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*The Fragmented Model of
Immigration Law: Localism as Second
Order Immigration Regulation*

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Immigration scholars have traditionally focused on the role of national borders and the significance of nation-state citizenship in their assessment of the immigration issue. At the same time, local government scholars have called attention to the significance of local boundaries, the consequence of municipal residency, and the influence of the two on the fragmentation of American society. This talk explores the interplay between these two mechanisms of spatial and community controls. Asserting that the fragmentation engendered by the legal structure of local governments can be understood as a "second-order" immigration regulation, Su argues that a model of immigration law that takes this into account not only offers a more nuanced description of our immigration regime, but also reveals questions and options that are often hidden at the periphery of today's immigration debates.

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Copies of the paper available in the Baldy Center and the Law School Mailroom

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