6th Conference on Immigration to the US South
"Immigration to the US South: "Immigrants Making an Impact: Challenges and Opportunities in the South and Nationwide"
October 13-15, 2016 | University of South Carolina | Columbia, SC
Arnold School of Public Health | Consortium for Latino Immigration Studies

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13
1 PM -  Registration (ongoing)
1:30-2 PM  Welcome  
Myriam Torres, Director, Consortium for Latino Immigration Studies
John Dozier, Chief Diversity Officer and Senior Associate Provost for Inclusion, University of South Carolina

2-3 PM  Immigration Reform and Latino Political Mobilization in the U.S.  
Silvia Pedraza, University of Michigan

3:30-5 PM  Session 1  
Assessment of Actors and Services involved providing healthcare to Mexican immigrants in the US. The Case of Health Windows in four Mexican Consulates
Valeria Marina Valle, Center for Research on North America

PRELIMINARY FINDINGS
On the Adaptation of the Video-cued Multivocal Method in a Comparative Study of Bilingual/ESOL Education in 5K Primary Schools within a Multi-sited Transnational Migratory Circuit
Jennifer F. Reynolds, University of South Carolina
The Legitimation of the ‘migrant role’ is enabled by the presence of the state and its institutions, and its enforcement is driven by the pragmatics of the National, Sectoral, Institutional and Local level
Margaret Commins & Jeremiah Wills, Queens University of Charlotte

Room A  
University Towns as Welcoming Cities  
Moderator: Richard Macmaster
Panel: Daniel Valdez, Paula Roetscher, Jodie Stanley, University of Florida

FRIDAY OCTOBER 14
8-9 AM  REGISTRATION & COFFEE
9-10 AM  From return migration to forced migration: What is happening in the Gulf of Mexico?  
Rosio Cordova Plaza, Universidad Veracruzana

10-11:30 AM  Session 2  
Like a river through rock: the dynamics of Puerto Rican Muslim migration to Central Florida
Ken Chitwood, University of Florida
The New Wave of Islamophobia and Xenophobia in the South
Azadeh Shashshahani, Project South

Room A  
Latina American Immigrants and Racism in the United States today
Elaine Levine, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México

Room B  
Higher Education Issues Impacting US Born/Out of Undocumented Parents
Tammy Besherre, Appleseed Legal Justice Center
Teaching Immigration in Montgomery, Alabama
Silvia Giagnoni, Auburn University Montgomery

Bridging Legal Geographies: Hybrid Power and a legal-spatial Strategy for Mexican Asylum Seekers in the US
Ariadna Estevez, Universidad Nacional Autonomia de Mexico

Room C  
Conversations with Five Mexican Families’ Courageous Entry into the United States
Gilbert Duenas, Auburn University

“I’m not racist, but”: Mexican Heritage Women Negotiating their Racial Identities in the Rural South, 1998-2014
Alma Stevenson & Scott Beck, Georgia Southern University

The Effects of Parental Legal Vulnerability on Child Academic Achievement  
Nezly Silva, University of Arkansas

LUNCH
11:30 AM -1 PM  LUNCH
2-3:30 PM  Session 3  
Medical Migration from an Individual Perspective: a Case Study of Mexican Health Workers in Texas
Camelia Tiguas & Telésforo Ramírez, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México

Creating a Hispanic Outreach Program in State Government  
Alix Pedraza, SC Department of Natural Resources

Cervical Cancer Screening and Barriers to Healthcare among Latina Immigrants in the Low Country of South Carolina
John Luque, Caroline Davila, Yelena Tarasenko, Nicole Knight, Medical University of South Carolina

Room A  
Making Immigration Reform a Reality in 2017
Ali Procopio, University Program Director, FWD.us
Racialized Policy Discourse and its Effects on Undocumented Youth in South Carolina
Sophia Rodriguez, Timothy Monreal, College of Charleston
Developmental trajectories of immigrant youth in South Carolina: A longitudinal study of the first year after high school
Kristina Webber & Benjamin J. Roth, University of South Carolina

Room B  
The Welcoming Movement and Community Practice: A Case of Multi-Scalar Immigrant Integration
Darlene Xiomara Rodriguez & Paul N. McDaniel, Kennesaw State University

Room C  
Migration, Violence and Environmental Vulnerability in Central America
Bernardo Balohas Guerra, Universidad Autonoma Metropolitana

BREAK
2:30-2:45 PM  BREAK
2:45-4:15 PM  Session 4  
Dialogue as a Tool for Promoting Immigrant Receptivity and Social Change
Claire Schuch, Susan Harden, Heather Smith, Kamille Bostick, University of North Carolina Charlotte

Room A  
Update on DACA, DACA of 2012 and expanded DACA
Tammy Besherre, Appleseed Legal Justice Center
DAPA Delayed and Ongoing Efforts of the Immigrant Rights Movement in Tennessee
De Ann Pendry, University of Tennessee-Knoxville

Room B  
"IMPACTO" Art Exhibit: Palmetto y Luna
5 PM

Room C  
BREAK
5-8 PM  RECEPTION

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The Learning Curve: How Government Officials and Community Stakeholders Are Addressing Gang Issues in a Small Southern City
Arik Cruz, University of Arkansas

Undocumented Activism: Citizenship and Activism in the Undocumented Community
Jesus Tirado, University of Georgia

4:15-4:30 PM BREAK
4:30-6 PM Session 5
Room A
Documentary: “Invisibles: Indocumentados vs. Supermercados”
Manuel De Alba Del C. N., Universidad de las Américas Puebla

Mexican Folkloric dance in Georgia: from folclorization to patrimonialization
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Room C

Recovering the Human Face of Immigration in the US South
Philip Williams, Sue Weisher, P.J Edwards, Loyola University, University of Georgia

6-8 PM DINNER

SATURDAY OCTOBER 15

8-9 AM COFFEE
9-10:30 AM Session 6
Room A
Stages of Latino Immigration: The Effect of Trauma on Well-being
Mary Held, University of Tennessee

Capacity Building with Health and Service Organizations
Alison Voravudhi, PASOs

Receiving Faith: Immigrants and Evangelicals in the South
Alan Cross, Evangelical Immigration Table

Room B
U.S. Public Opinion on Immigration and the 2016 Presidential Elections
Charles D. Brockett, Sewanee University

Placing the displaced Newcomer: Situating a Latina/o Politics of Identity in the Upper-South
Aaron Arredondo, University of Missouri

Advocacy through education and empowerment
Paloma Fernández Sánchez, Ljubitza Fadic, Jacqueline Mayorga, Amy Puga, Michelle Marmolejo, Columbia College

Room C
Liminal legality and the mobility strategies of undocumented youth in a new destination
Benjamin J. Roth, University of South Carolina

Impact of Economic Trends and Disparities on South Carolina Children’s Health and Well-being: An Analysis of the 2015 KIDS COUNT Profile
Arelis Moore de Peralta, Clemson University

10:45 AM BRAINSTORM: MIGRATION STUDIES ONWARD
Association
Facilitator: Alan LeBaron, Kennesaw State University

11:30 AM ROLLING LUNCH- CONVERSATION CONTINUES

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