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Latino Studies 1.0: Justice, Diversity Capitalism, and the Ends of the Democratic Commons in the Neoliberal University

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What are the contradictions that emerge when bodies of knowledge are confounded with racialized bodies in the academy at the dawning of a new civil rights era instantiated by the Black Lives Matter (BLM) movement, and the Brown Commons Project (BCP)? This talk proposes how Latino studies, as a latecomer to academic institutionalization, might reformulate the conditions under which the inclusion of endangered

knowledge - and endangered bodies - is either granted or denied in the neoliberal university.

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