LGBTQ migrants in the United States and around the world often lack documentation and consistently risk detention and deportation. Eithne Luibheid and Karma R. Chávez discuss how and why they created an edited collection that explores how LGBTQ migrants and allies negotiate, resist, refuse and critique these processes while working to build futures that foster thriving for all. They also share excerpts from their own essays in the collection.

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