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A CRITICAL ETHNIC STUDIES SYMPOSIUM

FEBRUARY 6-8 2019 BLOOMINGTON

THURSDAY

9:30AM-4:00PM

At the Indiana Memorial Union

Persimmon Room, 900 E. 7th St, Bloomington, IN 47405

Research Talks at the Indiana Memorial Union, Persimmon Room

9:45-10:45AM

Gabriel Peoples, Assistant Professor, Indiana University Gender Studies
“On Being African...American”

Respondent: **Alisha Jones**, Assistant Professor, Folklore and Ethnomusicology

10:45-11:45AM

Kevin Brown, Richard S. Melvin Professor, Indiana University Maurer School of Law
“What Are The Benefits Of Comparing The African-American
Struggle In The United States To The Dalit Struggle In India”

-Respondent: **Ranu Samantrai**, Associate Professor, English

12:00-1:30PM LUNCH KEYNOTE

Anita Huizar-Hernandez

“Forging Borders and Bodies: Counterfeit Narratives of National Belonging”
Assistant Professor of Border Studies in the Department of Spanish and Portuguese
at the University of Arizona. Her research investigates how narratives, both real and
imagined, have shaped the political, economic, and cultural landscape of the Southwestern
borderlands in general, and Arizona in particular. Drawing from a diverse array of nineteenth
and twentieth century archival materials, her work recovers the underexplored history of
race relations in the state and their continued impact on local, regional, and national politics.

1:45-2:45PM

Deborah Cohen, Associate Professor, Department of History & **Lessie Jo Frazier**,
Associate Professor, Indiana University Gender Studies and American Studies

“The Border Vanishes: Banditry, Frontier, And Nation In 1940s U.S. And Mexican Zorro Films”

-Respondent: **Rasul Mowatt**, Associate Professor, American Studies
& Recreation, Park, and Tourism Studies

2:45-3:45PM

Sonia Song-Ha Lee, Associate Professor, Indiana University American Studies and
Latin American Studies “We Cannot Separate Our Pain From Our Resistance:
Trauma And Political Activism In The Black And Brown Freedom Movements”

-Respondent: **Alberto Varon**, English and Latino Studies Program