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## **A Nation of Immigrants? 50 Years of the New Immigration**



This year marks the 50th Anniversary of the implementation of the 1965 Immigration and Nationality Act (Hart-Celler Act). With this act family reunification became a guiding principle and this led to making the United States in general and New York in particular much more diverse with new immigrant families from Asia, Africa, and Latin America. Fifty years later the "family reunification act" as it is known, faces its greatest challenge. This conference will focus on the implementation of this act, current challenges, and advocacy efforts to address these threats.

**When:** Friday, October 26th 2018

**Time:** 9:00am - 12:00pm

**Where:** Lowenstein 12th Floor Lounge,  
E. Gerald Corrigan Conference Center, Lincoln Center

# **Conference Program**

## **Breakfast and Registration**

### ***Welcome***

Elaine Congress

Rafael Zapata

Father Massaro

### ***Speaker Introduction***

Clara Rodriguez, Fordham FCLC

### ***Keynote***

Van Tran, Columbia University

### ***Q& A from the Audience***

### ***Panel Discussion***

*Moderator:* Greg Acevedo, Fordham GSS

*Panelist #1:* Shirley Leyro, Borough of Manhattan Community College

*Panelist #2:* Dora Galacatos, Feerick Center for Social Justice

*Panelist #3:* Maria Lizardo, Upper Manhattan Improvement Corporation

### ***Q&A from the Audience***

### ***Closing Remarks : Summary and the Next 50 Years?***

Norma Fuentes, CPS and City College of New York

## Conference Participants

**Elaine Congress**, DSW, LCSW (congress@fordham.edu) is Associate Dean and Professor at Fordham University Graduate School of Social Service. She has authored ten books on cultural diversity, immigrants, health, and ethics including two editions of *Social Work with Immigrants and Refugees*. Dr. Congress represents the International Federation of Social Workers at the UN and has received awards from the National Association of Social Workers, American Public Health Association, the Latino Social Work Task Force, the Hispanic Mental Health Professionals, and the NYS Association of Social Work Education. Dr. Congress has a Master of Arts in Teaching from Yale, a Master of Science in Social Work from Columbia University, a Master of Arts in Psychology from the New School of Social Research, and a Doctorate in Social Work from City University of New York.

**Darryl McLeod** is an Associate Professor of Economics at Fordham. He is coauthoring chapter for documenting the final stages of the great Mexican Migration across states and demographic groups for a UC Press Volume on Equitable globalization. He directs CIPS migration and development group now studying remittances and financial inclusion in the Bronx and in Tlaxcala-Puebla. In 2010 he co-directed a survey of NYC migrants from Guerrero and Puebla, many “double undocumented” as part of a three city survey directed by UCLA-NAID with funding from the Hewlett Foundation. Dr. McLeod is also working a WB project focusing on the CFA Franc Zone. He also worked in Mexico and Venezuela as part of OAS, IDB, World Bank missions. During 2007-09 he was consultant to UNDP’s BDP’s Poverty Group and the Bureau of Crisis Prevention and Recovery coauthoring chapter 4 in the 2008 BCPR annual report. Professor McLeod has an UCB-ARE BA-MA and PhD as well as a NYU Post-doc following up on the 1977 UN Future of the World Economy study directed by Wassily Leontief

**Rafael Zapata** is Fordham University’s first Chief Diversity Officer, Special Assistant to the President for Diversity, and Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs on January 16, 2018. His charge is to work collaboratively across the University and local communities to assess and enhance Fordham’s institutional infrastructure to foster diversity, equity, inclusion, and academic excellence, and implement the diversity action plan outlined by President Fr. McShane’s in November 2018. Early initiatives will focus on the support and strategic development of structures, policies and practices that promote racial justice, gender equity, disability access and full participation in the life of the university among all members the Fordham community. He holds a bachelor’s degree in sociology from Iona College, a master’s degree in sociology at Arizona State University, and spent three years in the doctoral program in sociology at the University of Pennsylvania.

## Opening Remarks

**Thomas Massaro**, S.J., is Professor of Moral Theology at Fordham University. A Jesuit priest of the Northeast Province, he served as professor of moral theology at Weston Jesuit School of Theology in Cambridge, Massachusetts, at Boston College, and at Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University, where he also served as Dean. Father Massaro holds a doctorate in Christian social ethics from Emory University. His nine books and over one hundred published articles are devoted to Catholic social teaching and its recommendations for public policies oriented to social justice, peace, worker rights and poverty alleviation. A former columnist for *America* magazine, he writes and lectures frequently on such topics as the ethics of globalization, peacemaking, environmental concern, the role of conscience in religious participation in public life, and developing a spirituality of justice. Besides teaching courses on

many aspects of Catholic social teaching and the role of religion in public life, he seeks to maintain a commitment to hands-on social activism.

**Clara E. Rodríguez** is a Professor of Sociology at Fordham University's College at Lincoln Center. She is the author of numerous books including *Heroes, Lovers and Others* (Washington, D. C.: Oxford University Press, 2008; Smithsonian Institution Press, 2004); *Changing Race: Latinos, The Census and the History of Ethnicity in the United States* (New York: New York University Press, 2000). She is the recipient of numerous research and teaching awards, including the American Sociological Association's Award for Distinguished Contributions to Research in the Field of Latina/o Studies, her university's Award for Distinguished Teaching in the Social Sciences, and she was designated "Distinguished Lecturer" by the Organization of American Historians. She has also been a consultant to a number of television shows and documentaries, most recently, "Dora, the Explorer" and "Sesame Street." She was elected to a three-year term on the American Sociological Association's Governing Council and was selected as one of the "100 Most Influential Hispanics in the nation" by *Hispanic Business*, October 2007.

### **Key Note Speaker**

**Dr. Van C. Tran** is a Columbia Sociologist whose research and writing focus on the incorporation of Asian and Latino immigrants and their children and the implications of this incorporation for American culture, politics and society. His research contribution involves studying second-generation immigrants, ethnic neighborhoods and cultural processes shape social mobility among second-generation Asian and Hispanic Americans.

His research and teaching intertwine deeply with the diversity and vibrancy of New York City. He has written extensively on the integration of post-1965 immigrants and their children as well as its implications for American culture, politics and society. His current book project, *Amsterdam Avenue: Hyper-Gentrification and the Remaking of a Global City*, examines the impact of neighborhood gentrification on businesses and residents along Amsterdam Avenue in Manhattan's West Side.

He is faculty co-organizer of the Columbia Race, Ethnicity and Migration Workshop. He also teaches the popular undergraduate seminar on Immigrant New York. Dr. Tran is deeply devoted to teaching and advising students as recognized by Columbia's Presidential Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2018 and a 2017 Faculty Mentoring Award. He is also the recipient of the Nancy W. Malkiel Scholar Award (2018) from the Woodrow Wilson Foundation in recognition of research excellence and an extraordinary commitment to creating inclusive communities in the university and in the profession. Dr. Tran has a PhD in Sociology from Harvard, a Hunter College CUNY BA and a Hostos in the Bronx AA degree

### **Moderator**

**Gregory Acevedo** completed his externship in family therapy at the Philadelphia Child Guidance Clinic (1987-1988). He has professional practice experience in various children and family, and mental health agencies. He teaches in the Master's and PhD programs in the areas of social welfare policy and human behavior and the social environment. He contributed to *Multicultural perspectives on Social work Practice with families*. His scholarly work focuses on

the political, economic, and sociocultural circumstances of Puerto Ricans and other Hispanic/Latino groups in the United States Hispanic/ Latino groups in the United States, with an emphasis on the issues of immigration and globalization, and their implications for social work theory, research, and practice.

### **Panelists**

**Shirley Leyro** is an Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice at Borough of Manhattan Community College – CUNY. A critical criminologist, Dr. Leyro's research focuses on deportation effects – including the impact of the fear resulting from the vulnerability to deportation. Her research interests include immigration, deportation, social disorganization, and crimmigration. She is co-editor of *Outside Justice: Immigration and the Criminalizing Impact of Changing Policy and Practice* as well as a contributor to the same volume. Her latest publication, *Crimmigration, Deportability and the Social Exclusion of Noncitizen Immigrants* is openly accessible and discusses findings from her dissertation research. Professor Leyro is currently working on a funded research study exploring the impact of deportability on the feelings of belonging and membership of CUNY noncitizen students. She has a blog: *The Académica: A Blog About This Latinx's Struggles as I Navigate the Halls of the Ivory Tower*, and is also a member of the Leadership Team for the Latina Researchers Network. Professor Leyro is a certified Mental Health First Aid instructor, and is also part of the social media campaign: #thisiswhataprofessorlookslike

**Dora Galacatos** Dora Galacatos is the executive director of the Feerick Center for Social Justice at Fordham Law School. She is a tireless advocate for unaccompanied child immigrants and coauthored a Feb 18<sup>th</sup> 2018 NY Times OpEd on the cruel policy of taking immigrant kids from their parents. Since 2016 the Feerick Center has partnered with the immigration advocacy project to send 60+ law students to Dilley Texas to represent families seeking asylum in the United States. From 1989 to 1993 she worked at the NYC Dept of Juvenile Justice and the Mayor's Office of Drug Abuse Policy. She was awarded a 1997 Skadden Fellowship to work with Northern Manhattan Improvement Corporation in Washington Heights. From 2003-05 she was staff director for the NYC Family Homelessness Special Master Panel. She clerked for the late-Honorable Milton Pollack (1996-97) NY District and the Honorable Paul A. Crotty. She is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and the New School for Social Research where as a Kaplan Fellow she received an MS in Urban Policy and of Fordham Law School. Dora serves on the NYCLA Justice Center Board and its Pro Bono Committee and is chair of the NYC Bar Civil Court Committee.

**Maria Lizardo** has been Executive Director Manhattan Improvement Corporation (NMIC) since November 2014 where she had been Deputy Director of Client services since 2004. During the past 20 years, she has developed strong relationships with, and understanding of, her fellow community members (see her interview on the Bird). Her community experience is complemented by her graduate education with a focus on program administration, which includes the development and implementation of programs that address the needs of the community. Ms Lizardo a co-founder of New York Latinas Against Domestic Violence and has been a member of the steering committee for 15 years, organizing New York Latinas Against Domestic Violence. The September 26<sup>th</sup> Gladys Ricart and Victims of Domestic Violence Memorial Walk or Brides' March commemorates the anniversary of Gladys' murder by her abusive ex-boyfriend. Raised in Washington Heights, Maria has a BS, Cum Laude, CUNY's Hunter College as well as a MSW from the Silberman School of Social Work at Hunter College.

## **Closing Remarks**

**Norma Fuentes-Mayorga** is Assistant Professor of Sociology and a part of the LALS faculty at City College NY (Latin American and Latina/o Studies and see her Colin Powell School [faculty spotlight](#)). Her research focuses is on women-led immigration from Latin America into the U.S. and 2nd generation educational mobility immigrant daughters in the US and Europe (new and old Amsterdam. Her recent publications include “Hispanics in Metropolitan America: New Realities and Old Debates,” co-authored with Marta Tienda, *Annual Review of Sociology* and “Generation X and the Future Health of Latinos ” in *Generations*, 2017 Dr. Fuentes received her PhD in sociology from Columbia University. She was a visiting scholar at Princeton University’s Center for Migration and Development (2012-2014) and the University of Amsterdam’s Institute for Migration and Ethnicity Studies (IMES, 2006-2007). ). She directs Fordham CIPS Gender and Migration group and co-directed their NYC UCLA-NAID survey in 2008. Her dissertation and post-doctoral research on Dominican and Mexican immigrant women in New York City and Moroccan School Girls in Amsterdam was financed by grants from the National Science Foundation and the Social Science Research Council.

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