

The Latin American Program and the Mexico Institute of the Woodrow Wilson Center are pleased to invite you to:

Latino Immigrant Civic Engagement Trends

Friday, June 26, 2009 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars 5th Floor Conference Room Washington, D.C.

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Welcome and Overview of the Study 8:30-9:00 a.m.

Xóchitl Bada, Assistant Professor, Latin American and Latino Studies Program, University of Illinois, Chicago

Jonathan Fox, Professor, Latin American and Latino Studies Department, University of California, Santa Cruz

Andrew Selee, Project Coordinator, Latino Immigrant Civic Engagement Project; Director, Mexico Institute, Woodrow Wilson Center

Session 1: Latino Civic and Political Engagement: Advances and Challenges

Session 2: Immigrant Integration and Local Governments

11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Moderator: Jonathan Fox

Alice Bennett, Associate Organizer, Helping Empower Local People (CHARLOTTE) Teresa Castellanos, Interim Director, Office of Human Relations, County of Santa Clara, California (SAN JOSE)

Ricardo Gambetta, Manager of Inclusive Communities Program, National League of Cities; Former Executive Director, Mayor's Commission on Latino Affairs, City of Indianapolis Luvia Quiñones, Associate Director, New Americans Initiative, Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights (ICIRR) (CHICAGO)

Lunch served at 12:30pm.

Session 3: Migrant Organizations: Strategies and Alliances 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Moderator: David Ayón, Senior Research Associate, Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University

Michael Klein, MEChA student representative, University of Nevada, Las Vegas (LAS VEGAS)

Myrna Martínez, Director, Pan Valley Institute, American Friends Service Committee (FRESNO)

Gaspar Rivera-Salgado, Project Director, Center for Labor Research and Education, University of California, Los Angeles (LOS ANGELES)

Sergio Sosa, Organizer, One Omaha Together (OMAHA)

Florencio I. Zaragoza, President, Fundación México (TUCSON)

Session 4: Political Participation and Citizenship 2:45-4:15 p.m.

Moderator: Robert Donnelly, Program Associate, Mexico Institute

Leni González, Chair, Board of Directors, Shirlington (Virginia) Employment and Education Center; President, Council 4609, League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) (WASHINGTON, D.C.)

Israel Fuentes, President, El Comité de Unidad Guatemalteco/Guatemalan Unity Committee (LAS VEGAS)

Juan José González, New Americans Democracy Project, ICIRR (CHICAGO) Angelica Salas, Executive Director, Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles (LOS ANGELES)

Conclusions

4:15 p.m.-4:30 p.m.