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**“Genealogical Pasts, Presents, and Futures:
Remaking Kinship, Knowledge, and Collective Memory through Family History Research”**



Thursday
September 25, 2025
12:30-1:50pm

Parkes 222
1870 Sheridan Road
Evanston, IL 60208

Description: With a focus on unearthing the past, genealogy has considerable implications for the present and the future, potentially affecting the lives of individuals, their families, and their communities for generations to come. As an activity that depends on access to vital and other records, genealogy also is imbricated in a range of policies and social debates related to kinship and the definition of family, knowledge production and the politics of records, and historical memory and the redressing of social inequalities. By addressing the micro- and macro-level dimensions of genealogy, I will examine the tensions and paradoxes that surround this increasingly popular social practice.

Héctor Carrillo is Professor of Sociology and Gender & Sexuality Studies at Northwestern University. His past research and teaching have centered on the sociology of sexuality, immigration, and health. His most recent book, "Pathways of Desire: The Sexual Migration of Mexican Gay Men," received awards from three sections of the American Sociological Association and the 2020 ASA Distinguished Scholarly Book Award. He currently conducts research on the social significance of genealogy and family history.

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