

# Immigration and the Immigrant Experience: Houston and Beyond

## PROGRAM

**8:30-12:30** Panel Presentations (UH Writing Center, 212-216 Agnes Arnold Hall)

### Topics:

- Establishing Community
- Communication & Medical Issues
- Women & Children
- Music & Literature
- Diverse Approaches to Immigration: Narrative, Politics and Theory

**12:30-1:45** Lunch & Keynote Speaker (KIVA Room, Farish Hall First Floor)  
*Registration Required*

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

**3:30-4:45** Concluding Plenary Speaker (KIVA Room, Farish Hall)

• **Keynote Speaker: Charles C. Foster** Mr. Foster is founding partner of the Houston-based law firm FosterQuan, LLP, one of the nation's largest immigration law firms. One of the leading immigration lawyers in the United States, Mr. Foster has served as President of the American Immigration Lawyers Association and Chairman of the American Bar Association Coordinating Committee. His work in promoting immigration reform has earned widespread recognition. He played a key role in the 1981 release of Houston Ballet star Li Cunxin from detainment inside Houston's Chinese Consulate, a role that was recreated in the 2009 film *Mao's Last Dancer*. The film will be shown on April 18 in PGH, 216 at 2:00 and on April 19 in Roy Cullen, 104 at 2:30.

• **UH Immigration Law Clinic Panel:** Led by University of Houston Professor **Geoffrey A. Hoffman**, a specialist in immigration-related federal court litigation and deportation defense before the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR), asylum cases, adjustments, and appeals before the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA).

• **Concluding Plenary Speaker: Michael A. Olivas** Professor of Law at the University of Houston Law Center, Olivas is being honored March 16, 2012 with the "Immigration Champion Award" by two academic programs at St. John's University for his longstanding commitment to immigration issues. He has been elected to membership in the American Law Institute and the National Academy of Education, the only person to have been selected to both honor academies.

Save the Date:

Friday, April 20,  
2012

8:30-5:00

On Friday, April 20, 2012, the University of Houston College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (CLASS) Ad Hoc Committee on Collaboration and Interdisciplinarity will host a symposium, *Immigration and the Immigrant Experience: Houston and Beyond*.



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