



**Yachats Lions Club
Speaker Series
Feb 23 – Oct 26**

**2025
14 Dates**

**Saturday, October 11 at 2:00 p.m.
Doors open at 1:30 p.m.**

Tobin Hansen

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**The U.S.-Mexico Borderlands, Industrialization, and
Human Movement**

This talk contextualizes, from an historical and cultural perspective, the U.S.-Mexico border and Mexican migration to the U.S. It examines the ways that 19th and 20th century industrialization has driven migratory movements between the two countries. The history of border-making and recruiting Mexican workers, invites a rethinking of several questions: how might we understand the motivators of human migration, what is a nation state border, what border crisis may exist today and what might comprise a humane approach to border migration enforcement? We will begin to consider these questions in the talk.

Dr. Tobin Hansen is a cultural anthropologist. His research and teaching examine deportation, migration, borderlands and bordering, prisons and policing, gangs, citizenship, legal anthropology, gender, testimony, ethnographic methods, community-scholarly collaboration, sociolinguistics, Spanish in the U.S., Mexico, and Latin America. He is a former fellow at UO's Wayne Morse Center for Law and Politics. He is co-editor, with Maria Engracia Robles, of *Voices of the Border: Testimonios of Migration, Deportation, and Asylum*. He is from Gates, Oregon.



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