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“RACIAL FORMATION AND THE FUTURE OF RACIAL THEORY”

A PRESENTATION BY MICHAEL OMI

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Michael is known for his collaboration with Howard Winant on the ground-breaking and classic book, Racial Formation in the United States, first published in 1986. Michael will be speaking about the third edition of his book which has been substantially revised and recently released this year. The book is transformative with a cogent discussion and elaboration on the social construction and politics of race. A major part of the racial formation theory is that the complex meanings of race are constantly shaped and reshaped by political struggles at the micro and macro levels. The book helped change the scholarship about race in a number of fields including sociology, education, health, and the behavioral sciences. Michael’s will discuss what’s “new” in the new edition, consider contemporary events through the lens of racial formation theory, and reflect on future trends in racial theory.

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