2026
6:00 p.m. PT
Reception to follow

California NanoSystems Institute (CNSI) Auditorium
UCLA Campus

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About the event: The UCLA Meyer and Renee Luskin Department of History sponsors a series of public-facing discussions called "Why History Matters," now in its 15th year. Each program addresses a compelling issue of our day with the idea that studying the past is essential to understanding the present and can help everyone make informed decisions about the future. The discussions are free and open to the public. [Click here](#) to read the speakers' full bios.

The purpose of this program on immigration is to raise awareness about a topic that has attracted national attention but is still poorly understood. The panel of three experts will summarize the state of U.S. immigration policy; examine the legality, cost and impact of aggressive incarceration and deportation programs; and consider long overdue reforms to a broken immigration system.

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