City of Inmates: Conquest, Rebellion and the Rise of Human Caging in Los Angeles, 1771-1965 explains how the City of Angels became the capital city of the world's leading incarcerator. Marshaling more than two centuries of evidence, historian and Bunche Center Interim Director Kelly Lytle Hernández unmasks how histories of native elimination, immigrant exclusion, and black disappearance drove the rise of incarceration in Los Angeles. Hernández documents the persistent historical bond between the racial fantasies of conquest, namely its settler colonial form, and the eliminatory capacities of incarceration. City of Inmates is also a chronicle of resilience and rebellion, documenting how targeted peoples and communities have always fought back. Those who fought the rise of incarceration in Los Angeles altered the course of history in the city, the borderlands, and beyond. It is a story that is far from over.