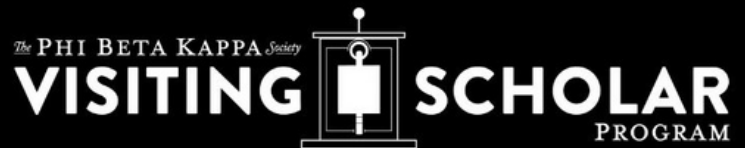




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THE FUTURE OF LABOR AND UNDOCUMENTEDNESS: LESSONS FROM LATINXFUTURISM

Abstract: Populist politicians often warn that migrants will steal native workers' jobs. Even though machines have long threatened to replace workers (and have done so in some industries), few, if any, populist politicians claim to be anti-automation. This talk explores this discrepancy by looking at labor and extraction in Latinx speculative fiction. Inspired by Afrofuturist visions of a more inclusive future, I examine the slow violence and permanent temporariness of undocumentedness and invite you to join me in imagining a future not without migrants, but without undocumentedness.



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