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Center Launches New Name and New Research Project



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In July 2016, the Center adopted a new name that reflects its emphasis on international and interdisciplinary studies.

While immigration into the U.S. remains central to the Center's mission, the new name reflects its growing commitment to understanding the international and interdisciplinary significance of migration. Migrations are multidirectional; immigrants' experiences tie them to their countries of origin as well as their new destinations;

and the causes and impact of migration are felt all over the world. In the future, the Center's work will focus on the humanities and the social sciences, as well as both historical and contemporary migrations.

Meanwhile, the Center is pleased to announce its latest research project, the Global Labor Migration Network. This international and interdisciplinary network will bring together scholars focused on con-

temporary and historical labor migration.

This project seeks to generate intellectual dialogue, faculty and student exchanges, collaborative projects, virtual communities, workshops, conferences, and publications.

Members of the network are drawn from partners at Universitas 21 institutions, as well as other universities around the globe. The project's inaugural workshop will be held in April 2017.

Fall 2016 Events



Fall's events included a symposium on the politics of immigration in the 2016 election

The Center hosted and co-sponsored a wide variety of events in the Fall 2016 semester, drawing in audiences of students, faculty, policymakers, and community members.

In September, the Center sponsored a discussion led by Linda Rabben on the topic of refugees and asylees. Rabben, a faculty member in the Department of Anthropology, shared work from her new book on the subject, *Sanctuary and Asylum: A Social and Political History*.

Dr. Rabben explained the international history of refugee and asylee policies and put into context the current migrant crisis in Europe, the Middle East, and North Africa.

The Center was proud to serve as co-sponsor of the campus-wide *Democracy Then and Now* initiative that considered the role of public education in the development of American democracy.

Among the featured talks was a lecture by Professor Robert Koulish titled "Citizenship and the Right to Public Education for Undocumented Immigrants." The lecture can be viewed here: <http://dtn.umd.edu/news/watch-citizenship-education-undocumented-immigrants/>.

In October, the Center convened a panel of experts to discuss immigration and the 2016 election. Topics of conversation included border security, paths to citizenship for undocumented immigrants, and ongoing refu-

gee crises in Central and South America as well as the Middle East. The forum, titled *From the Border Wall to the Voting Booth*, also covered the positions of the presidential candidates.

Panelists included Mervat Hatem (Professor of Political Science at Howard University), Alberto Fernandez (Director, Latino and Community Engagement at Working America), Sarah Pierce (Associate Policy Analyst for U.S. Programs at the Migration Policy Institute), and Karla Valentina Casique Murillo (UMD undergraduate majoring in Journalism and minoring in US Latino/a Studies).

The panel was co-sponsored by the Latin American Studies Center and the US Latino/a Program.



Crimmigration: In the Shadow of Sovereignty Conference

In October, the Center co-sponsored the third annual CINETS conference, *Crimmigration in the Shadow of Sovereignty*. Scholars, policy experts, and activists from Europe, the US, and South America discussed the intersections of migration and criminal justice.

The conference examined questions centered on federalism and sovereignties, technologies and control, borders, enforcement and detention, and trafficking and forced migration. The conference was co-sponsored by MLAW Programs, a state-of-the-art collaboration

between the University of Maryland, College Park and the Francis King Carey School of Law in Baltimore.

Keynote addresses were delivered by Tony Platt (UC Berkeley) and Leonidas Cheliotis (London School of Economics).



Organizing for Power & Workers' Rights in the 21st Century

In April 2016, the Center hosted a symposium exploring how immigration and globalization are shaping labor organizing in the 21st century.

Panelists discussed new approaches to labor organizing in sectors across the economy such as domestic care, fast food, and big box merchandising.

Each of the panels also considered the implications of new organizing strategies, migration, and working conditions in the context of a rapidly globalizing environment.

AFL-CIO Secretary Treasurer, Elizabeth Shuler, offered the keynote address.

After the panels and keynote address, participants were invited to view the newly acquired AFL-CIO Labor Archive at the University of Maryland Libraries. Archivists displayed materials from the collection, as well as from the Gordon W. Prange collection.

“What are the most effective strategies for organizing and supporting working people today and in the future?”

Bill of Rights Pop-Up Exhibit

Beginning in December 2016, the Center partnered with the National Archives to host a new pop-up exhibit, *The Bill of Rights and You*. The exhibit commemorates the 225th anniversary of the Bill of Rights ratification, exploring how the first

ten amendments of the Constitution protect citizens. The exhibit will be on display at McKeldin Library through April 29.

Join us on Maryland Day for a conversation with historians about what the Bill of Rights means in

historical and contemporary contexts.

Presentation of the exhibit was made possible by a collaboration with Maryland Humanities and the Federation of State Humanities Councils.





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informed of upcoming events!

One of the Center's major goals is to serve as a source of outreach and community service to the University's surrounding communities.

The Center is making strides to bring its scholars and students into active engagement and dialogue with these communities and with their associations, advocacy groups, and media workers, as well as with individual members of the wide variety of ethnic groups in the region. In the Spring 2017 semester, the Center will coordinate students on campus and locally resettled refugee families as they work on language acquisition skills.

Updates on the Center's Ongoing Research Projects

In May, the Center joined its partners in the College for the project launch of "Synergies: Digital Humanities and African American History and Culture." The kick-off event generated conversations about how new methods, tools, and archives in digital humanities could address key questions in African American history and cultural studies.

The first stages of the project will begin in

Spring 2017 with a series of workshops and tutorials focused on questions of Race, Space, and Place.

The Center continues to expand its Archive of Immigrant Voices, with new entries added to our collection every semester. In the spring 2017 semester, Professor Esther Kim Lee of the UMD Theater

Department will offer an oral history course to collect and dramatize narratives of immigrants' experiences. For more information about the project, please visit its website, <https://archiveofimmigrantvoices.omeka.net/>.



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