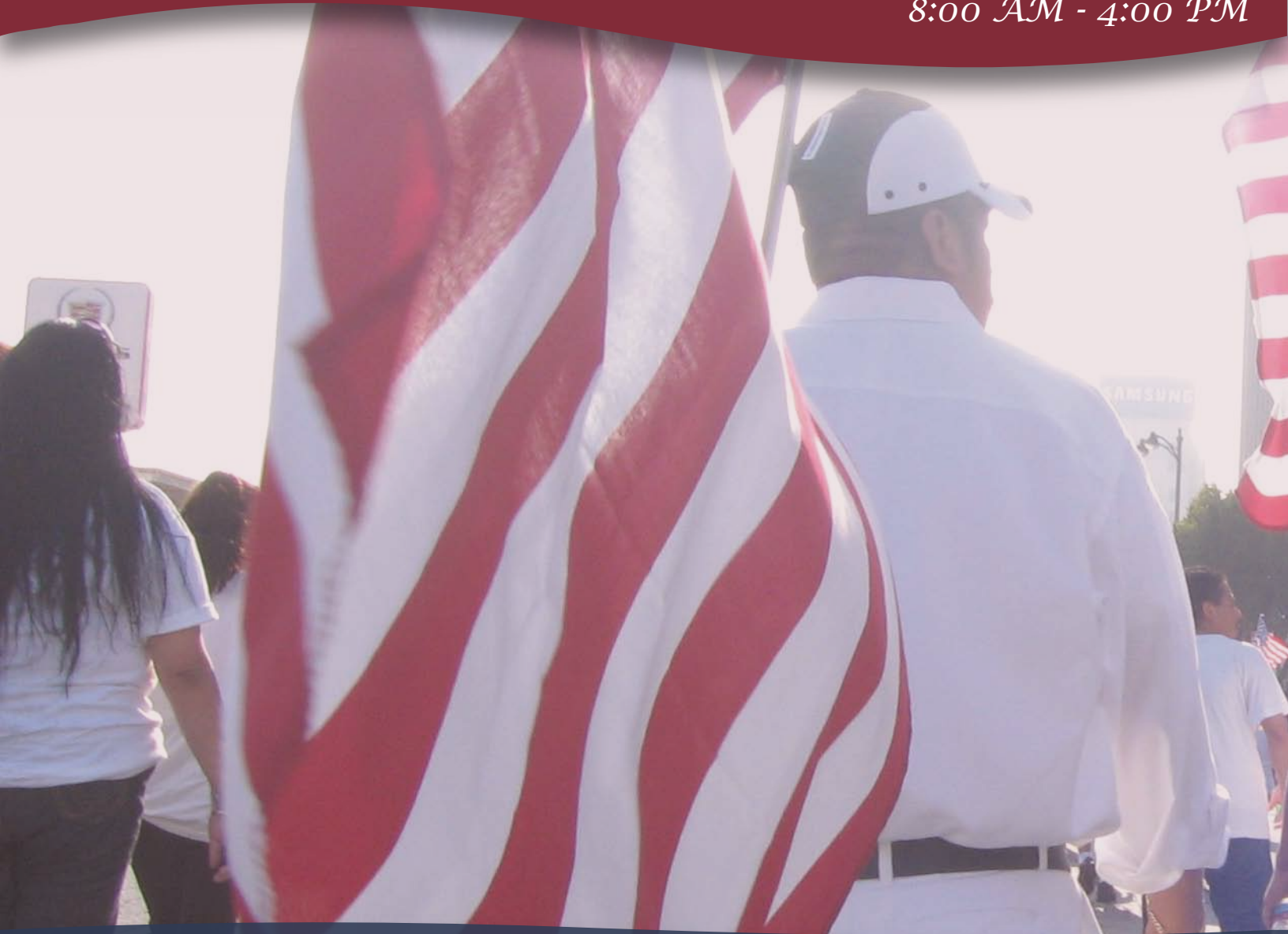


IMMIGRANT INTEGRATION AND THE AMERICAN FUTURE: LESSONS FROM AND FOR CALIFORNIA

*University of Southern California, Davidson Conference Center
Tuesday, April 22, 2008
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM*



The conference will bring together academics, policymakers, and community leaders to discuss experiences and practices of immigrant integration, highlighting the interwoven interests of immigrants and host communities, and the mutuality of our fates. The aim will be to define a strategic research agenda on issues and policies for successful immigrant integration, with a special focus on Los Angeles and California.



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Premise:

In July 2007, the U.S. Senate found itself facing the most significant immigration reform package in nearly two decades – and blinked. While the failure to secure reform at the national level has led to much analysis about the message and methods of immigrant advocates and opponents, it has not shifted the key facts confronting states, local authorities, and community leaders: the presence of immigrants and their offspring is growing in virtually every region of the U.S.

This is particularly true in Southern California: in Los Angeles County, one-third of our residents are foreign-born, nearly half the workforce is immigrant, and two-thirds of those under 18 are children of immigrants. What we do here has national ramifications, both because of our size and because of the historic role of Los Angeles as an immigrant gateway. At the same time, we in Southern California can learn from the experiences of other states and regions as they offer new models for more successful incorporation – what is now going by the term “immigrant integration.”

Conference Schedule

8:00 – 8:30 a.m. Breakfast

8:30 – 8:40 a.m. Welcome and Purpose

- Jack Knott, Dean of USC School for Policy, Planning, and Development
- Howard Gillman, Dean of USC College of Letters, Arts and Sciences

8:40 – 9:00 a.m. Immigrant Integration: Why We Need It, Why It Matters

- Henry Cisneros (CityView)

9:00 – 10:30 a.m. Immigrant Integration and the Popular Narrative:
Framing and Re-Framing the Issue

Panelists:

- Manuel Pastor (USC) -*Moderator*
- Antonia Hernandez (California Community Foundation)
- Bill Ong Hing (UC Davis)
- Monica Lozano (La Opinion)
- Dowell Myers (USC)
- Robert K. Ross (The California Endowment)

10:30 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Breakout Sessions

I. Immigrant Integration and Educational Achievement

- Harry Pachon (USC) - *Moderator*
- Estela Bensimon (USC)
- David Crippins (Youth Council Chair, Los Angeles Workforce Investment Board)
- Patricia Gandara (UCLA)
- Margie McHugh (Migration Policy Institute)

II. Immigrant Integration and Workforce Development

- Pierrette Hondagneu-Sotelo (USC) - *Moderator*
- Hector Cordero (Ford)
- Steve Levy (Center for Continuing Study of the California Economy)
- Jason Marczak (Council of the Americas)
- David Rattray (Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce)

III. Immigrant Integration and Civic Engagement

- David Ayon (Loyola Marymount) - *Moderator*
- Marvin Andrade (Central American Resource Center)
- Rini Chakraborty (Sweatshop Watch)
- Josh Hoyt (Chicago Immigrant Rights Coalition)
- Karthick Ramakrishnan (UC Riverside)
- Arturo Vargas (National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials)

IV. Immigrant Integration and Interethnic Relations

- Amon Emeka (USC) - *Moderator*
- Teresa Castellaños (Immigration Relations and Integration Services, Santa Clara County)
- Denise Fairchild (Los Angeles Trade Tech)
- George Sanchez (USC)
- Bill Watanabe (Little Tokyo Center)

V. Immigrant Integration and Community Building

- Janelle Wong (USC) - *Moderator*
- Mark Gomez (Strengthening Our Lives)
- Ali Modarres, (Cal State Los Angeles)
- Alexia Salvatierra (Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice)
- Kent Wong (UCLA Labor Center)

VI. Immigrant Integration and the Social Reception

- Susan Alva (Occidental) - *Moderator*
- Michael Dear (USC)
- Hamid Khan (South Asian Network)
- Angelica Salas (Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles)
- Abel Valenzuela (UCLA)
- Clarissa Martinez de Castro (National Council of La Raza)

- 12:15 p.m. Lunch
- 12:30 p.m. Keynote: Immigrant Integration and Immigration Reform: Making the Links, Finding Our Roles
- Gara LaMarche (Atlantic Philanthropies)
- 1:30 – 3:20 p.m. Immigrant Integration and Public Policy: What Do We Need to Know and Where Do We Go From Here?
- Manuel Pastor (USC) -Moderator
 - Ernie Cortes (One LA, Inter-American Forum)
 - Maria Elena Durazo (LA County Federation of Labor)
 - Marqueece Harris-Dawson (Community Coalition)
 - Tamar Jacoby (Manhattan Institute)
 - Stewart Kwoh (Asian Pacific American Legal Center)
 - Roberto Suro (USC)
- 3:20 – 3:30 p.m. Wrap-up and Concluding Remarks (Dowell Myers and Manuel Pastor)
- 3:30 – 4:00 p.m. Reception and Networking



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