

HIS 4935-4
Senior Seminar

Family Ties in US Immigration History

Thursdays 12:00-2:45 pm
Professor Suzanne Sinke



Military marriage,
road sign migrant
crossing, Chinese
children, Cuban Pedro
Pan arrivals, family
portraits



Nigerian American siblings,
Ellis Island family, Emma
Goldman, Mexican braceros
leaving families behind



How do family ties relate to immigration policy and practice? Students will explore topics within US history related to this question and choose one for deeper research and creation of a seminar paper, which they will draft in steps across the semester.

From a family story of migration and adjustments to legislative debates on whether grandparents should get immigration preferences, this class will explore how policies regarding family ties affect immigration and the US population in general, and what they mean for migrants and their families.