There are approximately eleven million undocumented people living in the United States, and most of them have family members who are U.S. citizens. In this talk, Gomberg-Muñoz presents results from a multi-year research project in which she followed mixed-status couples down the long and bumpy road of immigration processing. She explores how families navigate every step along the way, from the decision to undertake legalization, to the immigration interview in Ciudad Juárez, Mexico, to the effort to put together a case of "extreme hardship" so that the undocumented family member can return. Gomberg-Muñoz also discusses families' efforts to rebuild their lives in the aftermath of immigration processing—both for those who are successful and those who are not.

**Note Talk will be held in 279 Haines**