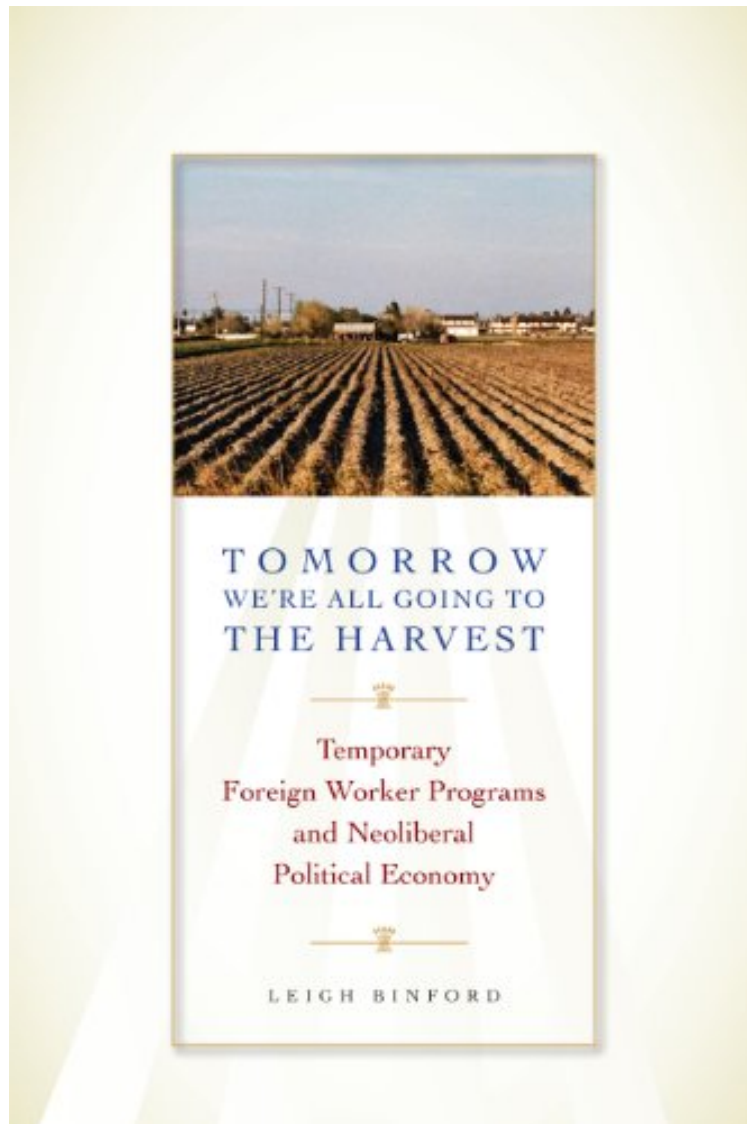


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. What's wrong with Canadian guestworker programs for agriculture? By David Stoll. Anthropologist Leigh Binford collected most of the data for this careful study in the early 2000s. It took a while to get into print, but he gives the lie to any hopes that Mexican guestworkers in Canada fare much better than they do in the United States. Based on bilocal fieldwork in Tlaxcala and Ontario, Binford shows that Canadian programs are as rife with problems for workers as their U.S. equivalents. In fact, union organizers have sometimes been more successful with guestworkers in the U.S. than they have in Canada. Despite considerable regulation by the Canadian government, workers are so dependent on the goodwill of their employers that they are not free labor in all respects. Thus growers prefer guestworkers because they get far higher rates of production out of them than they can out of Canadians. Binford concludes by questioning hopes that "post-national citizenship" will allow guestworkers to obtain near-equality with Canadians. This book is one more piece of evidence that current plans to expand guestworker programs are bad news for both immigrant and native workers.

From its inception in 1966, the Canadian Seasonal Agricultural Worker Program (SAWP) has grown to employ approximately 20,000 workers annually, the majority from Mexico. The program has been hailed as a model that alleviates human rights concerns because, under contract, SAWP workers travel legally, receive health benefits, contribute to pensions, are represented by Canadian consular officials, and rate the program favorably. *Tomorrow We're All Going to the Harvest* takes us behind the ideology and examines the daily lives of SAWP workers from Tlaxcala, Mexico (one of the leading sending states), observing the great personal and family price paid in order to experience a temporary rise in a standard of living. The book also observes the disparities of a gutted Mexican countryside versus the flourishing agriculture in Canada, where farm labor demand remains high. Drawn from extensive surveys and nearly two hundred interviews, ethnographic work in Ontario (destination of over 77 percent of migrants in the author's sample), and quantitative data, this is much more than a case study; it situates the Tlaxcala-Canada exchange within the broader issues of migration, economics, and cultural currents. Bringing to light the historical genesis of "complementary" labor markets and the contradictory positioning of Mexican government representatives, Leigh Binford also explores the language barriers and nonexistent worker networks in Canada, as well as the physical realities of the work itself, making this book a complete portrait of a provocative segment of migrant labor.

"Binford has written an impressive and compelling book on the Canadian SAWP. The critical examination of this highly regarded program is timely as governments and industries argue for programs of their own without consideration of the human costs involved. For anthropologists entering into the fray of globalization and the consequences of neoliberal policies, this book makes a welcome contribution." (American Anthropologist) "There is no study of these programs that even comes close to Binford's book in terms of the amazing level of research. . . . It is well written, compelling and richly told, and above all it is really model scholarship. . . . This is not simply the best book on temporary foreign worker programs, but it speaks to larger issues of immigration, agriculture, and neoliberalism." (Steve Striffler, Doris Zemurray Stone Chair in Latin American Studies and Professor of Anthropology and Geography, University of New Orleans) "Fresh information. . . . A clear and highly readable argument [that] does a good job of covering virtually all the issues surrounding guest worker programs. Readers of this work will be impressed not only with this breadth but with the human detail Binford dons on each of these issues, giving them flesh and blood." (David Griffith, Professor of Anthropology and Senior Scientist, Institute for Coastal Science and Policy, East Carolina University) "There is no study of these programs that even comes close to Binford's book in terms of the amazing level of research. . . . It is well written, compelling and richly told, and above all it is really model scholarship. . . . This is not simply the best book on temporary foreign worker programs, but it speaks to larger issues of immigration, agriculture, and neoliberalism." (Steve Striffler, Doris Zemurray Stone Chair in Latin American Studies and Professor of Anthropology and Geography, University of New Orleans) "Fresh information. . . . A clear and highly readable argument [that] does a good job of covering virtually all the issues surrounding guest worker programs. Readers of this work will be impressed not only with this breadth but with the human detail Binford dons on each of these issues, giving them flesh and blood." (David Griffith, Professor of Anthropology and Senior Scientist, Institute for Coastal Science and Policy, East Carolina University) About the Author Leigh Binford is Chair of the Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work Department of the College of Staten Island, CUNY. He is the author of *The El Mozote Massacre: Anthropology and Human Rights*, co-edited *Landscapes of Struggle: Politics, Community, and the Nation-State in Twentieth-Century El Salvador* and *Zapotec Struggles*, and co-authored *Obliging Need: Rural Petty Industry in Modern Mexican Capitalism*.