

Hofstra College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Criminology Program, Department of Sociology Presents

The annual lecture series “*Crime, Law and Justice*”

Featuring

Dr. Roberta Villalón

Sociology and Anthropology Department, St. John's University

**Violence against Latina Immigrants: Inheriting,
Reproducing and Challenging Inequalities**

Immigrant women are particularly vulnerable to abuse: the intersection of their gender, sexuality, class, race, ethnicity, and immigration status stimulates nationalistic anxieties and multiplies the effects of both interpersonal and structural violence. Based on activist research at a nonprofit organization in Texas, Roberta Villalón uncovers how systemic inequalities not only permeate the current gender-based violence legislation, but also are reproduced by nonprofit workers. She addresses the various ways in which Latina immigrants try to seize the opportunity to put an end to abusive relationships while navigating a system filled with formal and informal barriers that prevent the most disadvantaged survivors from becoming autonomous citizens. Villalón ends by making some suggestions on how to dismantle such insidious barriers at the individual and institutional levels from the bottom-up.

Wednesday, March 12, Common Hour (11:15-12:45)

Leo A. Guthart Cultural Center Theater, Axinn Library

(The event is free and open to the public. For more information contact Dr. Liena Gurevich, Criminology Program Director, liena.gurevich@hofstra.edu)

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