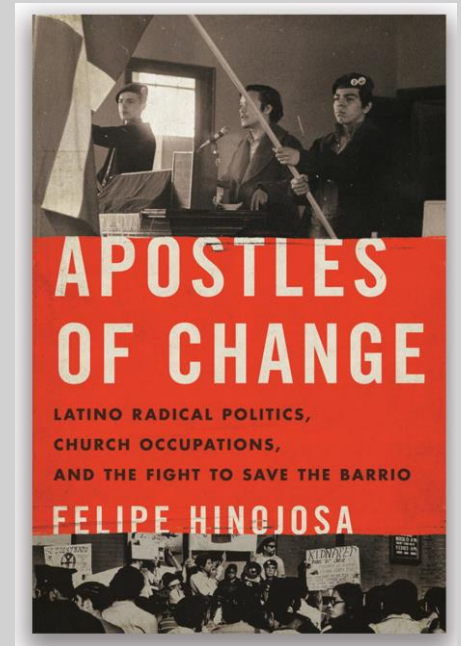


“Apostles of Change: Religion, Radical Politics, and the Latino Freedom Movement” Book Talk with Dr. Felipe Hinojosa

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In the late 1960s, the American city found itself in steep decline. An urban crisis fueled by federal policies that destroyed neighborhoods and displaced poor and working families under the guise of urban renewal. The urban drama included religious institutions, themselves undergoing fundamental change, as they debated whether to stay in the city or move to the new and growing suburbs. Against the backdrop of the Black and Brown Power movements that challenged economic inequality and white supremacy, young Latino radicals began occupying churches and disrupting religious services to compel church communities to join their protests against urban renewal, poverty, police brutality, and racism. In this talk, I unravel these intertwined histories of Latino radicalism and religion in urban America and call attention to the ways Latino radicals and religious reformers clashed, negotiated, and collaborated. And more importantly, how religion and radical politics fueled the engines of the Latino freedom movements of the late 1960s and early 1970s.



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