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The air in Los Angeles can be lethal, and nobody knows this better than the city's Latinx and Asian immigrants, argues Dr. Nadia Kim in *Refusing Death: Immigrant Women and the Fight for Environmental Justice in LA* (Stanford UP, 2021). Kim, a professor of Asian and Asian American Studies and Sociology at Loyola Marymount University, spend years interviewing environmental justice activists and other residents of LA's most polluted neighborhoods to show the depths of environmental injustice in America's second largest city, and how people in these places conceive of and engage in political action. *Refusing Death* provides a depth of insight into how immigrant communities define themselves, protect their families, and organize to create a more just environment for themselves and for their children.

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In this episode of *New Books in American West*, Stephen Hausmann interviews Nadia Y. Kim, author of *Refusing Death: Immigrant Women and the Fight for Environmental Justice in LA*.

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