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presents:

*Toward a History of
Transnational
Communism Across
the Americas*

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This presentation will be a panel discussion on a collaborative research and book project on transnational communism across the Americas. This project challenges the narrow tendency of most studies of communist parties in the Americas, which have either focused on individual parties in their national context or on their connection with the Communist International (Comintern) or the Soviet Union. Instead, it places local parties in a broader, transnational context and asks what was unique and what was similar about the conditions and challenges they faced. It explores connections among communist parties in the Americas, and with their counterparts in the world and the broader movements (nationalist, anti-imperialist, women's rights, labor, solidarity, and other social movements) with which they were allied or in contention.

*Patricia Harms is an associate professor of history and a Latin American scholar with a research focus on women in Guatemala and Central America more broadly. She is the author of *Ladina. Social Activism in Guatemala City, 1871-1954* (2020). Her current research project involves collecting testimonios from Spanish speaking migrant women.*

*Margaret Power is professor of history at the Illinois Institute of Technology. She is the author of *Right-Wing Women in Chile* (2002) and co-author/co-editor of three other books. She is currently working on a manuscript on *Solidarity across the Americas: The Puerto Rican Nationalist Party vs. U.S. Colonialism* and co-editing *Transnational Communism across the Americas*.*

*Marc Becker is professor of history at Truman State University. He is a historian of the Latin American left with a particular interest in race, class, and gender within popular movements in the South American Andes. He is the author of *Contemporary Latin American Revolutions* (2021); *The CIA in Ecuador* (2020); and *The FBI in Latin America: The Ecuador Files* (2017), and co-editor *Transnational Communism across the Americas*. He is currently working on a book on *Philip Agee and the CIA in Ecuador in the early 1960s*.*
