

# ‘Not All Borders are the Same’ *Immigration and the Racialization of the ‘Mexican Menace’ in the Midwest*

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## ABSTRACT

Failure of academics to recognize a distant Mexican past and current Mexican presence outside the Southwest has been the result not simply of neglect, but also the racial biases that inform the paradigms of dominant knowledge, and have broad implications. Notions like region and border exist in historically specific and often highly political contexts...

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