

Living in the Shadow of an “Occupied Zone”: The Impact of the Mexican Drug War on Laredo, TX

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From 1998 to 2011, Jaclyn Jeffrey lived and worked in Laredo, Texas, one of the nation's largest inland ports, a major entry point for drugs entering the US, and sister city to drug-cartel-controlled Nuevo Laredo, Mexico. As a cultural anthropologist who studies communities in crisis, she has been uniquely positioned to observe the beginning and mid-term impact of the Mexican drug war on everyday lives of Laredoans. In this presentation she will talk about how Laredoans attempt to normalize the situation and avoid conflict as they go about living in the shadow of an “occupied zone.”