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FILM PROJECT AT U.S. - MEXICO BORDER TO PREMIERE THIS FALL
MEDIALAB DOCUMENTARY CAPTURES SURVEILLANCE OF TRIBAL LANDS

Eyes Above is a film project that covers surveillance technology and how it impacts society today -specifically the border community of the Tohono O’odham Nation. It is produced by MediaLab students Hanna McCauley, Hallie Harper, Sarah Ward, Raven Lirio and Brennan LaBrie at Pacific Lutheran University.

The film will demonstrate potential benefits and hazards that surveillance technology poses for contemporary life. Currently, ten surveillance towers — which stand up to 140 feet tall and boast thermal sensors and extreme high-definition cameras capable of seeing an area with a 7.5-mile radius — are being installed on the land of the Tohono O’odham Nation. *Eyes Above* includes the firsthand stories from several tribal members of Tohono O’odham, including David Garcia and Nellie Jo David.

MediaLab has a long history of producing documentaries on critical social issues. Surveillance on the border is an important issue to bring to the PLU campus and to the Parkland - Tacoma community.

In light of COVID-19, our team is in the process of reworking our production and release plans for our 2020 film. Our previous premiere date of April 27th has been postponed until the fall. We are hoping to premiere our film in September 2020 at the Grand Cinema in Tacoma. Once we know more information, we will announce the finalized premiere date.

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