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TAKING CARE OF AMERICAN WORKERS: INDUSTRIAL REPRESENTATION IN THE AMERICAN WEST, 1914-1950

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Taking Care of American Workers: Industrial Representation in the American West, 1914-1950

Speaker: Maria E. Montoya, Associate Professor of History, New York University; Dean of Arts and Sciences, NYU Shanghai



ABSTRACT:

For almost a century, U.S. citizens and policy makers have debated about how to deliver health care effectively and efficiently. The debate over healthcare has taken place in the context of negotiating the balance between the workplace, home, and the role of the federal government. In this talk, Prof. Montoya uses the examples of three industrialists in the American West --

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Josephine Roche, and Henry Kaiser -- to explore these national debates and illuminate why universal health care has not passed in the U.S.

BIO:

Maria E. Montoya is an Associate Professor of History at New York University and the Dean of Arts and Sciences at NYU Shanghai. She is the author of numerous articles on the History of the American West, Environmental, Labor and Latina/o history and of the book, *Translating Property: The Maxwell Land Grant and the Conflict over Land in the American West, 1840-1900*. She is the lead author on the U.S. History textbook, *Global Americans: A Social and Global History of the United States*. She is also finishing up a manuscript, *Fighting for the Fringe: Three Industrialists, Their Workers, and Employee Benefits, 1909-1950*, which focuses on John D. Rockefeller, Josephine Roche, and Henry Kaiser and their roles in defining the spheres of work and home life during the early 20th century.

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