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OPENING PLENARY: THE ARIZONA STORY: LESSONS FROM ARIZONA AND THE SOUTHWEST
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2:00PM-3:30PM
Arizona, notorious for some of the most virulently anti-immigrant legislation and leadership in the country and straddling the U.S. border with Mexico, has a long and vibrant history of powerful, innovative organizing to protect and build power within immigrant communities. This plenary will feature some of the most prominent and experienced leaders from across the state to share lessons from the fights to curtail the state's "show me your papers" law SB1070; defeat Sheriff Joe Arpaio, who gained national attention for his cruel and illegal treatment of immigrants; resist deportations; and support those impacted by tensions between the US and Mexico about the border.

SPEAKERS:
Montserrat Arredondo, Deputy Director, One Arizona
Petra Falcon, Executive Director, Promise Arizona
Carlos Garcia, Executive Director, Puente
Isabel Garcia, Co-Founder, Coalicion de Derechos Humanos
Alejandra Gomez, Co-Executive Director, Living United for Change in Arizona
Alfredo Gutierrez, Governing Board Member, Maricopa County Community College
Warren Stewart, Senior Pastor, First Institutional Baptist Church

BUILDING ALLIANCES IN DIFFICULT TIMES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 9:00AM-10:30AM
In the face of the current polarized and anti-immigrant national policy landscape, innovative and even previously "unlikely" alliances are forming in defense and support of immigrants and refugees. This plenary will explore important alliances forged across the business, education, political and faith sectors, from naturalization efforts to deportation defense and more.

SPEAKERS:
David Adame, Executive Director, Chicanos Por La Causa
Steven Choi, Executive Director, New York Immigration Coalition
Claudia Franco, Consul, Consulate General of Mexico in Phoenix
Michael Rinehart, Bishop, Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Rebecca Shi, Executive Director, American Business Immigrant Coalition
D. Taylor, President, UNITE HERE

AND JUSTICE FOR ALL: A YEAR OF FIERCE RESISTANCE AND SOLIDARITY BRINGS US TO 2018
MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 12:15PM-1:45PM
The past year has seen truly seismic shifts in US policy and governance on key issues impacting our society, calling into question the country’s continued role as a global leader, and often hitting hardest on vulnerable communities, including immigrants, refugees, indigenous people and all people of color. This plenary will examine several of these major policy shifts – including the Muslim Travel Ban, the Refugee Ban, dangerous infringements on civil liberties, the abandonment of historic commitments on civil rights and racial justice issues, and the abrupt about-face on climate change – and the implications for our advocacy.

SPEAKERS:
Judith Browne Dianis, Co-Director, Advancement Project
Cristina Jimenez, Executive Director, United We Dream
Erol Kekic, Executive Director, Immigration and Refugee Program, Church World Service
Esther Lopez, International Secretary-Treasurer, United Food and Commercial Workers
Kica Matos, Director, Immigrant Rights and Racial Justice, Center for Community Change
Guy Reiter, Native Organizers Alliance

All plenaries are held on the NIIC main stage on the 300 Level Room 301 ABC.
PLENARIES

GLOBAL MIGRATION AND THE RISE OF NATIONALISM
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 8:30AM-10:00AM
The global economy, war, religious conflict, and climate change are causing people to move, all around the world. This plenary will explore important issues impacting the global migration and refugee crisis, and the rise of nationalist and white supremacist movements. It will look at migrant, refugee, and Muslim led efforts to stand up to hate and rebuild our nation’s commitment to welcome those fleeing violence and religious persecution.

SPEAKERS:
Zrinka Bralo, Chief Executive, Migrants Organise
Deepa Iyer, Senior Fellow, Center for Social Inclusion
Eva Millona, Executive Director, Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition
Folabi Olagbaju, Director for Outreach, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service
Stephanie Teatro, Executive Director, Tennessee Immigrant Rights Coalition
Stephanie Stephens, Founding Campaign Manager, We Are All America
Daniel Valdez, Senior Regional Manager, Welcoming America
Eric Ward, Executive Director, Western States Center

CLOSING PLENARY: THE WAY FORWARD: ORGANIZING AND DEMOCRACY
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 12:00PM-1:30PM
Our work to fully welcome and enfranchise America’s immigrants and refugees is long-haul. Despite the challenges of the present moment, the recent elections tell us there are new and growing opportunities and we have much to lift up from our history in the ongoing organizing for change. This plenary will honor and celebrate some of the most prominent leaders of our movement, drill down on the new electoral landscape and lessons from the elections, and lift up a whole new wave of immigrant and pro-immigrant candidates and newly elected leaders who are helping lead the way to lasting policy change.

SPEAKERS:
Mehrdad Azemun, National Campaigns Director, People’s Action
Sayu Bhojwani, President, New American Leaders Project
Heather Booth, Founding Director and President, Midwest Academy
Congressman Luis Gutierrez, Senior Member Illinois Delegation, U. S. House of Representatives
Maria Hinojosa, Executive Producer and Anchor, Latino USA, NPR
Dolores Huerta, Co-Founder, United Farm Workers; civil rights activist
Theresa Mah, Representative, 2nd District, Illinois General Assembly
Yaheiry Mora, Senior Policy and Elections Manager, CASA de Maryland
Robert Moses, Founder and President, The Algebra Project
Tony Navarrete, Representative, District 30, Arizona State Legislature
Angelica Salas, Executive Director, Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights
NIIC 2017 TRACKS

NIIC 2017 will feature the following Tracks – key issue focus areas in the field of immigrant and refugee integration. The Tracks comprise a core of the programming at NIIC and are developed by teams of experts in each subject area. Each Track will include several (3–4) sessions, which may vary in format (workshop, panel, etc.). Track sessions are open to all NIIC attendees and no advance sign-up is required. The 2017 cohort is our largest and most broad-reaching in NIIC’s history.

ADULT EDUCATION

Immigrants and refugees make up an increasingly large share of the U.S. workforce yet have limited access to adult education and workforce training services that could propel them into family-wage jobs, career advancement, and full economic integration. Despite political challenges on multiple fronts, there are many opportunities to scale up promising practices and partnerships to improve immigrant and refugee communities’ access to these critical services. The sessions in this track will provide both large-scale context for the barriers immigrants and refugees face and practical examples of innovations on the state and local levels that facilitate their success.

CREATING MORE RESPONSIVE STATE AND LOCAL POLICIES FOR ADULT LEARNERS AND WORKERS

TRACK BLOCK 1 – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 4:00PM–5:15PM – ROOM 213 B

State and local adult education systems should promote access for immigrant and refugee populations and respond to their diverse needs and goals. Adult education policies vary widely across states, resulting in different challenges and avenues for success. This session will offer perspectives on state and local action from individuals who are leading the way in promoting more and better program options for adult learners and workers. Drawing from their experiences with a workforce development board, city government, and state and federal policy, panelists will discuss strategies for providing leadership in policy and program design and for working in restrictive political environments.

PRESENTERS:
Glenn Scott Davis, Program and Policy Specialist, Office of Immigrant & Refugee Affairs, Seattle
Paula Schriefer, President/CEO, Spring Institute
Regina Suitt, Vice President for Adult Basic Education for College & Career, Pima Community College and Student Engagement Chair, Coalition on Adult Basic Education (COABE)

MODERATOR:
Margie McHugh, Director, National Center on Immigrant Integration Policy, Migration Policy Institute

PROMOTING ADULT EDUCATION, WORKFORCE SKILLS, AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT THROUGH DIGITAL LEARNING

TRACK BLOCK 3 – MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2:15PM–3:30PM – ROOM 106 B

Mobile and other digital technologies make possible anytime, anywhere learning to extend education to previously underserved immigrants and refugees and to expand learning beyond classroom walls. Technology can also accelerate outcomes through personalized instruction and practice. This panel will highlight emerging best practices and innovative program models for offering distance and blended basic skills and career education opportunities for immigrants and refugees at all skill levels. Organizations from across the nation will share and discuss the range of supports they provide learners to recruit, retain, tutor, and coach learners for educational success, career mobility, and increased civic engagement.

PRESENTERS:
Stephen Alderson, Dean of Adult and Continuing Education, Instituto del Progreso Latino
Aida Cardenas, Executive Director, Building Skills Partnership
Jennie Murray, Director of Integration Programs, National Immigration Forum
Heide Spruck Wrigley, Senior Researcher and President, Literacywork International
Johan Uvin, President, Institute for Educational Leadership and former Asst. Secretary of Education, OCTAE

MODERATOR:
Alison Ascher Webber, Director of Strategic Initiatives, EdTech Center at World Education
SUSTAINABILITY AND REPLICABILITY OF PROGRAMS FOR HIGH-SKILLED IMMIGRANTS

TRACK BLOCK 6 – TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1:15PM-2:30PM – ROOM 213 A

Are the needs of foreign-educated immigrants being addressed and how can the efforts to reduce barriers to their employment be sustained? Leaders working in advocacy, workforce, adult ed, and immigrant services from around the country will share strategies to engage partners, policy-makers and funders to create, develop and fund programs to serve this population while addressing local skills shortages. Learn about the first competency-based apprenticeship program for work-authorized immigrants in healthcare, how a local workforce board began drawing Title I WIOA funds into a program dedicated to supporting immigrant professionals, and the story of a community college program that is putting Arizona on the map!

PRESENTERS:
Montserrat Caballero, Volunteer Coordinator, Adult Basic Education for College and Career, Pima Community College, Tucson, AZ
Janie McDermott, Program Manager for Apprenticeship for Baltimore Alliance for Careers in Healthcare (BACH), Baltimore, Maryland; previously with the White House Office of Management and Budget
Eva A. Millona, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition (MIRA) and Co-Chair of the National Partnership for New Americans (NPNA)
Nicole A. Pumphrey, Director of Strategic Partnerships, Welcoming Center for New Pennsylvanians, Philadelphia; author of Passport to Progress: Recreating Career Pathways for Immigrant Professionals

MODERATOR:
Stacey K. Simon, Director of IMPRINT and Director of Policy Advocacy, World Education Services (WES)
BUSINESS & THE ECONOMY
In this challenging political climate, the business community has an important role to play in making the economic case for inclusive immigration policies at the federal, state and local levels. The Business & Economy track will explore ways in which employers, chambers of commerce and other stakeholders can adapt to the changing immigration policy landscape and take leadership through driving an immigration narrative that highlights the economic contributions of immigrants, supporting local immigrant integration efforts, and advocating for much-needed immigration reforms.

MOBILIZING BUSINESS ON STATE IMMIGRATION POLICY
TRACK BLOCK 1 – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 4:00PM-5:15PM – ROOM 213 A
From SB 1070 in Arizona to SB 4 in Texas, restrictive state-level immigration policies are shown to adversely affect the business climate in those states. The business community—along with advocates, faith and other stakeholders—has played a crucial role in articulating the economic impact of restrictive legislation. At the same time, states like Illinois and California are pioneering some of the most inclusive immigration legislation in the country, due in great part to partnerships with the business community. Panelists will speak to both state perspectives.

PANELISTS:
Lydia Guzman, Chicanos Por La Causa
Beth Stickney, Executive Director, Maine Business Immigration Coalition
Paola Santana, Senior Director, Education and Workforce Development, Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce
Garrick Taylor, SVP of Government Relations and Communication, Arizona Chamber of Commerce and Industry
MODERATOR:
Rebecca Shi, Executive Director, Illinois Business Immigration Coalition

PARTNERSHIPS FOR LOCAL IMPACT: THE CHAMBER ROLE IN IMMIGRANT INTEGRATION
TRACK BLOCK 3 – MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2:15PM-3:30PM – ROOM 212 A
Chambers of commerce across the country are increasingly seeing immigrant integration as a strategy to promote economic growth and attract talent. This panel will feature chamber leaders discussing efforts to make their communities more welcoming to immigrants and refugees while also being vocal advocates for immigration reforms locally, statewide, and nationally.

PANELISTS:
Margot Lemaster, Director of WelcomingNWA, Northwest Arkansas Council
Cleofas Rodriguez, Jr., President & CEO, United Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce
Todd Sanders, President & CEO, Phoenix Chamber of Commerce
Derrick Seaver, Executive Vice President, The Silicon Valley Organization
MODERATOR:
Rich André, Associate Director of State and Local Initiatives, New American Economy

DREAMERS IN BUSINESS
TRACK BLOCK 5 – TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 10:30AM-11:45AM – ROOM 106 B
While variations of the DREAM Act are being debated in Washington, the uncertainty caused by the end of the DACA program has real consequences for DACA-mented employees and employers alike. This panel will explore how businesses big and small are responding to this issue internally, and are using their experiences to advocate for a legislative solution for DREAMers in Congress.

POTENTIAL SPEAKERS:
Pamela Barnhill, President & COO, IBC Hospitality Technologies
Carla Chavarría, Founder, Ocho Design Agency & Ganaz Apparel
Kim Owens, Executive Director, Year Up
Mark Ranneberger, Northern California Director, FWD.us
MODERATOR:
Steven Zylstra, President & CEO, Arizona Technology Council
CRIMINALIZATION, DETENTION & DEPORTATION

President Trump, just months after taking office, issued three Executive Orders; Muslim Ban; Increase Interior Enforcement and Border Enforcement. All of these actions are dehumanizing and labeling immigrants "criminals" and "national security threats." This has resulted in 211,06 deportations during the first fiscal year, tripled the arrest of immigrants not convicted of any offense, and 43% more arrests of immigrants. Furthermore, Attorney General Jeff Sessions has declared war on cities and states, "Sanctuary Cities," who are seeking to protect immigrant communities.

Organizations across the nation are fighting back from the ground up and at the local and state level. This track seeks to provide an overview of models that are ‘resisting’ the deportation machine through advocacy, organizing and communications. Experts from across the nation would share their efforts to fight deportations at the state and local level, present best practices to protect immigrant workers in both urban and rural settings, and lastly, would present on the intersectionality between police reform, criminal justice, and immigrant rights. This tracks will bring organizers, policy advocates, media experts to provide a holistic approach in the efforts to protect immigrant families from deportations.

LOCAL AND STATE RESISTANCE TO DEPORTATION MACHINE IN A TRUMP ERA

TRACK BLOCK 3 — MONDAY DEC 11 — 2:15PM-3:30PM — ROOM 211 B

Interior enforcement has increased under both Republican and Democratic Administrations. This session seeks to provide a current landscape of interior enforcement, share best practices from local and state perspective to protect immigrant from deportation from ICE from post-conviction relief to limit ICE and local collaboration, and lessons learned from successful models.

SPEAKERS:
Natalia Aristizabal, Make the Road NY
Viridiana Hernandez, Center for Neighborhood Leadership
Meredith Owen, Church World Service
Gina Da Silva, California Immigrant Policy Center

MODERATOR:
Ruth Lopez McCarthy, National Immigrant Justice Center

WORKER RIGHTS, RETALIATION & WORKPLACE IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT

BLOCK 4 — MONDAY DEC 11 — 4:00PM-5:15PM — ROOM 213 A

Immigrant worker’s right experts from organized labor to organizers in rural areas would discuss unique challenges of immigrant workers and differences between urban and rural settings. This session seeks to provide with tools and best practices to protect immigrant workers from retaliation and immigration enforcement.

SPEAKERS:
Cinthia Flores, Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles
Tomas Robles, Living United for Change in Arizona
Haeyoung Yoon, National Employment Law Project

MODERATOR:
Losmin Jimenez, Advancement Project

THE INDUSTRY BEHIND IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AND OVER POLICING

BLOCK 5 — TUESDAY DEC 12 — 10:30AM-11:45AM — ROOM 213 B

Communities of color are currently being over policed both by local law enforcement and ICE agents and both are being incarcerated in detention centers and prisons for profits. Experts would discuss models and strategies to bring more accountability and oversights for law enforcement agencies and immigration detention centers and include the intersectionality of these two areas, opportunities for collaboration, and challenges that prevent collaboration.

SPEAKERS:
Erika Almiron, Vamos Juntos
Losmin Jimenez, Advancement Project
Adelina Nicholls, Georgia Latino Alliance for Human Rights
Maria Rodriguez, Florida Immigrant Coalition

MODERATOR:
Meredith Fortin, New York Immigration Coalition
DREAM & TPS

For undocumented youth and holders of temporary protected status (TPS), this year has meant being thrust back into the threat of deportation, after being stripped of previously granted protected immigration status. With the cancellation of DACA in September of this year, the termination of TPS for Sudan, Haiti, and Nicaragua, and the looming threat of future limits to protected status for immigrants from El Salvador, Honduras Nepal, South Sudan, Syria, and Yemen, roughly 1,000,000 people could lose the fleeting sense of security granted by previous administrations. Organizations, immigrant leaders, institutions and stakeholders across the country are fighting for permanent solutions for undocumented youth and TPS holders. This NIIC Track will give NIIC participants the 'State of Play' in the campaigns for a clean DREAM Act and efforts to recognize long-term TPS holders as the permanent residents that they are. Speakers will share the possible implications of losing these protections and provide next steps for what organizations and stakeholders can do to contribute to legal, legislative and organizing efforts.

STATE OF PLAY AND THE PATH FORWARD FOR THE FIGHT TO DEFEND TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS

TRACK BLOCK 2 – MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 10:45AM-12:00PM – ROOM 212 A

This Track Session will share the current State of Play for the campaigns to defend Temporary Protected Status for hundreds of thousands of immigrants in the United States. Advocates and organizers will share the root causes for migration for people with TPS, the current legislative and administrative strategies moving to defend TPS, and discuss the fight ahead.

SPEAKERS:
Oscar Chacon, Alianca America
Marleine Bastien, Fanmi Ayisyen Nan Miami, Haitian Women of Miami
Isabel Sousa, Florida Immigrant Coalition
Jill Marie Bussey, Catholic Legal Immigration Network Inc.
Chris Sloan, Painters Union

STATE OF PLAY AND THE PATH FORWARD FOR THE FIGHT FOR A CLEAN DREAM ACT

TRACK BLOCK 5 – TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 10:30AM-11:45AM – ROOM 211 A

This Track Session will cover the current State of Play for the fight for a Clean Dream Act and permanent solutions to protect undocumented youth and their families. Organizers and advocates will share the legislation and policy strategies moving today, the organizing being led by undocumented youth, and discuss the path forward to victory.

SPEAKERS:
Kica Matos, Fair Immigration Reform Movement
Isabel Sanchez, Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles
Elizabeth Alex, CASA
TBA, National Korean American Service & Education Consortium
TBA, United We Dream
ECONOMIC JUSTICE

It is impossible to separate economic justice from immigrant rights. Immigrants have been on the frontlines of countless struggles to expand workers' rights and to challenge income inequality. At the same time, immigrant communities are under a constant state of siege from the Trump administration’s far right wing economic agenda and erosion of worker protections hand in hand with the demonizing of immigrants and direct assaults on immigrant rights. The Economic Justice track will examine the threats and opportunities of the current political moment, bringing together innovative perspectives on policy and organizing strategies, and the voices of immigrant workers, union leaders, community organizers, and legal experts. Throughout the three sessions, we will also examine the intersection of race, class and gender.

THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES IN THE AGE OF TRUMP

TRACK BLOCK 2 – MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 10:45AM-12:00PM – ROOM 212 B

This session will examine the challenges we’re up against – reflecting on some of the root causes of injustice as well as the specific threats we face in the Trump era. We will discuss the Trump administration’s impact on institutions critical for defending immigrant workers from systematic abuse (organized labor, the Department of Labor, etc.). We will also hear from campaigns seeking to take on corporations’ financial ties to private prisons, immigration detention centers, and Trump’s anti-immigrant agenda. But we won’t let you get too depressed! The second half of this session will be dedicated to the opportunities of the Trump era – the possibilities for deeply grounded resistance, true people’s power, and building a world where all communities have the freedom to thrive.

SPEAKERS:
Nicole Hale, Organizer, Living United for Change in Arizona
Esther López, International Secretary-Treasurer, United Food and Commercial Workers
Natalia Aristizabal, Co-Director of Organizing, Make the Road New York

DEFENDING AND EXPANDING THE RIGHTS OF IMMIGRANT WORKERS UNDER INCREASED IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT

TRACK BLOCK 4 – MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 4:00PM-5:15PM – ROOM 106 B

Immigrant workers are under attack by increased immigration enforcement hand in hand with an erosion of worker protections. Policy experts and worker organizers will discuss a number of innovative approaches to protect the rights of immigrant workers in this challenging climate. Panelists will talk about anti-discrimination laws in the workplace and how they impact immigrants, innovations in policy and administrative practice to protect immigrant workers, forced arbitration, innovative collective bargaining, and other organizing strategies to defend immigrant workers.

SPEAKERS:
Elizabeth Cadle, Director, EEOC Phoenix District Office
Emmaunal Gallardo Sanidad, UNITE-HERE
Amy Taylor, Legal Director, Make the Road New York
Haeyoung Yoon, Director of Strategic Partnerships, National Employment Law Project

INNOVATIVE ORGANIZING TO WIN ECONOMIC JUSTICE

TRACK BLOCK 6 – TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1:15PM-2:30PM – ROOM 212 B

After many years of inaction at the federal level, immigrant communities all over the country have organized campaigns to advance economic justice at the state and local level. Some of the approaches and organizing models that we will look at in this session include: ballot initiatives as a way to win progressive policy, particularly in red states; recent victories in the fight for $15; organizing airport workers and supporting the travel ban protests; and domestic workers bill of rights campaigns and efforts to establish higher standards through online hiring platforms. Our hope is that participants in this session will leave inspired by the innovative organizing happening around the country and armed with new strategies and organizing tools.

SPEAKERS:
Laila Ikram, Civil Rights Attorney, Council on American-Islamic Relations Arizona
Monique Nguyen, Director of Worker’s Center in Boston, Affiliate of National Domestic Workers Alliance
Tomas Robles, Executive Director, Living United for Change in Arizona
Lucia Vergara Aleman, UNITE-HERE
EDUCATION: POLICIES AND PRACTICES PROMOTING SUCCESS FOR IMMIGRANT, REFUGEE AND ENGLISH LEARNER STUDENTS

All kids deserve the opportunity to succeed! The current political climate concurrent with the implementation of the Every Student Succeeds Act shine a spotlight on the importance of advocating for and protecting the rights of immigrant, refugee, and English learner students across the education spectrum from early childhood through graduation. The education track will focus on practical solutions and steps to better understand and leverage relevant laws, protect the rights of students, and hold schools accountable for serving immigrant students well. Attendees of the sessions will learn about stakeholder engagement strategies, the fundamentals of English Learner education, and policies and practices that can create safe spaces in schools for unauthorized and DACA youth.

IMMIGRANT ADVOCATES ENGAGED IN EDUCATION POLICY-MAKING

TRACK BLOCK 1 – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 4:00PM-5:15PM – ROOM 212 C

Stakeholder engagement, as well as parent and community outreach, was emphasized throughout the development of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), the most recent version of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. After a year of contributing to ESSA state plans, immigrant and refugee advocates are playing an unprecedented role in shaping pre-K to 12 state education policy. This session will provide key mobilizers the opportunity to reflect on their contributions and to discuss what their role will be in monitoring the implementation of these plans. This session will also look to the future, with organizations sharing how they are working with local education agencies (LEAs) to seek input from parents and community organizations when addressing low-performing schools, and speakers providing technical assistance materials.

SPEAKERS:
Kim Sykes, Director of Education Policy, New York Immigration Coalition
KaYing Yang, Director of Programs and Partnerships, Coalition of Asian American Leaders

MODERATOR:
Delia Pompa, Senior Fellow for Education Policy, Migration Policy Institute

ENGLISH LEARNER (EL) POLICY 101: PROMOTING EL SUCCESS

TRACK BLOCK 3 – MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2:15PM-3:30PM – ROOM 212 C

This panel will help immigrant and refugee advocates and service providers understand the fundamentals of English Learner (EL) education, including relevant civil rights statutes, the role of the federal government, how EL students are identified, and what effective instruction looks like. Particular emphasis will be placed on understanding issues most in the news in recent years, including policies and practices around the enrollment of undocumented students and how the Every Student Succeeds Act creates new opportunities regarding school climate, context, and outcomes. Speakers will also highlight high-level, engaging projects that aim to address the frequent marginalization of ELs and immigrant and refugee students, including how these initiatives are designed for ELs and how they impact students’ abilities to transition to college and career.

SPEAKERS:
Dr. Marguerite Lukes, Director, Research and Innovation, Internationals Network for Public Schools
Dr. Silvia Romero-Johnson, Executive Director, Office of Multilingual and Global Education, Madison Metropolitan School District (WI)
Dr. Julie Sugarman, Policy Analyst, Migration Policy Institute

MODERATOR:
Dr. Lorén Trull, Senior Policy Advisor, UnidosUS
RESPONDING TO THE CURRENT POLITICAL CLIMATE: CREATING SAFE SPACES IN SCHOOLS AND PROMOTING OPPORTUNITY FOR UNAUTHORIZED AND DACA YOUTH

TRACK BLOCK 4 – MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 4:00PM-5:15PM – ROOM 106 A

The current political climate has sparked discussion among community and education leaders alike about the unique positionality of schools within the immigration debate. This panel will provide a brief history of schools in the Sanctuary Movement, highlighting policies that K-12 and higher education institutions can enact, as well as practical approaches school leaders in CA and NY have implemented to build alliances with their local communities to combat threats against students. Speakers will also discuss the issue in the classroom context, exploring lesson plans, tools, flyers, and other materials that educators and schools can use to respond to the fears and concerns of immigrant and refugee students and their families. Finally, speakers will explore educational opportunities for unauthorized and DACA youth, including GED access, community college, and university study, and will highlight best practices for programs working to increase access to different levels of education for these youth.

SPEAKERS:

Xilonin Cruz-Gonzalez, Director, Educator Support for Immigrant and Refugee Students, Californians Together
Sonia Sendoya, Coordinator, Socio-Emotional Learning, Internationals Network for Public Schools

MODERATOR:

Matt Matera, Executive Director & Co-Founder, Scholarships A-Z
FIGHTING HATE

Far-right social movements are on the rise in today’s political environment. White nationalist, nativist and anti-Muslim groups are targeting vulnerable communities and influencing each other’s rhetoric and actions. It is no surprise then that our communities are facing greater threats to their bodies, livelihoods and rights. Join us for the Fighting Hate Track which will explore the landscape and impact of organized oppositional movements and how communities are pushing back. This track will have three sessions: one on contemporary white nationalist movements, one on nativism, and one on organized Islamophobia targeting Muslim, Arab, Sikh and South Asian communities.

For each session (1.5 hours each), we will focus on these themes: (1) landscape and definitions of oppositional movements; (2) the impact and conditions created by these movements; (3) a case study of resistance; and (4) tactics/strategies for the audience.

ORGANIZED HATE AND CONTEMPORARY WHITE NATIONALISM

TRACK BLOCK 2 – MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 10:45AM-12:00PM – ROOM 211 A

The once fringe idea of a white-only ethno state is now driving political, cultural and social debate across the United States. Driven by its successful appeal to racial anxiety, misogyny and xenophobia during the 2016 presidential campaign, the white nationalist social movement seeks to consolidate its new base of support and expand its influence over the Republican Party and society at large. Whether by ballot box bigotry or the movement’s commitment to violence and terror, the threat posed by this social movement is apparent. This session will provide an overview of the factors driving white nationalism, how the movement functions within contemporary politics and how communities across the United States are organizing to isolate it.

Session Goals: This session will provide participants with an understanding of the white nationalist movement both historically and in the present, and equip participants with strategies and narratives to play leadership and ally roles in addressing organized hate targeting communities of color.

SPEAKERS:
Fatema Ahmad, Muslim Justice League
Kayse Jama, Unite Oregon
Julie Nelson, Center for Social Inclusion
Kristin Szakos, City of Charlottesville
MODERATOR:
Eric Ward, Western States Center

ORGANIZED HATE TARGETING MUSLIM, REFUGEE, ARAB AND SOUTH ASIAN COMMUNITIES

TRACK BLOCK 4 – MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 4:00PM-5:15PM – ROOM 211 A

Since 9/11, Muslim, Arab, Refugee, and South Asian communities have experienced the impact of a well-funded Islamophobia industry that includes individual spokespersons and organizations. This network of people and groups is responsible for fomenting anti-Muslim sentiment, narratives, and policies in a range of ways, from placing bus and subway advertisements denouncing Islam to backing campaigns against mosque construction to supporting anti-Sharia laws at the state level and anti-Sharia marches around the country. What are the conditions created by the Islamophobia industry? How is it operating in today’s climate, from contributing to an environment of hatred and bigotry to pushing forward policies such as anti-Sharia laws and national security initiatives? And how are communities organizing in the face of such vitriol?

Session Goals: This session will provide participants with an understanding of the landscape of the Islamophobia industry both historically and in the present, and equip participants with strategies and narratives to play leadership and ally roles in addressing organized hate targeting Muslim, Arab and South Asian communities.

SPEAKERS:
Imran Siddiqui, Director of Council on American-Islamic Relations-Arizona
Mohamed Shukri, New American Development Center
Stephanie Stephens, National Partnership for New Americans
MODERATOR:
Arjun Sethi, Georgetown University School of Law
ORGANIZED NATIVISM TARGETING IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES

TRACK BLOCK 5 – TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 10:30AM-11:45AM – ROOM 212 A

Nativism, often defined as a racist ideology targeting immigrants and those thought to be foreign to the dominant culture, is not a new phenomenon, especially in the United States, and indeed has taken many different forms over the centuries. Today there exists a contemporary nativist movement in the United States comprised of a network of organized, well-funded organizations driving anti-immigrant policy and rhetoric. Curtailing immigration and making lives miserable for immigrant and refugee communities is all part of these groups goal of preserving a white majority and ensuring cultural dominance. These groups, once marginalized to the political fringe, now find themselves closer than ever to policy makers, including the commander-in-chief and his administration. From attacking DACA to opposing sanctuary programs to attempting to empowering immigration enforcement officers, these groups and their legislative allies remain committed as ever to pushing their xenophobic agenda at both the state and federal level.

Session Goals: This session will give an overview of the organized nativist movement and how it is operating in wake of the 2016 election. With powerful allies within the Trump administration, anti-immigrant groups have gained nearly unprecedented access to the federal government. Knowing they have the ear of policymakers in Washington, D.C., these groups see a once-in-a-generation opportunity to advance their draconian anti-immigrant agenda nationally. Participants will gain an understanding of this movement, its leadership, and the dangerous policies they are working to implement.

SPEAKERS:
Melanie Griffiths, Black Alliance for Just Immigration (MA)
Joel Iboa, Causa (OR)
Fernando Romero, Pomona Economic Opportunity Center (CA)

MODERATOR:
Lindsay Schubiner, Center for New Community
More than 12 million US households are unbanked and approximately 20 million households are considered underbanked with little contact and productive use of the mainstream financial system. Unbanked and underbanked households rely upon cash and high-cost financial service providers for basic transactions such as accessing paychecks, paying bills, and meeting small credit needs. The concentration of immigrant households outside the banking system is far greater than native-born population resulting in increased incidences of crime and billions of dollars spent each year in non-productive high cost financial services. In this track, we will explore successful strategies and approaches to connecting immigrant communities to productive banking relationships and opportunities to move toward building wealth and assets.

**FINANCIAL LIVES OF IMMIGRANTS AND PATHWAYS TO INCLUSION: LESSONS FROM RECENT RESEARCH**

**TRACK BLOCK 2 – MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 10:45AM-12:00PM — ROOM 212 C**

This session will highlight recent research on the financial experiences of immigrant and refugee communities and how learning from them can promote financial capability and inclusion. Speakers will illustrate the potential to use early interventions to incorporate financial products into financial capability work to accelerate improvements in financial security for immigrants, as well as the use of behavioral science to strengthen financial capability for immigrant communities.

**SPEAKERS:**
Mariel Beasley, CommonCents Lab
Alejandra Seluja, National Federation of Community Development Credit Unions
Jon Vosper, International Rescue Committee

**MODERATOR:**
Ellen Beattie, International Rescue Committee

**INTEGRATING FINANCIAL CAPABILITY INTO SERVICE DELIVERY IN IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES**

**TRACK BLOCK 4 – MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 4:00PM-5:15PM — ROOM 213 B**

This session will focus on how financial capability services can be delivered effectively by embedding them into existing support service delivery channels. The session will explore strategies to improve outcomes in both financial capability and economic resilience of targeted populations. Speakers will share innovative approaches to integrating financial capability into service streams for immigrants including consular services, citizenship instruction, and financial product offerings.

**SPEAKERS:**
Madeline Cruz, The Resurrection Project
Maria Martinez, Borders Federal Credit Union
Jonathan Fein Proano, International Rescue Committee

**MODERATOR:**
Pablo DeFilippi, National Federation of Community Development Credit Unions

**BUILDING WEALTH THROUGH CULTURALLY COMPETENT APPROACHES**

**TRACK BLOCK 5 – TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 10:30AM-11:45AM — ROOM 212 C**

This session will feature programs and culturally competent strategies to build wealth in immigrant communities. Speakers will discuss innovative programming and approaches to asset building, including fostering homeownership and entrepreneurship.

**SPEAKERS:**
Jeff Gilbraith, Hawaiian Community Assets
Mohan Kanungo, Mission Asset Fund
Winona Nava, Guadalupe Federal Credit Union
Gupreet Singh, Chhaya Community Development Corporation

**MODERATOR:**
Seema Agnani, National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development
FULL CITIZENSHIP: BUILDING IMMIGRANTS’ POLITICAL AND COMMUNITY POWER

Now, more than ever, immigrants and their allies must be active in our democracy – by naturalizing, registering, voting, and becoming candidates. Merely voting is not enough! The Full Citizenship track will focus on the state of current efforts at naturalization, voter mobilization, and candidacies, the best practices that should be shared, and what to expect during the 2018 elections. Attendees of the sessions will learn how to partner with key stakeholders and utilize technology and field to get to scale, and look ahead to 2020 and beyond to ensure that new Americans, their children, Latinos, Asians, and our communities continue on the civic engagement path to political respect.

THE NATURALIZATION WAVE: CITIZENSHIP CAMPAIGNS IN THE CURRENT ENVIRONMENT

TRACK BLOCK 1 – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 4:00PM-5:15PM – ROOM 211 A
Understanding the current wave of naturalizations, the growing backlogs, and the use of strategic tactics to help push naturalization forward.

SPEAKERS:
Karla Avalos, Senior Advisor, Office of Tucson Mayor Jonathan Rothschild
Emily Gelbaum, Training Director, National Partnership for New Americans
Melissa Rodgers, Director of Programs, Immigrant Legal Resource Center
Heidi Tso, Program Coordinator, Chinese Community Center - Houston
Magaly López, Data Analyst, USC Center for the Study of Immigrant Integration

MODERATOR:
Angelica Peña, Citizenship Network Manager, Asian Americans Advancing Justice – Los Angeles

WHO IS VOTING, WHO IS NOT, AND GETTING THEM TO THE POLLS

TRACK BLOCK 2 – MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 10:45AM-12:00PM – ROOM 211 B
As 2020 nears, this session will look at whether new Americans are voting, what the voting potential is, and how we can start to engage our communities for census and redistricting.

SPEAKERS:
Christine Chen, Executive Director, APIA Vote
Rosalind Gold, Senior Director of Policy Research and Advocacy, NALEO Educational Fund
Ben Monterroso, Executive Director, Mi Familia Vota
Jorge Nerl, Nevada State Director, Clinton 2016 Presidential Campaign
Karthick Ramakrishnan, School of Public Policy, University of California at Riverside

MODERATOR:
George Escobar, Senior Director, CASA

TAKING NATURALIZATION SERVICE DELIVERY TO THE NEXT LEVEL

TRACK BLOCK 3 – MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2:15PM-3:30PM – ROOM 211 A
Reaching the 8.8 million permanent residents eligible to naturalize. Participants will learn how they can utilize technology and reach other key stakeholders who can also champion citizenship.

SPEAKERS:
Seemi Choudry, Director, Office of New Americans, Mayor’s Office, City of Chicago
Sandra Sandoval, Citizenshipworks Program Manager, Immigration Advocates Network
Wilfred Zamora, Managing Attorney, National Initiative, CUNY Citizenship Now

MODERATOR:
Laura Vazquez, Senior Program Manager, Immigration Initiatives, UnidosUS
GROWING IMMIGRANT, NEW AMERICAN CANDIDATES
TRACK BLOCK 5 – TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 10:30AM-11:45AM – ROOM 211 B
To grow the new American voice in government it is important to train and support candidates at all level of government.

SPEAKERS:
Isela Blank, Arizona House of Representatives, District 26
Kayse Jama, Unite Oregon; Candidate, Oregon State Senate, District 24
Sam Park, Georgia State Representative, House District 101

MODERATOR:
Sayu Bhojwani, New American Leaders

TECH TOOLS FOR IMMIGRANT INTEGRATION
TRACK BLOCK 6 – TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1:15PM-2:30PM – ROOM 211 A
Technology-based tools have the potential to improve the quality, efficiency, and scale of critical information and services immigrants and service providers need. In this session, participants will learn about tools that can transform the way they deliver essential services and reach more immigrants.

SPEAKERS:
Matthew Burnett, Director, Immigration Advocates Network
Sabrina Terry, Senior Strategist, Economic Policy Project, UnidosUS

MODERATOR:
Laura Vazquez, Senior Program Manager, Immigration Initiatives, UnidosUS
GLOBAL MIGRATION

We are living in a moment when national-level policies around the world are increasingly focused on deterring migration, in a framework that fails to protect migrants’ rights and contributes to the rising tide of xenophobia and racism. This track will explore trends in global migration, including the rise of nativism in Europe, growing displacement related to climate change, and the proposed UN Compacts on Migration and Refugees. In each session, participants will explore lessons learned and opportunities for collaboration across borders. One of the sessions will take a deeper dive into creative local responses to nativism and xenophobia in different national contexts.

FROM RESISTANCE TO RESILIENCE – TRANSFORMATIVE NATIONAL AND GLOBAL STRATEGIES IN A TIME OF NATIONAL BACKLASH

TRACK BLOCK 1 — SUN DEC 10 — 4:00PM-5:15PM — ROOM 212 B

The rise of nativism in the new era is affecting responses to integration policies by far-right national governments and politicians. What to expect & how to respond. This panel will explore:

- Shifting Immigration and Refugee Policies and Approaches in the US and Europe
- Global migration governance- including the UN-driven Global Compacts on Migration and Refugees processes.
- How can this discouraging context be transformed into new partnerships and fresh narratives about immigrants and refugees.
- How can researchers reshape the nativist narrative rather than feeding the beast and reclaim public opinion

CONFIRMED SPEAKERS:
Zrinka Bralo, Migrants Organise UK
Oscar Chacon, Executive Director, Alianza Americas and Executive Committee of Global Coalition on Migration
Thomas Huddleston, Migration Policy Group
Yagoub Kibeida, Mosaic Italy

MODERATOR:
Galya Ben-Arieh, Center for Forced Migration Studies

CLIMATE CHANGE COLLIDES WITH PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

TRACK BLOCK 2 — MON DEC 11 — 10:45AM-12:00PM — ROOM 106 A

As recent weather events in the Caribbean, Mexico, Central American countries and the US demonstrate, climate change is already altering human mobility patterns. The arrival of people displaced by climate related disasters comes at a time when migration is being criminalized, doors are closing to refugees, and anti-migrant sentiment is driving national policy. This workshop will provide an introduction to the issue, as well as an interactive brainstorming session to explore participants' experiences with climate displacement that is already happening. Where are people moving and how are localities responding? How can cities and municipalities can act responsibly to integrate newcomers as climate displacement increases? We will also explore the ways in which immigrants rights and refugee groups can work more effectively with climate justice advocates.

Speakers:
Marleine Bastien, Haitian Women of Miami
Cristina Garcia, Alianza Americas
Todd Miller, Author, "Storming the Wall: Climate Change, Migration, and Homeland Security" (invited)

Moderator:
Amy Shannon, Alianza Americas

GLOBAL CITIES AND THE RISE OF NATIVISM: LESSONS ACROSS BORDERS

TRACK BLOCK 3 — MON DEC 11 — 2:15PM-3:30PM — ROOM 212 B

This will be a workshop-style conversation. Speakers will kick off the conversation with short interventions about how cities and states are responding in innovative ways to the rise of nativism and the criminalization of integration. The session will then move into group discussions about strategies for resistance at the city, state, and municipal levels. Come prepared to share your strategies and learn from others!

CONFIRMED SPEAKERS:
Melis Ari, Moniheli Finland ["The True Finland": local immigrant empowerment and the collapse of populists]
Teresa Buzkowska, Immigrant Council of Ireland [resistance and sanctuary in cities from Ireland to Poland]
Suzanne Akhras Sahloul, Founder & Executive Director, Syrian Community Network (SCN) www.syriancommunitynetwork.org

MODERATORS:
Galya Ben-Arieh, Center for Forced Migration Studies
Thomas Huddleston, Migration Policy Group
HEALTH

The current political and social climate is affecting the health of immigrant communities. There are heightened barriers to accessing health care on top of negative emotional and mental impacts. However, the work continues to ensure that immigrants can lead healthy lives. This track focuses on the health impact of immigrant enforcement and strategies and resources to overcoming challenges and servicing immigrant communities. It will also include a conversation on defending and expanding healthcare coverage for immigrants.

HEALTH COVERAGE FOR IMMIGRANTS: WHAT COVERAGE IS AVAILABLE NOW AND WHERE DO WE EXPAND?
TRACK BLOCK 1 — SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 4:00-5:15 PM — ROOM 212 A

Every person ages and will get sick in their lifetimes. Immigrants are of course no exception. And yet throughout our country there is a patchwork of various health insurance coverage options for immigrants, depending on which state they live in. Two major sources of federal health insurance coverage in our country are Medicaid subsidized private health insurance plans purchased through marketplaces created under the Affordable Care Act—and yet both leave out undocumented individuals. This panel explores what coverage options there are for various categories of immigration statuses and shows which states are trying to make head roads in expanding coverage for immigrants. Health leaders’ efforts from Illinois, Oregon, Arizona and other states will be highlighted.

Speakers:

Jesse Hoyt, Director, Healthy Illinois Campaign
Aldo Solano, Policy Director, Oregon Latino Health Coalition
Pedro Cons, Executive Vice President of Integrated Health, Chicanos Por La Causa

MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES IN THE CURRENT LANDSCAPE: UNDERSTANDING THE PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUES AFFECTING IMMIGRANT CHILDREN AND IDENTIFYING PRACTICES FOR SERVING THIS POPULATION
TRACK BLOCK 3 — MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2:15-3:30 PM — ROOM 213 A

The recent increase in immigration enforcement has resulted in a larger number of patients, particularly children, reporting increased stress, anxiety, and fear. This conversation will discuss the increase in mental health concerns among immigrant communities stemming from the current immigration enforcement and its development of a public health crisis. This section will provide resources on how to better understand and respond to this growing public health concerns, as well as resources that immigrant advocates can share with the affected community.

Speakers:

Sarah Dar, Health Policy Coordinator, California Immigrant Policy Center
Heather Skrabak, Associate Director of Policy and Advocacy, Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations
Karina Ruiz, Executive Director, Arizona Dream Act Coalition
Donna Cheung, President, Japanese American Citizens League, Arizona Chapter

Moderator:
Alvaro Huerta, Staff Attorney at National Immigration Law Center

CONVERSATIONS AROUND THE HEALTH IMPACT OF IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AND STRATEGIES FOR OVERCOMING CHALLENGES
TRACK BLOCK 6 — TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1:15-2:30 PM — ROOM 212 A

Roundtable discussions on the impact of current immigration rhetoric and policies on the access to health care services of immigrant communities. Many immigrants are dropping doctor appointments, dis-enrolling from public assistance and do not feel safe to leave their house. Participants in this workshop, led by experts, will discuss the policies that are causing these effects, what rights everyone needs to know about, and how communities can work to make sure impacted populations have the information they need.

Speakers:

Angela Florez, Chief Development Officer at Valle Del Sol
Dr. Raul Gutierrez, Community Pediatrician at La Clinica De La Raza
Carmen Heredia, Chief of Arizona Operations Officer at Valle Del Sol
Jason Odhner, RN, Vice President at Phoenix Allies for Community Health
Carlene Pinto, New York Immigration Coalition
Layal Rabat, MA, Empowerment and Advocacy Manager at Asian Pacific Community in Action

Representative from ethnic media outlet (TBD)

Moderator:
Ben D’Avanzo, Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum
REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT

This year, anti-refugee, anti-Muslim, and anti-immigrant sentiment reached a fervor that has led to a series of attacks on the refugee resettlement program, on refugee and immigrant communities, and on policies that welcome them. In response, a diversity of allies, impacted leaders, and advocates mobilized to stop anti-refugee proposals and start advancing a positive agenda. This track examines the latest efforts at the national, state, and local levels that impact refugees in the United States, as well as ways in which we can strengthen policies, practices, and programs to have a positive impact on people’s lives. Panels will include refugee leaders, service providers, and advocates to share their perspectives and identify opportunities for collaboration in 2018.

INNOVATIVE PROGRAMMING

TRACK BLOCK 2 — MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 10:45AM-12:00PM — ROOM 213 B

This segment will highlight the various ways that refugee serving agencies have broadened their scope of services from “traditional” post-arrival resettlement services to include longer term empowerment programs such as financial literacy and trauma informed care to name a few. We will focus on best practices, such as group work and on efforts on ending isolation. This session will be unique in that, though program specific, it overlaps with the greater immigrant community. We invite impacted immigrant and refugee leaders to participate in this session.

SPEAKERS:
Rachel Bechdolt, Women’s Empowerment Coordinator, Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest
Angel Gonzalez, Campaign Coordinator, Civil Rights and Community Affairs Department,
Nadia Kasvin, Director and Co-Founder, US Together
Adamou Mohamed, Grassroots Organizer, Church World Service
Sally Plessl, English Language Training Assistant Coordinator, Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest
United Food and Commercial Workers International Union
Cordelia Revells, Resettlement Programs Manager, Jewish Family Service Seattle

BUILDING COMMUNITY AND WELCOMING REFUGEES

TRACK BLOCK 4 — MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 4:00PM-5:15PM — ROOM 212 B

Community partnerships are key to the success of immigrants and refugees. This section will review private, congregational, and local government relationship development and engagement on relevant issues such as language access, job preparedness, and faith support. Successful community organizing strategies often call upon these key community pillars, and this workshop would be an opportunity to give voice to the immigrant and refugee leaders who have received training in organizing and telling their stories to affect change. This session will also highlight the role employers, including refugee entrepreneurs, play in supporting refugee integration, amplifying positive economic impacts, and opposing the detrimental initiatives and false narratives promoted by the administration.

SPEAKERS:
Rev. Noel Andersen, National Grassroots Coordinator, Church World Service
Biar Atem, Refugee Congress Delegate, Las Vegas, NV
Michelle Currey, Metro-Phoenix Public Affairs Council, Community Outreach Chair, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
Luis De La Cruz, President, CEO, ANDALE Construction, Inc.; Board Director, Arizona Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
Hannah Miller, Faith and Community Engagement Coordinator, Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest
Mustafa Nuur, Vice President, Somali Community Association, Lancaster, PA
Jonathan Fein Proano, International Rescue Committee
Bnyad Sharif, Community Outreach, Tennessee Immigrant & Refugee Rights Coalition, Nashville, TN

MODERATOR:
Daniel Valdez, Senior Regional Manager - South, Welcoming America
STATE & LOCAL ADVOCACY
TRACK BLOCK 6 – TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1:15PM-2:30PM – ROOM 211 B
This workshop session focuses on state and local policies that impact refugees and immigrants, as well as advocacy to advance positive proposals and to stop negative proposals. Participants will learn about and share recent trends in policies, best practices in advocacy, and identify positive, proactive proposals to put forth during the 2018 legislative sessions across the country to have a positive impact on people’s lives. Refugee and immigrant leaders who have engaged in advocacy, and legislative champions, especially at the state and local levels, will be invited as speakers.

SPEAKERS:
Mohamed Abdullahi, CNP, Employment Specialist, International Rescue Committee, IRC Refugee Voice
Stephanie Jackson Ali, LMSW, Civic Engagement Manager, New American Pathways
Adam Babiker, Co-Founder, Darfuri Association of Greater Houston, and Veteran Representative, Veterans for American Ideals, Human Rights First
Kevin McCarty, California State Assembly member (invited)
Meredith Owen, Policy Counsel, Church World Service
Karen Woodall, Executive Director of the Florida, Center for Fiscal and Economic Policy (remote)

MODERATOR:
Genevieve Kessler, Field Advocacy Officer USP, International Rescue Committee
STATE & MUNICIPAL STRATEGIES

This past year, state and municipal governments have been standing up to the national threats and actions against immigrants and refugees. Through innovative policies, programs and partnerships, states and municipalities are more active than ever protecting immigrant families and welcoming New Americans. This track features state and municipal leaders discussing the work that’s happening to defend immigrant communities, integrate immigrants, and build coalitions to advocate and advance local policy.

COALITION BUILDING & CITIES’ COORDINATED ADVOCACY EFFORTS ON IMMIGRATION

TRACK BLOCK 1 – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 4:00PM-5:15PM – ROOM 211 B

Cities for Action (C4A), a coalition of over 150 mayors and county executives that advocates for policies to welcome and embrace our foreign-born residents, proposes a panel to showcase how cities have responded to federal changes, and provide ideas for coordinated approaches. During the conference, C4A would host a panel to highlight the increase in pro-immigrant municipal policy implementation and advocacy efforts. This panel will call on stakeholders to coordinate and work with city governments, suggest methods for doing so, and solicit suggestions for how to improve these kinds of partnerships. C4A is a unique voice amongst the many NGOs, CBOs, and advocacy organizations in the immigration space in general, and that are expected to attend the NIIC in particular. C4A is also a relatively new coalition (founded in fall 2014) that has since the beginning of this presidential administration found itself adjusting to a new set of challenges. The hope is that this panel discussion will therefore have broad appeal to NIIC participants, and will be a productive conversation for all.

**SPEAKERS:**
- Seemi Choudry, Director, Chicago’s Office of New Americans
- An Le, Policy and Communications Advisor for the Boston Mayor’s Office for Immigrant Advancement
- Michelle Maziar, Director, Atlanta’s Mayor’s Office of Immigrant Affairs
- Bitta Mostofi, Acting Commissioner, NYC’s Mayor’s Office of Immigrant Affairs

**MODERATOR:**
- Lydia Guzman, Community Advocate, Chicanos Por La Causa

STATE & MUNICIPAL STRATEGIES — DEFENDING IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES

TRACK BLOCK 4 – MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 4:00PM-5:15PM – ROOM 211 B

With the election of Donald Trump, the plight of immigrant communities has become even more dire. Within a week of taking office, the new President issued several executive orders making clear that his administration intends to detain and deport as many people as possible. One of the executive orders authorizes Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to triple its resources, and essentially eliminates the enforcement priorities, leaving an already rogue agency free to target virtually anyone. In this climate, the defense of immigrant communities has become an emergency, and one that must be addressed at the local level. This session will highlight how municipalities are standing up against the attacks through legal protection funds, sanctuary city policies and access to counsel projects.

**SPEAKERS:**
- Natalia Aristizabal, Co-Director of Organizing, Make the Road New York
- Shiu-Ming Cheer, Senior Staff Attorney & Field Coordinator, National Immigration Law Center
- Annie Chen, Program Director, Center for Immigration and Justice, Vera Institute of Justice
- Seemi Choudry, Director, Chicago’s Office of New Americans
- Martha Indiana Porta, Legislative Counsel, Immigration Committee at New York City Council
- Eréndira “Ere” Rendón, Vice President of Immigration Strategies and Advocacy, The Resurrection Project

**MODERATOR:**
- Emily Tucker, Senior Staff Attorney for Immigrant Rights, Center for Popular Democracy
STATE & LOCAL INNOVATIONS IN IMMIGRANT INTEGRATION STRATEGY

TRACK BLOCK 5 – TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 10:30AM-11:45AM – ROOM 212 B

In the current national political environment, State and Local governments are innovating new approaches to support the economic, civic and linguistic integration of immigrants and refugees into the fabric of communities. Core to these strategies is a deep recognition of the assets that New Americans bring to their adopted homes and the work of national networks such as Cities for Citizenship. Join elected leaders, practitioners and community leaders in a discussion on strategies responsive to state and local needs.

SPEAKERS:

Muzna Ansari, Manager of Policy, New York Immigration Coalition
Jason Mathis, Executive Vice President, Salt Lake Chamber and Executive Director Downtown Alliance
Joaquin Uy, Communications and Outreach Manager, Seattle Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs
Richard Whipple, Deputy Director – Programs, Office of Civic Engagement & Immigrant Affairs, City & County of San Francisco

MODERATOR: Rich Stolz, Executive Director, One America
WELCOMING COMMUNITIES

Our country faces deep divisions today, fueled by cultural anxieties and bias related to race, economics and opportunity, and the rapid pace of demographic and technological change. In this increasingly polarized environment, how can we promote immigrant integration and build bridges across these divides without compromising our values, and create real understanding? Is there a place in our communities for a meaningful conversation and listening, rather than stereotyping and fighting? How can we work together to chart a path towards an inclusive and positive vision for our communities?

The Welcoming Communities track will explore the cultural anxieties that are leading to acute polarization around the immigration issue, and how they are manifesting themselves in our communities and in our discourse. Examples of what practices and interventions show promise – based on lessons learned across the immigrant integration field and other movements – will be featured prominently.

WHAT WORKS IN BRIDGING DIVIDES

TRACK BLOCK 2 – MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 10:45AM-12:00PM – ROOM 106 B

This session will feature successful models that are bringing people together in new and innovative ways. A series of small, table talk discussions will allow participants to share their promising practices with each other and consider how to modify their own approaches to achieve greater scale and impact. Participants will have an opportunity to learn about successful strategies across different geographies (urban, suburban, rural) as well as different mechanisms that can be used to build understanding (communications, cross-ethnic coalition building, refugee bridge building, and others).

TABLE FACILITATORS:
- Communications – Wendy Feliz, American Immigration Council
- Cross-Ethnic Coalition Building – Nadia Tonova, Access
- Suburban Strategies – Ryan Bates, Michigan United
- Rural Strategies – Christa Yoakum, Nebraska is Home
- Urban Strategies – Ze Xiao, Salt Lake County
- Refugee Bridge Building – Suzanne Akhras Sahloul, Syrian Community Network

MODERATOR:
- Susan Downs-Karkos, Welcoming America

UNDERSTANDING CULTURAL ANXIETIES TODAY AND THE INTERSECTIONS WITH IMMIGRATION

TRACK BLOCK 4 – MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 4:00PM-5:15PM – ROOM 212 A

This session will provide participants with some of the latest research and analysis of cultural anxiety, and will explore how these forces intersect with immigration, refugees, race, and class. It will also delve into the impact of these anxieties on the growing hate movement in the U.S. and will help frame the types of responses that are needed to promote more unity and less fear.

PRESENTER:
- Robert Jones, CEO, Public Region Research Institute

RESPONDENTS:
- Darcy Tromanhauser, Program Director, Nebraska Appleseed
- Eric Ward, Executive Director, Western States Center

MODERATOR:
- Wendy Feliz, Communications Director, American Immigration Council

DIVING INTO DIFFICULT CONVERSATIONS

TRACK BLOCK 5 – TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 10:30AM-11:45AM – ROOM 213 A

This hands-on training session will introduce participants to new constructive dialogue, empathy building, and listening skills. Come learn how to incorporate these strategies internally into your own organization and externally in your community work, and gain valuable insights and practice. Skills learned in this training will be applicable to people leading work on a variety of issues and/or in various settings.

SPEAKER:
- Parisa Parsa, Executive Director, Essential Partners
SPECIAL SESSIONS & AFFINITY GROUPS

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 / 12:00PM-1:15PM
These informal spaces are participant-led, and intended to encourage networking, relationship building, strategizing and/or peer learning.

NATURALIZATION WORKING GROUP – ROOM 211 A
Hosted by the NALEO Educational Fund

JEWISH – ROOM 211 B
Hosted by HIAS

OPEN SOURCE – ROOMS 212 ABC & 213 AB
Please organize an affinity group of interest to you!

AUTHORIZED NON-ATTORNEY IMMIGRATION LAW PRACTICE: THE TOOL YOU NEED TO PROTECT YOUR COMMUNITY NOW
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 / 11:00AM-2:00PM – ROOM 106 A
Community-based agencies of all sorts are getting a special credential to provide immigration legal assistance. This is especially vital now as your community likely contains a large number of individuals who could move from undocumented to documented with the proper outreach, screening, referral, and immigration benefit application assistance. Please join us to learn about this community strengthening tool and start working on your agency’s application. Bring a list of the immigration law trainings you have taken, the budget your agency is willing to devote to trained legal experts in your community or network who can help you with technical support. Participants are urged to contact the presenter in advance to begin working on their applications. Jack Holmgren will present and can be reached at jholmgren@cliniclegal.org.

PRESENTER:
Jack Holmgren, Catholic Legal Immigration Network

SCREENING FOR IMMIGRATION FORMS OF RELIEF: A STRATEGY TO RESPOND TO INCREASED IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 / 4:00PM-5:15PM – ROOM 106 B
In the midst of fear and concern caused by the administration’s immigration enforcement actions, its termination of the DACA policy and termination of Termination of Protected Status for certain designated countries, advocates and service providers should be aware of the potential for a de facto “legalization” program for more than a million undocumented immigrants who may qualify for protection from deportation. Hear from experts about ways that advocates and service providers can protect individuals and keep families together.

Speakers:
Michelle Sardone, Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc (CLINIC)
Matthew Burnett, Immigration Advocates Network
Jack Holmgren, CLINIC

NEW WAVES OF LEADERS - CANDIDATE TRAINING
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 / 4:00PM-7:00PM – ROOM 106 A
Overview: In the wake of the 2016 elections, it is now more clear than ever that our country and our communities need a wave of new people running for public office. We need candidates that will put people first and bring a powerful voice to the issues impacting our communities. That means that we need to recruit and train people like YOU on how to run campaigns to win seats for public office and assume leadership positions in their communities.

Best Practices: This session will: a) give participants the nuts and bolts of how to prepare to run b) get people thinking about how to ground their campaign in what matters most and c) build a collective understanding of how we got to this point, and what it will take from us to make sure our voices are represented.

• Running as an authentic community candidate
• Running a new type of bold and courageous campaign rooted in community

Strategy: It is critical to involve more under-represented communities, especially immigrants, women, LGBTQ people and people of color. With all of the attacks hitting immigrant families, we need to focus on training up people from immigrant communities to increase our representation in City Halls and State Capitols all across the country. We need to make certain that our voices and communities are heard.

Hosted by Peoples Action and LUCHA

SPEAKERS: TBA

AFFINITY GROUPS
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 / 5:30PM-7:00PM – ROOM 211 A
These informal spaces are participant-led, and intended to encourage networking, relationship building, strategizing and/or peer learning.

ASIAN AMERICANS
ASIAN AMERICANS The Asian American Affinity group will meet to discuss issues currently impacting the Asian American community, share organizational and Civic Engagement work and explore points of intersection both at the local and national levels.

Hosted by the National Korean American Service & Education Consortium and Asian Americans Advancing Justice
SPECIAL SESSIONS

BORDERS: NORTH AND SOUTH
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 / 5:30PM-6:30PM — ROOM 212 B
For years the Northern Borders Coalition and the Southern Border Communities Coalition have brought together organizations demanding justice for communities living along the country’s northern and southern land borders. This special NIIC session will be an opportunity for those that attend to discuss ways we can work together to ensure that border enforcement policies and practices are accountable and fair, respect human dignity and human rights, and prevent the loss of life in the region. The session will focus on potential moments of collaboration for northern and southern border communities and advocates in the coming year. This will be an open round table discussion moderated by a representative from the Northern Border Coalition.

TELEMUNDO TOWN HALL
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 / 7:00PM-8:00PM — ROOM 207 LECTURE HALL
Inmigración se ha convertido en un estandarte de campañas y en el sinónimo de una lucha de poderes sin fin; sin embargo, mientras algunos le dan énfasis solo a los números, hay otros que luchan por contar sus historias. Esos son los contrastes de la frontera: familias biculturales separadas por el territorio y las leyes; muros, presupuestos e intereses... y los rostros. El foro Una familia: Dos países, La realidad de la frontera pretende exponer los testimonios que le dan cara a la polémica nacional.

Immigration has become synonymous of an endless power struggle, however; while some focus only on the numbers, others try to tell their stories to paint a more accurate picture of the situation. That is the contrast of the border: bicultural families separated by the land, laws, walls, budgets, and political interests. The townhall One Family, Two Countries: The Reality of the Border aims to expose the stories that will give a face to this national debate.

CONSULAR PARTNERSHIPS TO EMPOWER THE COMMUNITY
MONDAY, DECEMBER 11 / 11:00AM-12:00PM — ROOM 213 B
Consular assistance and protection is a right that every person has regardless of their immigration status. Consular offices of accredited countries in the United States protect the rights and further the interests of their nationals in the US, while strengthening their contributions to the community at large. This Session will discuss the services offered by the Mexican and Latin American Consulates to assist and empower immigrants. It will provide information about existing partnerships, and explore new areas of collaboration with organizations and agencies.

SPEAKERS: TBA

A CHANGED POLITICAL LANDSCAPE: IMPLICATIONS FOR FUNDERS AND IMMIGRANT & REFUGEE COMMUNITIES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 11 / 10:45AM-12:00PM — ROOM 213 A
The political landscape for protecting immigrant and refugee communities and advancing their interests has become much more challenging in the wake of the elections. Come explore with funders and colleagues the implications for national and local funding and possible ways forward for advocates, service providers, allies and the rest of the diverse pro-immigrant field in the US.

SPEAKERS:
Darane Petsod, Grantmakers Concerned with Immigrants & Refugees
Geri Mannion, Carnegie Corporation of New York
Suzette Brooks Masters, Former Funder and now Immigration Strategist

MODERATOR:
Marjorie Fine, Consultant to the Four Freedoms Fund

RESEARCHERS AND ACADEMICS: INTEGRATION AGENDA
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12 / 7:30AM-8:30AM — ROOM 212 A
Faculty and research center staff are encouraged to come to meet one another and discover what translational research is underway. This open discussion aims to foster awareness, stimulate partnerships, help set research agenda for participating organizations and universities.

FACILITATORS:
Hamutal Bernstein, Urban Institute
Westy Egmont, Boston College Immigrant Integration Lab
MAINE GIRLS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 / 5:30PM-7:00PM – ROOM 207 LECTURE HALL

In Maine - the whitest state in America - immigrant students are entering public schools in record numbers. But as the population has increased, so have the number of hate crimes. In MAINE GIRLS, a diverse group of girls at South Portland High School learn what it takes – and what it means – to develop relationships with people who don’t look or live the same way that they do. Leading by example, these teenage girls pave the way for greater empathy at their school and encourage other girls to step up and do the same in communities throughout the United States. MAINE GIRLS, is a 27-minute short documentary film and world premiered at the acclaimed Camden International Film Festival. It is available for educational audiences via Kanopy streaming services.

Visit www.https://mainegirlsfilm.com and/or contact info@mainegirlsfilm.com to learn more.

The film screening will be followed by a short conversation with Dr. Muna Ali, Arizona State University.

Photo courtesy of Maine Girls (Official Trailer) on Vimeo
In its third year, the National Community Navigator Convening at the NIIC is a space for trained Community Navigators to come together to share experiences and best practices from the field. This is a convening of two sessions woven throughout the NIIC wherein Community Navigators, predominantly immigrant women, will strategize together and receive training on key program components such as Naturalization, Know Your Rights, and Deportation Defense. The relationships and strategies built from the National Community Navigator Convening help shape the way immigration legal services are delivered in our communities and more effectively protect immigrant families across the nation.

This year, NPNA will have two Community Navigator Convening sessions that focus on learning from our experiences and challenges in this first year of the new administration - from the increased presence of ICE in our communities to the cancellation of DACA. Community Navigators will discuss and receive information on training, effective practices, and additional models to expand and enhance immigration legal services, protect immigrants, and empower our communities in this critical moment.

Thank you to the Wallace H. Coulter Foundation and Jones Day Foundation for supporting the National Community Navigator Convening!
WE ARE ALL AMERICA

Guided by a national steering committee, We Are All America is a new strategic, nationally branded campaign aimed at defeating restrictive, anti-refugee policies at the local, state, and national levels; engaging and mobilizing an active support constituency for refugee resettlement and integration; upholding America’s commitment to protecting and welcoming refugees and asylum seekers; and promoting an environment where the contributions of all newcomers—regardless of immigration status—are recognized and celebrated.

We Are All America Steering Committee members and organizational supporters include:

- Alianza Americas
- America’s Voice
- Church World Service
- Human Rights First
- International Rescue Committee
- Islamic Relief
- Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services
- National Partnership for New Americans
- Refugee Council USA
- Welcoming America

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SPECIAL EVENTS

ONE FAMILY: TWO COUNTRIES
BORDER TRIP

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9
INVITATION ONLY

A delegation of community leaders from the United States is visiting the Sonora-Arizona border. The visit “One Family: Two Countries” seeks to highlight the impact of failed immigration enforcement on Latino families that have been separated due to deportation. Participants will visit an immigrant shelter in the city of Nogales and will have the opportunity to meet with local families, activists, and city officials.

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Ms. Petra Falcon, Executive Director of Promise Arizona & Dr. Shari Olson, President of South Mountain Community College requests the pleasure of your company at our

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**FILM SCREENING**

**Screening time and room information to be announced**

8 Borders, 8 Days is an intimate documentary that follows the journey of a Syrian single mother and her two kids as they make their way to safety in Europe. It puts a human face on the refugee crisis and has inspired meaningful conversation and action around refugee resettlement in more than 50 cities across the country already.

**ABOUT THE FILM**

A fierce single mother named Sham shows us the consequences of closing doors to vulnerable families fleeing war. With no answer to her application for resettlement in the US, and every other path to safety closed off, a smuggler’s raft to Europe was the only way out for Sham and her kids. 8 Borders, 8 Days is their story; the intimate details of why a mother is willing to risk her children’s lives at sea and an immersive experience of their extraordinary eight-day journey: This harrowing film is at once a celebration of a strong mother and an immersive experience of one of the greatest human rights crises of our time.

8 Borders, 8 Days premiered to sold-out screenings at the Florida Film Festival and Seattle International Film Festival, where it was also awarded a grant as the single film contributing most to the conversation on immigration in the US. It has been called “raw, emotional,” and “unblinking” and has already inspired communities across Florida, New York State, and Washington State to welcome refugees.

Year of Production: 2017  
Length: 61 minutes  
Countries of Production: USA/Lebanon

**WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING**

“This is a raw, emotional path for a documentary to take, and it’s one everyone should see.”  
- The Stranger

“An unblinking portrait of this single mother’s determination.”  
- Seattle International Film Festival

“This compelling story will touch many hearts... [it] highlights a humanitarian crisis that the world must not be indifferent to.”  
- Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor, NY State

“A reminder that we must rid the world of hateful rhetoric, and spread kindness, knowledge, and information.”  
- Kathy M. Sheehan, Mayor, Albany, NY