Description: Drawing from a mixed-methods study that follows a representative sample of Asian and Latino children of immigrants over 22 years, this talk focuses on how and why race and ethnicity shape romantic outcomes across the life course. The findings show how an interplay of cultural and structural forces shape intra-ethnic, pan-ethnic, and interracial romantic patterns, providing insight into the varied ways Asian and Latino newcomers in the United States incorporate into the U.S. racial structure.

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