This seminar examines patterns of Nativism and reaction to immigrants in American culture and politics. Students will use a variety of methodologies and sources to examine popular depictions of immigrants, political campaigns to restrict immigration, and cultural debates about the meaning of “American.” By touching on Nativism in all regions of the country and treating a range of periods from the turbulent 1790s through the present day, the course will enable students to understand both the main patterns and distinct forms of American Nativism.