



Speaking of Maine

Citizenship, the Border, and Franco Americans in Maine

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How have the changing definitions of citizenship in the U.S. and the resultant hardening of the border impacted Franco American communities in Maine?

This talk will look at two examples of borders: the St. John Valley and the border that runs right down the middle of the Francophone communities in that region; and the Franco-American immigrant communities in southern Maine. It will explore the ways in which the border between the U.S. and Canada began to harden at the turn of the 20th century and how the changing definition of citizenship profoundly impacted the Franco communities.

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