

Stockton's Jessie Finch, Assistant Professor of Sociology, Co -Edits Book on Migrant Deaths

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Galloway , N.J. - Jessie K. Finch, assistant professor of Sociology at Stockton University, has co-edited a new peer-reviewed volume, "Migrant Deaths in the Arizona Desert: La vida no vale nada." Published by the University of Arizona Press, the volume contains 15 entries, two of which are co-authored by Finch.

The contributors consist of a multidisciplinary group who are dedicated to the thousands of men, women, and children who have lost their lives while crossing the desert in search of a better life. Each chapter in this important new volume seeks answers to migrant deaths, speaking to the complexity of this tragedy via a range of community and scholarly approaches.

death in the form of corridos, or Mexican songs. "Life has no worth," comes from the song of José Alfredo Jiménez (1926–1973). Finch earned her master's degree where she completed her Spanish thesis.

"This has been an incredibly educational experience as an editor," says Finch. Having studied immigration in her scholarly career, Finch was excited to contribute to her broad knowledge of immigration in the U.S.-Mexico border region.

The activists, artists, and scholars included in the book focus on disappearances in the U.S.-Mexico border region -more -

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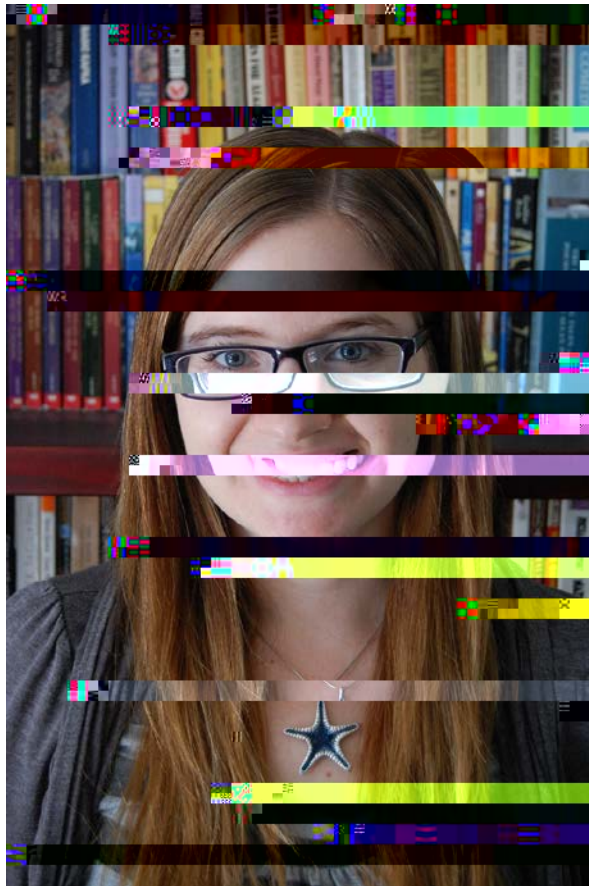
migration, and public policy, Finch said. Chapters touch on immigration and how it is studied, community responses to crisis, government policy, definitions of citizenship, and the role of the arts and human expression in response to state violence.

Despite numerous changes in the migration processes and growing attention to the problem, many people who attempt border crossings continue to disappear and die. This book offers a timely exploration of the ways that residents, scholars, activists, and artists are responding to this humanitarian crisis on their doorstep.

“Having grown up in Arizona and New Mexico, this area of interest is near and dear to my heart. I am very pleased we are able to present a multi-disciplinary view of the issue because there is so much at stake for migrants,” said Finch.

Finch will be presenting on the contents of the volume as well as signing copies on Tuesday, Nov. 29 at 4:30 p.m. in the Campus Center bookstore. Proceeds from book sales will benefit the Binational Migration Institute at the University of Arizona. More information on the volume can be found at the [University of Arizona Press website](http://www.uapress.arizona.edu/Books/bid2628.htm) (<http://www.uapress.arizona.edu/Books/bid2628.htm>).

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