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*Seminar Series on Ideas, Identities and Decisional Processes that Affect Security*

## Jacqueline Stevens

"Enhancing Security through States without Nations"

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[Jacqueline Stevens](#) is a professor of political science at Northwestern University. She teaches political theory and writes about law-breaking by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and immigration courts for *The Nation* magazine.

Stevens is the author of *States without Nations: Citizenship for Mortals* (Columbia University Press, 2009). In her book, she explores alternatives to our current laws that base citizenship on parochial, unjust ideas about birth, and shows how these laws are connected to other archaic practices inconsistent with liberalism, including inheritance and marriage.

Stevens has also written *Reproducing the State* (Princeton, 1999). She evaluates the various affiliations that define people at birth such as ethnicity, race and sex and challenges the view that these are independent of the ability of political societies to define who we are. Stevens also contributed to *Justice: International Law and the Third World* (Routledge, 2008), and edited it with Richard Falk and Balakrishnan Rajagopal.

Stevens work has appeared various journals such as: *Third World Quarterly*, *Journal of Law, Culture, and the Humanities*, *Gender and Politics*, *Journal of Health Policy, Politics, and Law*, *Political Theory*, *Social Text*, *Theory & Event*, *GLQ*, *Comparative Studies in Social History* and *American Political Science Review*.



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Stevens is currently doing research on immigration law enforcement. Since 2007, she has been conducting research on the unlawful detention and deportation of U.S. citizens. She is writing a book about U.S. citizens who have been deported and the legal fantasies of the U. S. government responsible for this. Current research appears on her blog: [States Without Nations](#).

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