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The 29th Annual Ira C. Rothgerber Jr. Conference

Pursuing Citizenship

Friday, April 9, 2021 | 9 a.m.-5 p.m. MDT

Zoom Webinar | FREE

A photograph of the Statue of Liberty on the left, with the New York City skyline in the background under a clear blue sky. The water of the harbor is visible in the foreground.

Charting a broad conception of citizenship, putting the law in its social context, and exploring its inextricable relationship to immigration enforcement in the modern era.

This conference is hosted by the Byron R. White Center for the Study of American Constitutional Law, and co-sponsored by:

Colorado Law's **Immigration & Citizenship Law Program**

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**Conference on
WORLD AFFAIRS**

MOTUS THEATER

PRE-CONFERENCE PERFORMANCE

Thursday, April 8, 2021

5 p.m.-6:30 p.m. MDT



The Honorable Mimi Tsankov, National Association of Immigration Judges, reads Motus Theater's:

UNDOCUMONOLOGUES: STORIES FROM OUR UNDOCUMENTED NEIGHBORS



Featuring Armando Peniche

With Cristian Solano-Córdova, Alejandro Fuentes-Mena and special guest musician Elisa Garcia.

Motus Theater's production weaves together autobiographical monologues from undocumented writers, interwoven with the music of Elisa Garcia. Story themes include the threat of deportation, the injustice of being sent into exile from the country in which you were raised, border patrol, the current human and civil rights threats to immigrants, and racial profiling.

Two monologues will be performed by the writers themselves, while the third will be read aloud by special guest, the Honorable Mimi Tsankov, National Association of Immigration Judges, who will then reflect upon her experience connecting with that story. The event will conclude with a 20 minute talk-back.

Motus Theater's mission is to create original theater to facilitate dialogue on critical issues of our time. Motus' approach to supporting a productive shift in the immigration debate has been to help undocumented immigrants tell powerful stories about their lives because the stories we share are the conduits through which citizens, who are not personally in relationship with undocumented people, come to learn the impact of aggressive immigration policies.

For more information about Motus Theater and how to get involved, please visit:
<https://www.motustheater.org>.

Motus Performer Biographies

Tania Chairez was born in Chihuahua, Mexico and raised in Phoenix, Arizona. Watch her TedX Talk on being Undocumented and Unafraid, share her journey in the local documentary Five Dreamers, and uplift her nonprofit Convivir Colorado. Tania has been featured on the cover of TIME Magazine and is currently the National Outreach & Education Director for Motus Theater.

Armando Peniche is a Library Program Associate with Denver Public Libraries. He loves connecting community members with educational resources and runs a science club for kids. Armando is also creating his own picture books featuring diverse characters with fun, empowering storylines.

Cristian Solano-Córdova is the Communications Director with the National Partnership for New Americans. He is a former student body president of Metropolitan State University, and advocated for undocumented students at the Auraria Campus, and for immigrants at the Mental Health Center of Denver, across Colorado, and now nationwide.

Alejandro Fuentes Mena was born in Valparaiso, Chile and grew up in San Diego, California after the age of four. Through Teach For America, Alejandro was one of the first two DACAmented teachers in the nation and taught for seven years in the far northeast Denver community of Colorado. He will open up the Radical Arts Academy of Denver in Fall 2023.

Elisa Garcia was born in Uruguay, and relocated to the US at the age of eight. Elisa's interests and studies took her around the world, including Singapore for three years, and she now lives in Boulder, CO. Inspired to write her own songs, influenced by the rhythms of tango and Latin American folk music, Elisa co-founded the Pan-American band, NuMundo.

Guest Reader Biography:

The Honorable Mimi Tsankov, *National Association of Immigration Judges*

Mimi Tsankov is an Immigration Judge at the New York Federal Plaza Immigration Court. In the past 15 years presiding at Immigration Courts in New York, Colorado, and California, she has held a variety of national leadership roles including Pro Bono Liaison Judge, contributing editor to the Immigration Judge Benchbook and Juvenile Docket Best Practices Committee Chair. She is currently active in a variety of roles in the National Association of Immigration Judges (NAIJ), including Eastern Regional Vice President, and chairs committees addressing gender equality issues and vulnerable populations. She appears in this program in her NAIJ capacity.

Conference Schedule

Fri. April 9 | 9 a.m.-5 p.m. MDT

9:00-9:10 a.m. **Introductory Remarks: Suzette Malveaux** (Byron R. White Center Director, Colorado Law)

9:10-10:00 **Opening Panel: Ming Hsu Chen** (Colorado Law), Author of *Pursuing Citizenship* in conversation with **Hiroshi Motomura** (UCLA School of Law).

10:00-10:15 Break

10:15-11:30 **Panel 1: Citizenship Theory Beyond Legal Status**

Niambi Carter | Howard University
Elizabeth Cohen | Syracuse University
Amanda Frost | Washington College of Law
Allan Colbern | Arizona State University

Moderator:
Seema Sohi
University of Colorado Boulder

11:30-11:45 Break

11:45-1:00 p.m. **Lunchtime Panel: Stories of Immigrants**

Salvador Hernandez | Mi Familia Vota
Alan Sanchez | Tesla (CU Alumni)
Shiyan Zhang | Arrow Electronics (CU Alumni)

Moderator:
Violeta Chapin
Colorado Law

1:00-1:15 Break

1:15-2:30 **Panel 2: Citizenship, Integration, and Belonging**

Tomás Jiménez | Stanford
Stella Burch Elias | University of Iowa College of Law
Xóchitl Bada | University of Illinois, Chicago
Shannon Gleeson | Cornell

Moderator:
David Cook-Martín
University of Colorado Boulder

2:30-2:45 Break

2:45-4:00 **Panel 3: Noncitizens, Exclusion, and Enforcement**

Adam Goodman | University of Illinois, Chicago
Rebecca Hamlin | University of Iowa College of Law
Shoba Sivaprasad Wadhia | Pennsylvania State Law
Laura Lunn | Rocky Mountain Immigration Advocacy Network

Moderator:
Hunter Knapp
Colorado Law

4:00-4:05 **Closing Remarks: Suzette Malveaux**

4:05-5:00 **Breakout Sessions:** led by **Doug Spencer** (UConn Law)

Opening: Facilitator Biography

Byron R. White Center Director:



Suzette Malveaux *University of Colorado Law School*

Suzette Malveaux is Provost Professor of Civil Rights Law and Director of the Byron R. White Center for the Study of American Constitutional Law at the University of Colorado Law School. She is a member of the American Law Institute. Previously, she served as

Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Interim Director of the Law & Public Policy Program at the Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law. She has taught Civil Procedure, Complex Litigation, Civil Rights Law, and Fair Employment Law. She has published numerous law review articles that explore the intersection of civil procedure and civil rights and co-authored *Class Actions and Other Multi-Party Litigation; Cases and Materials* (West, 2006, 2012). She has presented at dozens of conferences in this area.

Malveaux has taught at the University of Alabama School of Law, the Columbus School of Law, and visited at the University of Iowa College of Law and Washington and Lee University School of Law. Prior to academia, she was a civil rights lawyer and class action litigation specialist. She second chaired oral argument before the U.S. Supreme Court and argued before the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals. Professor Malveaux graduated magna cum laude from Harvard University. She earned her J.D. from NYU School of Law, where she was an Associate Editor of the Law Review, a Root-Tilden Scholar and a Center for International Law Fellow.

Opening: Speaker Biographies

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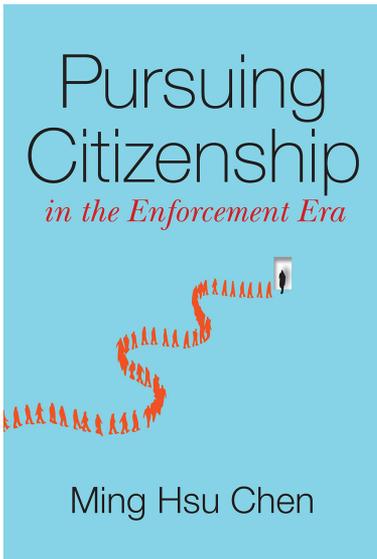
Ming Hsu Chen

*University of Colorado
Law School*



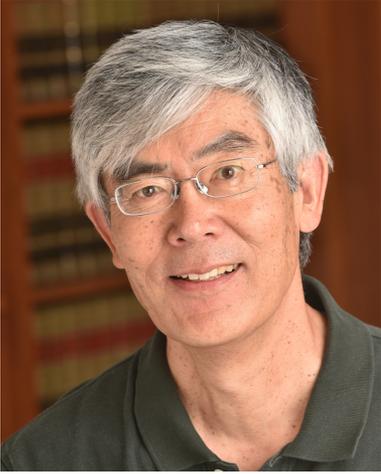
Ming Hsu Chen is an Associate Professor at the University of Colorado in Boulder Law School and Faculty-Director of the Immigration and Citizenship Law Program. She holds faculty affiliations in Political Science and Ethnic Studies. Professor Chen brings an interdisciplinary perspective to the study of immigration, civil rights, and the administrative state. In *Pursuing Citizenship in the Enforcement Era*, Ming Hsu Chen argues that the citizen/alien binary should instead be reframed as a spectrum of citizenship, a

concept that emphasizes continuities between the otherwise distinct experiences of membership and belonging for immigrants seeking to become citizens. In addition, citizenship consists of economic, social, political, and legal dimensions; the modern era of intense immigration enforcement distorts the balance and produces a sense of citizenship insecurity.



Opening: Speaker Biographies

**In conversation with
Ming Hsu Chen:**



Hiroshi Motomura *UCLA School of Law*

Hiroshi Motomura is the Susan Westerberg Prager Distinguished Professor of Law at the School of Law, University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), where he also serves as the Faculty Director of the law school's new Center for Immigration Law and Policy. An influential scholar and teacher of immigration and citizenship law,

Hiroshi is the author of *Immigration Outside the Law* (2014) and *Americans in Waiting* (2006); and the co-author of two law school casebooks: *Immigration and Citizenship: Process and Policy* (9th ed. 2021) and *Forced Migration: Law and Policy* (2d ed. 2013).

Before joining the UCLA law faculty, Hiroshi taught at the University of Colorado Law School, where he was named President's Teaching Scholar in 1997, and at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, School of Law. He received the UNC Distinguished Teaching Award for Post-Baccalaureate Instruction in 2008 and the UCLA Distinguished Teaching Award in 2014, and he is one of 26 law professors in the United States profiled in *What the Best Law Teachers Do* (2013). Hiroshi is a founding director of the Rocky Mountain Immigrant Advocacy Network (RMIAN), and he was a director of the National Immigration Law Center from 2011 through 2020. He is now at work on a book on the future of migration law and policy, supported in part by a Guggenheim Fellowship. The first phase of this project appeared in 2020 in the *Cornell Law Review* as an article, *The New Migration Law: Migrants, Refugees, and Citizens in an Anxious Age*.

Panel 1

Citizenship Theory Beyond Legal Status

10:15-11:30 a.m.

Moderator: Seema Sohi (*Ethnic Studies,
University of Colorado Boulder*)

Citizens First? Emigration as a Strategy for Black Liberation

Niambi Carter | *Howard University*

Opening the Gates: How the US Can Transcend Histories of Immigrant Exclusion

Elizabeth Cohen | *Syracuse University*

Unmaking Americans: Citizenship Stripping and the Meaning of "American"

Amanda Frost | *Washington College of Law*

Reimagining Citizenship as a Federated and Multi-Dimensional Right-Based Framework

Allan Colbern | *Arizona State University*

Panel 1: Moderator Biography



Seema Sohi

*Ethnic Studies, University of
Colorado Boulder*

Seema Sohi is Associate Professor of Ethnic Studies at the University of Colorado Boulder. Her book, *Echoes of Mutiny: Race, Surveillance, and Indian Anticolonialism in North America* (Oxford University Press, 2014) examines the radical anticolonial

politics of South Asian intellectuals and migrant workers based in North America during the early twentieth century as well as the inter-imperial efforts of the U.S. and British states to repress them. A history of radicalism and antiradicalism, this project also looks at the racial formations of South Asians through the lens of antiradicalism during the early years of South Asian migration to the United States. She has also published essays and articles in the *Journal of American History*, *Sikh Formations*, and an anthology titled, *The Sun Never Sets: South Asian Migrants in an Age of U.S. Power* (New York University Press, 2013).

Panel 1: Speaker Biographies



Niambi Carter

*Political Science,
Howard University*

Dr. Niambi Carter is an Associate Professor of Political Science at Howard University. She received her Ph.D. in Political Science from Duke University (2007) working primarily in American politics with a specific focus on racial and ethnic politics, Black politics, public opinion, and political behavior. Her award-winning book *American While Black: African Americans, Immigration, and the Limits of Citizenship* (Oxford University Press, 2019) examined African American public opinion on immigration. Her work has appeared in numerous publications, such as the *Journal of Politics*, *Political Psychology*, *Journal of Women, Politics, and Policy*, *Journal of African American Studies*, and other outlets. Professor Carter's other work examines majority-Black cities as immigrant sanctuaries; the politics of lynching; and the meaning of citizenship for African Americans at the turn of the nineteenth century.

Panel Topic:

**Citizens First? Emigration as a Strategy for
Black Liberation**

Panel 1: Speaker Biographies



Elizabeth Cohen

*Political Science,
Syracuse University*

Elizabeth F. Cohen is Professor of Political Science at Syracuse University and Associate Editor of the *American Journal of Political Science*. She is the author of four books: *Illegal: How America's Lawless Immigration Regime Threatens Us All* (Basic Books 2020); *The Political Value of Time: Citizenship, Duration, and Democratic Justice* (Cambridge University Press, March 2018); *Semi-Citizenship in Democratic Politics* (Cambridge University Press, 2009); and *Citizenship* (with Cyril Ghosh) (Polity Press, 2019). In addition to her scholarly writing, Elizabeth has also published op-eds in newspapers such as the *Atlantic*, the *Washington Post* and *Politico*. Elizabeth's research interests focus on immigration, contemporary political theory, justice, citizenship, and rights. In fall 2020 and spring 2022 she will be on leave at the Princeton University Center for Human Values where she will work on a book about the political significance of line-waiting and the rise of short-term immigration in the contemporary United States.

Panel Topic:

**Opening the Gates: How the US Can Transcend
Histories of Immigrant Exclusion**

Panel 1: Speaker Biographies



Amanda Frost

Washington College of Law

Amanda Frost is the Ann Loeb Bronfman Distinguished Professor of Law and Government at Washington College of Law. Professor Frost writes and teaches in the fields of constitutional law, immigration and citizenship law, federal courts and jurisdiction, and judicial ethics. Her scholarship has been cited by over a dozen federal and state courts, and she has been invited to testify on the topics of her articles before both the House and Senate Judiciary Committees. Her non-academic writing has been published in *The Atlantic*, *Slate*, *The American Prospect*, *The New Republic*, the *Washington Post*, the *New York Times*, and *USA Today*, and she authors the "Academic round-up" column for SCOTUSblog. In 2019 she was awarded a fellowship from the American Council of Learned Societies to complete her book, *You Are Not American: Citizenship Stripping from Dred Scott to the Dreamers* (Beacon Press), which is scheduled for publication in January 2021.

Panel Topic:

**Unmaking Americans: Citizenship Stripping
and the Meaning of "American"**

Panel 1: Speaker Biographies



Allan Colbern

Political Science, Arizona State University

Allan Colbern is assistant professor of political science in the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences at Arizona State University. He is lead author of *Citizenship Reimagined: A New Framework for State Rights in the United States* (Cambridge University Press, 2020), a Presidential Award recipient from the Russell Sage Foundation and Carnegie Corporation, and his research has been featured in the *Washington Post* and the *Los Angeles Times*. His expertise is in American political development and the intersection between immigration, civil rights, social movements, federalism and citizenship. Dr. Colbern received Russell Sage Foundation's Presidential Award for 2018-2021 to complete his second book, *Today's Runaway Slaves: Unauthorized Immigrants in a Federalist Framework*, on the passage of sanctuary policies throughout American history. This book is the feature of Dr. Colbern's TEDxASUWest Talk, *We Have Been Here Before*.

Panel Topic:

Reimagining Citizenship as a Federated and Multi-Dimensional Right-Based Framework

Stories of Immigrants

The real, lived stories of immigrants within our Boulder, Colorado community.

11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Moderated by Violeta Chapin
(Colorado Law)

Salvador Hernandez

Mi Familia Vota

Alan Sanchez

Tesla (CU Alumni)

Shiyan Zhang

Arrow Electronics (CU Alumni)



Violeta Chapin

*University of Colorado
Law School*

Professor Violeta Chapin teaches the Criminal and Immigration Defense Clinic at the University of Colorado Law School. She and her students represent noncitizen clients who are navigating both the criminal and immigration legal systems, defending clients in both state criminal court and federal immigration proceedings. She defends undocumented students and others in our immigrant community as uncertainty around DACA, Temporary Protected Status and other immigrant-related programs continues. Prior to her work as a public defender, Professor Chapin had clinical experience performing appellate litigation in a capital case on behalf of a death row inmate, working together with attorneys at the Equal Justice Initiative in Montgomery, Alabama. Professor Chapin also worked with incarcerated youth in Louisiana and monitored the state's compliance with a consent decree to provide a safe and rehabilitative environment to children imprisoned in detention centers across the state. Professor Chapin brings a wealth of experience of working with indigent populations outside of the United States as well, as she previously worked with poor farmers and families in rural El Salvador in an internationally funded water project. Born in and having lived in Central America, Professor Chapin brings a rich cultural background and a firm commitment to justice for all people to Colorado Law.



Salvador Hernandez

Mi Familia Vota

Salvador Hernandez is Colorado State Director for Mi Familia Vota, a civic engagement organization that unites Latino, immigrant, and allied communities through citizenship workshops, voter registration, and voter participation.

Salvador grew up with his 3 siblings and parents in the state of Chihuahua, Mexico and moved to Las Vegas, NV at the age of 15 in search of a better future. There, he volunteered in local campaigns to raise the awareness of Latinos in the electoral process. He then moved to the Centennial State on 2014 to help turnout Latinos in the Midterm elections. He is a proud DACA recipient and green card holder looking forward to naturalized citizenship.



Alan Sanchez

Tesla (CU Alumni)

Alan Sanchez was born in Durango, Mexico, and his family immigrated to the United States when he was eight months old. Alan grew up in Denver, CO, where his mother and father operate an HVAC business and manage a liquor store.

Alan is undocumented, and has been a part of Obama's Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, otherwise known as DACA, since its inception in 2012. He is a University of Colorado Boulder alumni, having completed his undergraduate degree in aerospace engineering in 2017 and his graduate degree in aerospace engineering in 2018. During his time at CU, Alan was involved in several student groups and organizations, as well as various work and research opportunities. Alan was a Resident Advisor at CU's Libby Hall for two years; he served as VP of Finance for the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers; he was a founding and active member of CU's student org for undocumented students, CU Inspired Dreamers; Alan served as the Vice President for the CU Breaking Club, a student org which promotes break dancing and holds free lessons for students; and he was a research assistant for Dr. Rieker's Precision Laser Diagnostics Lab conducting wavelength modulation spectroscopy research. Alan participated in two CU Next alumni events, where he gave a speech on life as an undocumented student at CU, and he was awarded the Forever Buffs Student Award in 2018.



Shiyan Zhang

*Arrow Electronics
(CU Alumni)*

Shiyan was born in Guangdong, China and came to the United States with her family at the age of 5. She is the first person in her family to graduate high school and college. She became a DACA recipient in 2013.

She grew up in the small and conservative town of Grand Junction, never meeting another dreamer like her until attending college at CU Boulder. Shiyan graduated with a degree in finance and accounting and a minor in multicultural leadership studies from the University of Colorado at Boulder. She is currently working as a Treasury Analyst at Arrow Electronics in Denver. Her most pressing challenge is to find a permanent solution to stay in America to continue her professional and academic goals and so she can stay with her family who are all mixed status. The last four years have made it nearly impossible to keep the doors of opportunity open for others to walk through, but she is once again hopeful that under this new administration, this country will prioritize keeping families together and re-establish America as the land of freedom and opportunity.

Panel 2

Citizenship, Integration, and Belonging

1:15-2:30 p.m.

Moderated by David Cook-Martín
(*Sociology, University of Colorado Boulder*)

An Immigrant Policy for the Nation of Immigrants?

Tomás Jiménez | *Stanford*

Testing Belonging: Law, Language, and Culture on Citizenship Tests

Stella Burch Elias | *University of Iowa
College of Law*

Coalition Building in Transnational Labor Advocacy Networks

Xóchitl Bada | *University of Illinois, Chicago*
Shannon Gleeson | *Cornell*

Panel 2: Moderator Biography



David Cook-Martín

*Sociology, University of
Colorado Boulder*

David Cook-Martín is Professor of Sociology at the University of Colorado, Boulder. His work as a political sociologist focuses on understanding migration, race, ethnicity, law, and citizenship in an international field of power.

Geographically, his work has focused on the Americas, but also on Southern Europe. He holds a Ph.D. in Sociology from UCLA, an MA in Sociology from the University of Houston, and B.A. from Wheaton College. Before moving to CU Boulder, David served as professor of sociology and Program Head of New York University Abu Dhabi's Social Research and Public Policy (SRPP), a faculty member in the sociology department at Grinnell College and as that institution's Assistant Vice President for Global Education and director of the Institute for Global Engagement. David has been a researcher at the Spanish National Research Council, is a former Andrew W. Mellon Fellow in Latin American Sociology (UCLA), and a National Science Foundation postdoctoral fellow (UC Irvine). He is a member of the Scholars Strategy Network, an organization that disseminates research to improve policy and enhance democracy. In 2017, *Culling the Masses*, coauthored with David FitzGerald, received the American Sociological Association's Distinguished Scholarly Publication Award and the 2017 Midwest Sociological Society's Distinguished Book Award.

Panel 2: Speaker Biographies



Tomás Jiménez

Sociology, Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity, Stanford

Tomás Jiménez is Professor of Sociology and Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity. He is also Director of the Undergraduate Program on Urban Studies. His research and writing focus on immigration, assimilation, social mobility, and ethnic and racial identity. He has written two books, *The Other Side of Assimilation: How Immigrants are Changing American Life* (University of California Press, 2017) and *Replenished Ethnicity: Mexican Americans, Immigration, and Identity* (University of California Press, 2010). Professor Jiménez has also published his research in *Science*, *American Sociological Review*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, *Social Problems*, *International Migration Review*, *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, *Social Science Quarterly*, *DuBois Review*, *Social Currents*, and the *Annual Review of Sociology*. He is currently a Stanford Impact Labs Fellow, developing relationships with community partner organizations that will ultimately serve as collaborators in the research on immigrant integration.

Panel Topic:

An Immigrant Policy for the Nation of Immigrants?

Panel 2: Speaker Biographies



Stella Burch Elias

*University of Iowa
College of Law*

Stella Burch Elias is Professor and Chancellor William Gardiner Hammond Fellow in Law at the University of Iowa College of Law. She teaches international law, immigration law, and comparative law courses, and she directs Iowa's London Law Program. Her research involves public international law and comparative law, with a focus on United States and foreign immigration and nationality laws. Professor Elias earned her B.A. and M.A. from Oxford University and her J.D. from Yale Law School. After law school, she clerked for Judge Stephen Reinhardt of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Before joining the Iowa Law faculty, she held a two-year appointment as a Climenko Fellow and Lecturer on Law at Harvard Law School. She also served as a diplomat in the United Kingdom Foreign and Commonwealth Office. Since joining the Iowa Law faculty in Fall 2012, she has won several awards for her teaching, scholarship, and service to the University, College, and local community, including the University of Iowa's highest teaching honor, the President and Provost Award for Teaching Excellence.

Panel Topic:

**Testing Belonging: Law, Language, and
Culture on Citizenship Tests**

Panel 2: Speaker Biographies



Xóchitl Bada

Latin American and Latino Studies, University of Illinois, Chicago

Xóchitl Bada is Associate Professor in Latin American and Latino Studies at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Her articles have appeared in *Forced Migration Review*; *Population, Space, and Place*; *Latino Studies*, and *Labor Studies Journal*.

She is the author of *Mexican Hometown Associations in Chicagoacán* (Rutgers University Press, 2014). Her areas of specialization include migrant access to political and social rights, migrant organizing strategies, and transnational labor advocacy mobilization in Mexico and the United States. She is co-editor of the books *New Migration Patterns in the Americas* (Palgrave, 2018) and *Accountability Across Borders* (University of Texas Press, 2019). She was a fellow at the Institute for Advanced Study in Berlin in 2019–2020.

Panel Topic (co-presenting with Shannon Gleeson):

**Coalition Building in Transnational Labor
Advocacy Networks**

Panel 2: Speaker Biographies



Shannon Gleeson

Labor Relations, Law, & History, Cornell

Shannon Gleeson is associate professor of Labor Relations, Law, & History at the Cornell ILR School. She earned her Ph.D. in Sociology and Demography from the University of California, Berkeley and was previously on the faculty of the Latin American & Latino Studies Department at the University of California, Santa Cruz. Her books include *Accountability across Borders: Migrant Rights in North America* (University of Texas Press, 2019, edited with Xóchitl Bada), *Building Citizenship From Below: Precarity, Migration, and Agency* (Routledge, 2017, edited with Marcel Paret), *Precarious Claims: The Promise and Failure of Workplace Protections in the United States* (University of California Press, 2016), *The Nation and Its Peoples: Citizens, Denizens, Migrants* (Routledge, 2014, edited with John Park), and *Conflicting Commitments: The Politics of Enforcing Immigrant Worker Rights in San Jose and Houston* (Cornell University Press, 2012).

Panel Topic (co-presenting with Xóchitl Bada):

**Coalition Building in Transnational Labor
Advocacy Networks**

Panel 3

Noncitizens, Exclusion, and Enforcement

2:45-4:00 p.m.

Moderated by Hunter Knapp
(Colorado Law)

Reckoning with The Deportation Machine

Adam Goodman | *University of Illinois, Chicago*

Binary Logic in the Enforcement Era

Rebecca Hamlin | *University of Massachusetts, Amherst*

Discretion and Immigration Enforcement

Shoba Wadhia | *Pennsylvania State Law*

Dehumanization to Detain

Laura Lunn | *Rocky Mountain Immigrant Advocacy Network*

Panel 3: Moderator Biography



Hunter Knapp

*Postdoctoral Fellow,
University of Colorado
Law School*

Hunter Knapp is a postdoctoral research fellow at the University of Colorado Law School. Hunter's research focuses on race, immigration, and administrative law.

As a student, Hunter published *Managing an Administrative Emergency: Establishing FEMA as an Independent Agency* in the *University of Colorado Natural Resources, Energy & Environmental Law Review*. Hunter recently coauthored a piece with Professor Ming Hsu Chen titled *The Political (Mis)representation of Immigrants in Voting* that will be published in the forthcoming edition of the *University of Colorado Law Review*. At the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, Hunter wrote about the needs of food systems workers and is a member of the steering committee of Project Protect Food Systems, a nonprofit dedicated to serving Colorado's agricultural workers.

Panel 3: Speaker Biographies



Adam Goodman

History, Latin American and Latino Studies, University of Illinois, Chicago

Adam Goodman teaches in the Department of History and the Latin American and Latino Studies Program at the University of Illinois Chicago.

He is the author of *The Deportation Machine: America's Long History of Expelling Immigrants* (Princeton University Press, 2020).

Goodman's writing on migration history and policy has appeared in venues such as the *Journal of American History*, the *Washington Post*, and *The Nation*. He is a co-creator of the #ImmigrationSyllabus project and a co-organizer of the Borderlands and Latino/a Studies Seminar at the Newberry Library.

Panel Topic:

Reckoning with The Deportation Machine

Panel 3: Speaker Biographies



Rebecca Hamlin

Legal Studies and Political Science, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Rebecca Hamlin is Associate Professor of Legal Studies and Political Science at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. She received her PhD in Political Science from the University of California, Berkeley in 2009.

Since then, her research has focused on law and immigration politics, with a particular interest in migrant categorization and the concept of a refugee. Her published work has examined how the United States and other liberal democracies use administrative agencies and courts to adjudicate migration and citizenship questions, and the political responses to judicial involvement in migration matters. She is the author of two books: *Let Me Be a Refugee* (2014, Oxford University Press) and *Crossing: How We Label and React to People on the Move* (2021, Stanford University Press). She has also published multiple articles and book chapters on the topics of immigration and refugee law and politics, both in the United States and in comparative perspective.

Panel Topic:

Binary Logic in the Enforcement Era

Panel 3: Speaker Biographies



Shoba Wadhia

Pennsylvania State Law

Shoba Sivaprasad Wadhia is Associate Dean for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; the Samuel Weiss Faculty Scholar; and Clinical Professor of Law at Penn State Law in University Park.

Her research focuses on the role of prosecutorial discretion in immigration law and the intersections of race, national security and immigration. She has published more than thirty law review articles, book chapters and essays on immigration law. Wadhia has published two books with New York University Press: *Beyond Deportation: The Role of Prosecutorial Discretion in Immigration Cases* (2015) and *Banned: Immigration Enforcement in the Time of Trump* (2019). Wadhia is the author of *Immigration and Nationality Law: Problems and Solutions*, with Steve Yale-Loehr and Lenni Benson, published by Carolina Academic Press in 2019. Wadhia is the inaugural Editor-In-Chief of the *American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) Law Journal*, a partnership between AILA and Fastcase. In 2019, she served as the Enlund Scholar In Residence at DePaul University School of Law.

Panel Topic:

Discretion and Immigration Enforcement

Panel 3: Speaker Biographies



Laura Lunn

*Rocky Mountain Immigrant
Advocacy Network*

Laura Lunn is the Detention Program Managing Attorney at the Rocky Mountain Immigrant Advocacy Network (RMIAN) where she practices removal defense for noncitizens detained in Aurora, Colorado.

In 2019 she began RMIAN's habeas and Tenth Circuit litigation practice. While her caseload varies, Laura's primary focus is providing court-appointed legal representation to individuals determined to have limited competency through the National Qualified Representative Program (NQRP). Laura teaches an Asylum Law & Advocacy Practicum as an adjunct professor at the Sturm College of Law - University of Denver. Directly before starting at RMIAN Laura served as the interim Managing Attorney for the CARA Pro Bono Project at the South Texas Family Residential Facility in Dilley, Texas. Laura also worked in private practice in Portland, Oregon and Denver, CO where her pro bono hours were dedicated to supporting families in detention. Following law school, Laura clerked as an Attorney Advisor for the El Paso Immigration Courts through the Department of Justice, U.S. Attorney General's Honors Program.

Panel Topic:

Dehumanization to Detain

Breakout Reception

4:05-5:00 p.m. MDT | cu.law/RothgerberReception

Facilitated by Douglas Spencer
(*UConn School of Law*)

We invite you to join the following breakout rooms for facilitated discussion during our post-conference reception:

State/Local Community Initiatives

Host: Isabel Norwood (*2L, Colorado Law*)

Facilitator: Cristian Solano-Córdova (*Colorado Immigration Rights Coalition*)

Pathway to Citizenship

Host: Marcia Levitan-Haffar (*2L, Colorado Law*)

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Refugees and Asylum Seekers

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Facilitator: Meg Sagaria Barritt (*Integration Partnerships Coordinator at Colorado Refugee Services Program*)

Legal Migration & Citizenship

Host: Patricia Rodriguez (*2L, Colorado Law*)

Facilitator: Zak New (*Immigration Attorney, Joseph & Hall P.C.*)

Breakout Reception

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Douglas Spencer

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Doug Spencer is Professor of Law and Public Policy at the University of Connecticut. During the 2020-2021 academic year he is visiting Colorado Law as Distinguished Faculty Fellow at The Byron R. White Center for the Study of American Constitutional Law.

Spencer is an election law scholar whose research addresses the role of prejudice and racial attitudes in Voting Rights Act litigation, the empirical implications of various campaign finance regulations, and the many ways that election rules and political campaigns contribute to growing inequality in America. Spencer has been a professor at the University of Connecticut since 2013. He has taught as a Visiting Professor at the Yale Law School (2020) and at the University of Chicago's Harris School of Public Policy (2018-2019). He has also worked as an expert witness in voting rights and campaign finance cases. Prior to law teaching, Spencer was a law clerk at the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights in San Francisco, an election monitor in Thailand for the Asian Network for Free Elections, and a researcher for the Pew Center on the States' Military and Overseas Voting Reform Project.

Professor Spencer holds a Ph.D. in Jurisprudence and Social Policy from the University of California, Berkeley. He also earned a J.D. at Berkeley Law and a M.P.P. at the Goldman School of Public Policy at UC Berkeley. He graduated magna cum laude from Columbia University in 2004 with a B.A. in Philosophy.

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Emma Carroll is a 2L who hopes to pursue a career in immigration law. She has interned at Novo Legal and the 20th Judicial District County Court. She will spend this summer interning with the Office of the Chief Administrative Hearing Officer in the Department of Justice.

Zach Greder is a 2L law student at Colorado Law with a passion for environmental law and has interned with the Environmental Law & Policy Center, the Environmental Defense Fund, and the Wildlife Conservation Society. At Colorado Law, Zach is a member of Colorado's Barrister's Council for Moot Court, a Case Note and Comment Editor for Vol. 93 of the University of Colorado Law Review.

Marcia Levitan-Haffar is a 2L from Helena, MT, who is excited to work in litigation after law school. Marcia spent her 1L summer working at Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner, and she will return to the firm for her 2L summer. During law school, she's had the pleasure of externing with two judges: one federal magistrate judge and one state appellate judge. When she's not in class, Marcia loves birdwatching.

Isabel Norwood is a 2L from Lakewood, Colorado, who is excited to work in immigration and criminal defense after graduation. During her 1L summer, she worked at the Logan Firm, a small immigration firm in Boulder, and worked as a Research Assistant for Professor Ming Chen. This summer, she plans to work in criminal defense. During her free time, Isabel likes to hike, play soccer, and travel.

Patricia Rodriguez is a 2L from Caracas, Venezuela. Before law school, she majored in mechanical engineering at The University of Texas at Austin. Afterward, she worked as a subsea pipeline engineer in the design, fabrication, and installation of subsea developments. At Colorado Law, Patricia is a member of University of Colorado Law Review and Barristers' Council, as well as a Student Attorney with the patent team at the Entrepreneurial Law Clinic.

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Evan Smithers is a 2L student from Memphis, TN with a strong interest in civil litigation and employment law. Last summer, Evan clerked for Bendinelli Law Firm, PC, and this summer, he's very excited to work at Jackson Lewis, PC. Evan is the Resource Editor for the Vol. 93 of the University of Colorado Law Review as well as a board member for his school's mock trial program. Outside of law school, Evan loves to play guitar, watch basketball, and take care of his kitten, Nacho.

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