Ana Rosas will be discussing her book *Abrazando el Espíritu: Bracero Families Confront the U.S.-Mexico Border*. *Abrazando el Espíritu* draws on the experiences of thousands of men in the Bracero Program in which they fulfilled employer’s needs for low-wage workers. Family members were dispersed across national borders and interpersonal relationships were transformed. The prolonged absences of Mexican workers, mostly men, forced women and children at home to inhabit new roles, create new identities, and cope with long-distance communication from fathers, brothers, and sons.