

Immigration and Immigrant Experiences: Houston and Beyond
An Interdisciplinary Symposium sponsored by the Ad Hoc Committee on Collaboration and Interdisciplinarity, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, University of Houston
Friday, April 20, 2012, 8:00 a.m. – 4:45 p.m. on the UH Main Campus

8:00-8:30 Registration (Agnes Arnold Hall (AH) Room 215)

8:30-10:15 Panel Presentations (AH 210, 212, 216)

Concurrent Session I: 8:45-10:30

Establishing Community

- Stephen Cherry, UH Clear Lake, "Building Immigrant Communities in the Shadows of Katrina"
Helen Rose Ebaugh, UH, "Global Spread of the Gulen Movement: Adapting Global Features to Local Conditions"
Aimee L'Heureux, UH, "Creating Alternative Avenues to Palestine: Palestinian Activists in Houston, Texas"
Guillermo de los Reyes Heredia, UH, "Queer Immigrants: Performing Gender, Sexuality and Mexican Identity in Houston"
Gregory Marinic, UH, "Diasporic Landscapes"

Music and Literature

- Natalie Garza, UH, "Migrant Themes Found in Music of Mexican Artists"
Nicolas Kanellos, UH, "An Approach to the Literature of Immigrants to the United States from Spanish America"
Christina Sisk, UH, "The Clandestine Migrant: Recontextualizing the Migrant Struggle"

Concurrent Session II: 10:45-12:00

Women and Children

- Maria Curtis, UH Clear Lake, "Turkish American Muslim Mothers' and Grandmothers' Diasporic Networks in Houston"
Christine Kovic, UH Clear Lake, "Central American Women in Search of Disappeared Migrants: From Case to Cause"
Augustina Reyes, UH, "Immigrant Children and Disaster: Katrina Immigrants"

Communication and Medical Issues

- Sandra McNeely, UH-Victoria, "Applications of the Ecological Model to Mexican American Elderly Immigrants with Life-Limiting Illnesses: Opportunities for Inquiry"
Lan Ni, UH, "Intercultural Competencies and Immigration Experiences: Organization- Public Relationships and Impact on Mental Health"
Desiree Seponski, UH Clear Lake, "Exploring the use of EMDR with Cambodian Immigrants"

Diverse Approaches to Immigration: Narrative, Politics and Theory

- Dina Alsowayel, UH, "The Day I Became an American"
Jessica Autumn Brown, UH, "Politicizing Immigration"
Mark Ward, UH-Victoria, "Cross-Cultural Adaptation as a Function of Immigrant and Host Communication: A Review of Leading Theories"
Alessandra L. Gonzalez, Baylor, "Referencing the Home Countries: Comparative Research on Immigrants from Majority Muslim Countries"

12:30-1:45 Lunch and Keynote Speaker (Farish Hall KIVA)

Keynote - Charles Foster, co-chair and partner, FosterQuan, LLP, immigration law firm

1:45-3:30 Immigration Law Clinic Panel (Farish Hall KIVA)

Prof. Geoffrey A. Hoffman, UH Law Center, and colleagues a from the Immigration Law Clinic

3:30-4:45 Concluding Plenary Session (Farish Hall KIVA)

Plenary Speaker - Prof. Michael A. Olivas, UH Law Center