DEFINING RACIAL BOUNDARIES:
THE U.S. SUPREME COURT AND NATURALIZATION POLICY IN THE 1920s

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Tuesday, April 29, 4:00pm
Cal Poly Kennedy Library, Bldg. 35, Room 202A

In U.S. history, periods of high anti-immigrant sentiment have coincided with increased restrictions on naturalization. This lecture will look at the attempt in the 1920s to broaden the category of “aliens ineligible to citizenship” — a classification applied to Asians. The lecture will discuss the ways in which two U.S. Supreme Court decisions — Ozawa v. U.S. and U.S. v. Thind — shaped a reexamination of naturalization policy particularly as it pertained to minorities from the Near East.

Light refreshments will be served.

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