Southeastern Immigration Studies Association Presents:

2020 Conference

Current Trends in Immigration Research and Activism

Charleston, South Carolina
February 20-22, 2020
Southeastern Immigration Studies Association Conference
February 20-22, 2020
Charleston, South Carolina

Schedule of Events

Thursday, February 20th
6 pm-8 pm
Cannon Street Arts Center.
134 Cannon St. Charleston, SC 29403

Friday, February 21st - College of Charleston
8 am-5 pm
8:00-9:00 am, Registration/Breakfast
Alumni Center.
86 Wentworth St., Charleston, SC 29401

Saturday, February 22nd - The Citadel
8am-1 pm
8:00-9:30 am, Breakfast/Business Meeting.
Regimental Commander’s Riverview Room
Welcome to the first meeting of the Southeastern Immigration Studies Association!

In October 2016, we participated in the 6th Conference on Immigration to the U.S. South in Columbia, South Carolina. It was exciting to meet so many students, scholars, and activists addressing the challenges in our immigrant and migrant communities, and it was evident that there are many people committed to fighting discrimination, inequity, and injustice. This excitement, however, was met with a certain unease. The presidential election was only weeks away, and we recognized that the outcome would transform our communities and shape our responses to the incoming administration’s policies.

Last summer, we decided to revive the great work this conference undertook and create an organization—the Southeastern Immigration Studies Association—which specifically examines the issues of immigration in the Southeastern United States. We felt a sense of urgency in establishing SEISA and creating a space for people to share their work, collaborate, and draw attention to policies affecting our communities. As you can see in the conference program, the panels address a broad range of issues, including detention, DACA, refugee policy, activism, and education. Presenters highlight the impact of racial discrimination, education inequity, and violence on our communities, but they also share strategies for resistance and combating injustice.

Your conference registration fee includes a one-year charter membership to SEISA. We invite you to join us for our Business Breakfast on Saturday, February 22. The agenda includes a discussion of SEISA’s mission, leadership opportunities, and goals for the organization. We also hope you will join us for Saturday’s luncheon and keynote address by immigration attorney and activist Marty Rosenbluth.

Thank you for supporting SEISA and for participating in this year’s conference. Our hope is that this meeting motivates and inspires you to continue your important work.

Nancy Aguirre, President
SEISA Founding Members
Marina Lopez (The Citadel)
Will McCorkle (College of Charleston)
Timothy Monreal (University of South Carolina)
Sophia Rodriguez (University of Maryland)
Benjamin Roth (University of South Carolina)
Friday, February 21st- College of Charleston  
8:00-9:00 am, Registration/Breakfast  
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Friday, Session 1  
9:00-10:30 am

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| “He’s Not Heavy, but He’s Not My Brother”: Evaluating Mixed Support Among Asian Americans Toward Syrian Refugees  
Shyam Krishnan Sriram, Butler University  
Chloe McCarthy, University of Nottingham | Learning Difference, Division, and Unity: Schools and Boundary-Making in the "New Latinx South"  
Rebeca Gamez, Johns Hopkins University |
| Local Host City Implementation of National Refugee Policy: A Comparative Case Study  
Emma Cregg, College of Charleston | Migrant and Refugee Students In Online Writing Courses: Their Stories  
Kevin Depew, Old Dominion University |
| Every Campus A Refuge: Dignity and Justice in Refugee Resettlement  
Diya Abdo, Guilford College  
Kathleen Herbst, Guilford College  
Hsar (Ree Ree) Wei, Guilford College | What “Counts” as Education Policy for Immigrant Students?: Effects of US Federal and State Immigration/Immigrant Policy on K-12 Immigrant Students and Families  
Leslie Gautsch, UC San Diego |

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| Predatory Street Targeting of Immigrants: Offender Perspectives  
Krystlelynn Caraballo, Georgia State University | Voces Comunitarias: Collaboration, Leadership, Engagement and Translation & Interpreting  
Araceli Hernández-Laroche-USC Upstate  
Maria Francisco Montesó-USC Upstate  
Begoña Caballero-García-Wofford College |
| Immigrants of Color Living Under Crimmigration Law  
Natalie Cholula, UNC Greensboro | |
| The Automobile and Anti-Immigration Movements: From Licensing to Drunk Driving Crackdowns  
Joseph Rodriguez, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee | |
Friday, Session 2  
10:45 am-12:15 pm

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| Allard-Asylum Seeking as Moral Agency Under Constraint  
Silas Allard, Emory University | The Jewish Roots of American Refugee Policy  
Shyam Krishnan Sriram, Butler University  
Victoria Combs, Butler University  
Cole McNamara, Butler University |
| The Spaces of Gender-Based Asylum  
Pooja Dadhania, California Western School of Law | Halting & Holding  
Smita Gosh, Georgetown University |
| Understanding the Post Resettlement Process: In-depth Analysis of the Burmese Refugee Population in Knoxville  
Melissa Holmes, Refugee Integration through Community Outreach | Trump’s Use of Executive Powers to Make Immigration Policy  
Michele Waslin, George Mason University |

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| The Role of Immigration Attorneys in Case-Selection, Preparation, and Navigating an Uncertain Field  
Dylan Farrell-Bryan, University of Pennsylvania | Notes From the (Under) Ground: A Panel of Local Advocates offers Insight from Charleston, SC.  
Penny Aber-Kahn, Celina Anthony, Lydia Cotton, Kelly Criscitiello, Trish Elsie, Virginia Green, Christopher Hagy, Dr. Rosaura Orrego-Aguayo, Juliana Rhodes, Christina Vivas, Emily Williams.  
Moderated by Aimee Herring, Charleston County Adult Education |
| Using Technology at the Border and Detention Centers Can Drive Policy Change  
Damjan Denoble, frontera TECH | |
| Students’ Experiences Visiting Detainees at Stewart Detention Center  
Education Students, College of Charleston | |

12:30-1:30 pm, Lunch, Alumni Center.  
86 Wentworth St.
### Friday, Session 3  
**1:30-3:00 pm**

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| **Fostering a Critical Immigration Perspective: A New Approach to Academic Activism and Advocacy**  
Juan Jose Bustamante, University of Arkansas | **Pre-DACA Returnees and the Pursuit of the American Dream South of the Border**  
Eleanor Petrone, Western Carolina University |
| **Representation and the Academic Profession**  
Hector Diaz, University of South Carolina | **Student DREAMers Alliance: Raising a Generation of Advocates and Leaders**  
James Campbell, Carolina High School  
Adela Mendoza, Hispanic Alliance  
Dina Estrada, Hispanic Alliance |
| **Engaging Undergraduates Through Creative Inquiry**  
Mikel Cole, Clemson University  
Stephanie Schenck, Clemson University  
Angela Naimou, Clemson University | **Nested Socio-Legal Contexts: Undocumented Young Adults Navigating Belonging in Georgia**  
Edelina Burciaga, University of Colorado-Denver |

### Room 3 - Public Opinion Towards Immigration

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| Polarization and U.S. Public Opinion on Immigration  
Charles D. Brockett, Sewanee: The University of the South | **The Scars They Carry: Patterns of Abuse in Asylum-Seekers in South Carolina and the Development of the MUSC Asylum Clinic**  
Brian Elmore, Medical University of South Carolina |
| A(mass)ing Counternarratives in Mediatized Debates about Immigration in the Aftermath(s) of an ICE Raid  
Jennifer Reynolds, University of South Carolina | |
| Discrimination in New Immigrant Destinations: A Comparison of Southeast Asians in Taiwan and Latin American Immigrants in the American Southeast  
Shuchi Huang, College of Charleston  
Will McCorkle, College of Charleston | |

**Community Faces. Posters**  
Meadow Glenn Middle School (Lexington) Students  
Alumni Center (86 Wentworth St.)
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3:15-4:45 pm

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| Foster Regional Collaboration to Spur Immigrant Inclusion  
Jordyne Krumroy, Welcoming America | Fighting Back Against Local Police Collaboration with ICE and Winning  
Adelina Nicholls, Project South |
| Rhizomatic Citizenship as Democratic Practice  
Cathryn Bennett, UNC-Greensboro  
Marina Lambrinou, UNC-Greensboro | Rethinking the “Gold Standard” of Racial Profiling: §287(g), Secure Communities and Racially Discrepant Police Power  
Austin Kocher, Syracuse University |
| Building a Collective Resistance to Defeat Racism, Islamophobia, and Anti-immigrant Attacks  
Manzoor Cheema-Project South  
Azadeh Shahshahani-Project South | Local Resistance to 287(g) and Immigration Enforcement in Knox County, Tennessee  
De Ann Pendry, University of Tennessee |

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The University of North Carolina – Greensboro
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Regimental Commander’s Riverview Room.

Saturday, Session 5
9:30-11:00 am

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| Immigrants and Domestic Violence in Charlotte-Mecklenburg  
  Claire Schuch, UNC-Charlotte | Welcoming cities in unwelcoming states: The challenges of immigrant integration in North Carolina  
  Maggie Commins, Queens University of Charlotte |
  Michelle Y. Martin Romero, UNC-Chapel Hill  
  Laura M. Gonzalez, UNC-Greensboro  
  Gabriela Livas Stein, UNC-Greensboro | From Municipal to Regional Immigrant Integration in a Major Emerging Gateway: Creating a Community to Plan a Welcoming Metro Atlanta  
  Paul N. McDaniel, Kennesaw State University  
  Darlene Xiomara Rodriguez, Kennesaw State University  
  Jordyne Krumroy, Welcoming America |
| Trauma-Informed Care for Immigrant Students? Exploring the Role of School Social Workers  
  Karen Andrea Flynn, University of South Carolina  
  Benjamin J. Roth, University of South Carolina  
  Leticia Villarreal Sosa, Dominican University  
  Sophia Rodriguez, UNC-Greensboro | State Immigrant Inclusivity & English Learner Education in the Every Student Succeeds Act: Approaching or Departing Equity?  
  Leslie Gautsch, UC-San Diego  
  Rebecca Callahan, UC San Diego  
  Megan Hopkins, UC San Diego |

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| HB 3404: Expanding Access to Education and Professional Opportunities for Immigrants in S.C.  
  Sarai Bautista, Upstate DREAMers  
  Aylin Gomez | Migration Policy Solutions: Student Project Presentations  
  Nancy Aguirre, The Citadel  
  Jacob Franklin, The Citadel  
  William Rathke, The Citadel  
  Jake Schindler, The Citadel |
| Building Networks of Change in a New Immigrant Destination in the New South  
  Nina Cano, Charleston Immigrant Coalition  
  Fernando Soto, Charleston Immigrant Coalition | |

**Book Reading**

Immigrant Narratives in the American South: Charting Here, Home, and Healing  
  Cinelle Barnes, Local Immigrant Author and Activist  
  Capers Hall- 410

Final Event: 11:30 am-1:00 pm, Lunch, Plenary Speaker: Marty Rosenbluth
Regimental Commander’s Riverview Room, The Citadel