Law School Events

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DACA and the Limits of Citizenship

5:00pm - 6:15pm EDT
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World-renowned scholar of the lives of immigrants in the United States and author of the landmark book *Lives in Limbo: Undocumented and Coming of Age in America*, Roberto
statuses like DACA endow their beneficiaries with a duality of experiences – of both security and vulnerability.

**Robertito Gonzales**

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On July 16, 2021, a federal judge blocked the Biden administration from approving new applications for the Obama-era Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, putting the program’s future in peril. While this development was jolting for immigrant communities, it was not unexpected. World-renowned scholar of the lives of immigrants in the United States and author of the landmark book *Lives in Limbo: Undocumented and Coming of Age in America*, Roberto Gonzales argues that time limited and partial statuses
experiences remains unresolved, control over one’s circumstances is often shaded if not threatened by hostile and exclusionary contexts.

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