



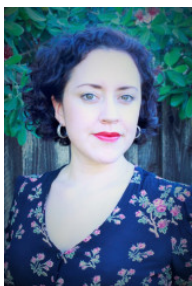
Expert Spotlight: Lina-Maria Murillo

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This week, news broke of a whistleblower complaint that alleges unwanted hysterectomies and other abuses against immigrant women at Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) facilities. To provide analysis and perspective on these developments, Professor Lina-Maria Murillo is available for comments. She is an expert on the history of reproduction and race in the United States. Overarching themes in Murillo's writing include the history of the birth control movement, abortion, immigration, eugenics, and population control.

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"The claims of mass hysterectomies at a Georgia ICE facility by nurse, turned whistleblower, Dawn Wooten are part of a long and gruesome history in the U.S. For over one hundred years people have been eugenically sterilized against their will. Since the first sterilizations laws in 1907, to the Supreme Court's 1927 decision in *Buck V. Bell* affirming the constitutionality of compulsory sterilization, to the countless documented stories of sterilizations of Latinas in California prisons and public hospitals, to Black women subjected to the crudely-named Mississippi appendectomy in Southern states, to forced sterilizations of Native women on reservations, and the outright disdain for poor people, people of color and their children, this most recent revelation becomes another notch on the bed post of reproductive violence in America."