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### ***Conference Agenda***

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**10:15am - 10:45am**

**Coffee & Refreshments**

**10:45am - 11:00am**

**Introductions & Opening Remarks**

**11:00am - 12:00pm**

**Panel 1: Theoretical Foundations**

*Moderator: Andy Lamey - Teaching Professor of Philosophy, UCSD*

*Gershon Shafir - Professor of Sociology, UCSD*

*María Dolores Paris Pombo - Professor of Political Science,  
COLEF, Tijuana*

**12:00pm - 1:30pm**

**Lunch with Keynote Speaker Justin Gest**

*Justin Gest is Assistant Professor at George Mason University and the Co-Chair of the International Migrants Bill of Rights Initiative, Washington, DC.*

**1:30pm - 3:00pm**

**Panel 2: Legal Perspectives**

*Moderator: David Pedersen - Associate Professor of Anthropology, UCSD*

*Elizabeth Camarena - Associate Director, Casa Cornelia Law Center*

*Gretchen Kuhner - Director, Instituto Para las Mujeres en la  
Migración, Mexico City*

*David Loy - Legal Director, ACLU of San Diego and Imperial Counties*

**3:00pm - 3:15pm**

**Coffee Break**

**3:15pm - 4:15pm**

**Panel 3: Seeking Shelter**

*Moderator: Tom Wong - Assistant Professor of Political Science, UCSD*

*Rev. Pat Murphy - Director, Casa del Migrante, Tijuana*

*Yesenia Sánchez - Graduate Student in Latin American Studies, UCSD*

**4:15pm - 5:15pm**

**Reception**

# ***SPEAKERS***

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***Elizabeth Camarena, Esq.***

***Associate Director - Casa Cornelia Law Center (CCLC), San Diego***

Camarena supervises legal programs at the non-profit CCLC, which include an Asylum Program, Victims of Crime Program, Children's Program, and Pro Bono Program. Throughout her association with CCLC, Camarena has provided direct representation to clients as well as supervised, trained and mentored attorneys in each area of CCLC's practice. She frequently speaks on immigration law and policy and participates in community education presentations throughout San Diego County. Before joining CCLC, Camarena worked in the private sector providing counsel and representation on family and employment based visas and previously worked for the U.S. Department of Justice, Asylum Office in San Francisco. Camarena is a graduate of the University of California, Hastings College of Law and completed her undergraduate studies at Fresno State University.

***David S. FitzGerald***

***Professor of Sociology, UC San Diego and CCIS Co-Director***

David Scott FitzGerald is Theodore E. Gildred Chair in U.S.-Mexican Relations, Professor of Sociology, and Co-Director of the Center for Comparative Immigration Studies. His research analyzes policies regulating international migration in countries of origin, transit, and destination. His books include *Culling the Masses: The Democratic Roots of Racist Immigration Policy in the Americas* (Harvard University Press, 2014), which won the American Sociological Association's (ASA) Distinguished Scholarly Book Award. FitzGerald's current projects include directing the California Immigration Research Initiative and writing a book on the externalization of borders to deter asylum seekers from entering the Global North. FitzGerald co-directs the San Diego hub of the Scholars Strategy Network and was awarded the ASA International Migration Section's "Award for Public Sociology" in 2013.



***Justin Gest - Keynote Speaker***

***Co-Chair - International Migrants Bill of Rights Initiative, Washington, DC***

Gest is an Assistant Professor of Public Policy at George Mason University's Schar School of Policy and Government. He is the author of *Apart: Alienated and Engaged Muslims in the West* (2010), *The New Minority: White Working Class Politics in an Age of Immigration and Inequality* (2016), and will soon publish *Crossroads: Comparative Immigration Regimes in Times of Demographic Change* (Cambridge University Press 2017). He has authored a dozen peer-reviewed articles, and provided analysis for BBC, CNN, *The Guardian*, NPR, Politico, Reuters, and Vox. He is also the Co-Chair of the International Migrants Bill of Rights Initiative.



**Gretchen Kuhner**

**Director - Instituto Para las Mujeres en la Migración, Mexico City**

Kuhner holds a degree in International Relations from Occidental College, a J.D. from Seattle University, and has conducted migration studies at the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México in Mexico City. She is the director of the Institute for Women in Migration (IMUMI), a non-profit organization based in Mexico City that advocates for the rights of women migrants in the region through legal representation, policy and advocacy and strategic communication. She has consulted with various institutions on migration and human trafficking projects including UN Women, The Ford Foundation, MacArthur Foundation, *El Colegio de la Frontera Norte* and the American Bar Association.

**Andy Lamey - Moderator**

**Teaching Professor of Philosophy, UC San Diego**

Lamey holds a PhD in Philosophy from the University of Western Australia. His research focuses on ethics, applied ethics and political philosophy. His research and papers have been published in the *The Monist*, *Social Theory and Practice* and in 2011 he published his book *Frontier Justice: The Global Refugee Crisis*. Lamey has taught at the medical school at the University of Notre Dame, Australia as well as Monash University in Melbourne, part of the “Group of Eight” consortium of research universities in Australia.



**David Loy**

**Legal Director - ACLU of San Diego and Imperial Counties**

After graduating law school, Loy clerked for Judge Dolores K. Sloviter of the Third Circuit Court of Appeals. He worked as a staff attorney with Office of the Appellate Defender in New York City and public defender and civil rights attorney in Spokane, Washington before joining the ACLU in 2006. He previously served on the Southern District Lawyer Representative Committee and the board of California Appellate Defense Counsel. Loy was named one of San Diego’s Top Attorneys 2009 and 2010 by *San Diego Daily Transcript*. He supervises all legal advocacy at the ACLU of San Diego & Imperial Counties, and has particular expertise in freedom of speech and religion, open government and public disclosure, police misconduct, and constitutional criminal procedure. Loy has a law degree from Northwestern and a B.A. from Brown, and is licensed to practice in California and New York (with inactive licenses in Illinois and Washington).



**Father Pat Murphy, c.s.**

**Director - Casa del Migrante, Tijuana**

Fr. Pat Murphy, c.s. was born in New York City in 1952. He did his seminary studies in New York, Chicago and Toronto. He graduated from Dominican University, River Forest, Illinois in 1974 with a Bachelors in Psychology and in 1979 completed his Masters in Divinity at the University of Toronto. He also received a Masters in Pastoral Studies from Loyola University in Chicago in 1985. Murphy has been a member of the Missionaries of St. Charles - The Scalabrinians - since his first profession in 1976. He was ordained a priest in August 30, 1980 and since then his ministry commitments have been mostly with the Hispanic community in places like Chicago, Los Angeles and Kansas City. Since May 1, 2013 he has been the Director of the *Casa del Migrante* in Tijuana, Mexico a house of hospitality for immigrants, refugees and deportees.

**María Dolores París Pombo**

**Professor of Political Science, El Colegio de la Frontera Norte (COLEF)**

María Dolores París Pombo is a full-time researcher at the Department of Cultural Studies at *Colegio de la Frontera Norte (COLEF)* in Tijuana, Mexico. She holds a PhD in Social Sciences with a concentration in Political Studies from the Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences (FLASCO), Mexico. Her areas of studies are human rights, inter-ethnic relations and migrations, political elites, racism and discrimination. Some of her more recent publications include *Far from Home: Mexican Women Deported to Tijuana* in *Journal of Borderland Studies* and "Indigenous Migrations in Latin America: In the Footsteps of Michael Kearney" in *Latin American Perspectives*.



**David Pedersen - Moderator**

**Professor of Anthropology, UCSD**

David Pedersen is an anthropologist with a joint degree History and Anthropology (University of Michigan, 2004). His research focuses on the hemisphere of the Americas during the 20th century and up to the present. He contributes to interdisciplinary debates at the crossroads of anthropology and history, especially as they are concerned with the semiotic and material dimensions of capitalism. His recent book, *American Value: Migrants, Money, and Meaning in El Salvador and the United States*, University of Chicago Press, 2014) focuses on El Salvador and its relations with the United States as everyday life in both countries has been reshaped. Pedersen serves on the advisory board of CCIS and is a faculty affiliate of the Ethnic Studies Program.



**Yesenia Sánchez**

**Graduate Student in Latin American Studies, UCSD**

Yesenia Sánchez was born in Zacatecas, Mexico and migrated with her family to Melrose Park, Illinois at the age of 8. She became involved in social justice and immigrant rights issues in 2003 as an undocumented student leader during the passage of HB60. Since then, she has been involved in the immigration movement at the state and federal levels. Sánchez was the founding executive director of P.A.S.O- West Suburban Action Project in Illinois and was instrumental in the passage of the IL DREAM Act and Drivers Licenses For All laws. Sánchez also fostered the creation of the suburban immigrant integration model - assisting legal permanent residents to become citizens. She is an alumna of the Edgar Fellowship with the Institute of Government Public Affairs and past board member of the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights.

**Gershon Shafir**

**Professor of Sociology, UCSD**

Gershon Shafir is a Professor in the Department of Sociology at UCSD, and the founding Director of its Human Rights Program. He received his B.A.s in Political Science, Economics, Sociology, and Anthropology from Tel Aviv University, his M.A. from UCLA, and his Ph. D. in Sociology from the University of California, Berkeley. He is the author or editor of ten books, among them: *Land, Labor, and the Origins of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict, 1882-1914*, co-author with Yoav Peled of *Being Israeli: The Dynamics of Multiple Citizenship*, which won the Middle Eastern Studies Association's Albert Hourani Award in 2002, and *A Half Century of Occupation: Israel, Palestine, and the World's Most Intractable Conflict* published this past April by UC Press.



**Tom K. Wong - Moderator**

**Assistant Professor of Political Science, UCSD**

Tom K. Wong is an assistant professor of political science at the University of California, San Diego and served as an advisor to the White House initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (WHIAAPI). He is also Director of the International Migration Studies Program Minor. His research focuses on the politics of immigration, citizenship, and migrant "illegality". As these issues have far-reaching implications, his work also explores the links between immigration, race and ethnicity, and the politics of identity.



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