

The USF Immigration and Deportation Defense Clinic & Master in Migration Studies Program Present:

Regional E-Forum on Migration



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Jose Artiga

Human, environmental and immigrant rights advocate in the U.S. and Central America; Executive director of the SHARE Foundation; & Co-founder of the Romero Foundation in El Salvador.



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Nicole Ramos

Director of the Border Rights Project of Al Otro Lado. The project works with asylum seekers in Tijuana, Mexico, who want to present themselves to immigration authorities in order to seek asylum in the United States

Analyzing migration from a regional perspective & proposing inclusive and humanitarian action strategies.

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10:00AM

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PROGRAM

10:00am: Welcome/Agenda/Logistics

Maira Delgado Laurens

10:05am: Rev. Ismael Moreno -Padre Melo

10:15am: Dana Frank

10:25am: Jose Artiga

10:35am: Sindy Hernández Bonilla

10:45am: Yael Schacher

10:55am: Rafael Moreno

11:05am: Nicole Ramos

11:15am: Bill O. Hing

11:20am: Q&A

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PANELISTS

Rev. Ismael Moreno Coto, S.J., popularly known as **Padre Melo**, is a Jesuit priest and human rights activist in his native Honduras. He is director of Radio Progreso, a Christian-based radio station that is a national leader in investigative reporting, and a director of the Center for Reflection, Research, and Communication, a think tank that conducts research and reports on societal trends and public opinion in Honduras.

Dana Frank is Research Professor of History and Professor Emerita at the University of California, Santa Cruz. Her books include *The Long Honduran Night: Resistance, Terror, and the United States in the Aftermath of the Coup*; *Bananeras: Women Transforming the Banana Unions of Latin America* (which focuses on Honduras), and *Buy American: The Untold Story of Economic Nationalism*. Her writings on human rights and U.S. policy in post-coup Honduras have appeared in the *New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Miami Herald*, *Houston Chronicle*, *The Nation*, *Foreign Affairs*, *Foreign Policy*, *Politico Magazine*, and many other publications, and she has been interviewed by *Harper's Magazine*, the *Washington Post*, *New Yorker*, *New York Times*, *National Public Radio*, *Univision*, *Latino USA*, regularly for *AP* and *Democracy Now!*, and many other outlets. She has testified about Honduras before the US House of Representatives, the California Assembly, and the Canadian Parliament.

Jose Artiga is long-time human, environmental and immigrant rights advocate in the United States and Central America, and the current executive director of The SHARE FOUNDATION since 1995. Jose has organized and/or led delegations to El Salvador and Honduras, introducing over 10,000 U.S. delegates representing all segments of the US society, including interfaith leaders and members of Congress to the Central American reality. Jose was one of the first Salvadoran immigrants to seek sanctuary in the US, at the University Lutheran Chapel of the University of California Berkeley, part of a consortium of the first six congregations in the United States to announce public sanctuary in 1982. It was this event that sparked the Sanctuary Movement that lives on today. During the Salvadoran Civil War, as Director of the Washington DC-based Interfaith Office on Accompaniment, Jose worked closely with the SHARE Foundation to launch the "Going Home Campaign," promoting the right of return of Salvadoran refugees to their place of origin as intact communities. He led multiple international delegations to accompany Salvadoran refugees from Mesa Grande, the largest Salvadoran refugee camp in Honduras, and also accompanied internally displaced Salvadorans to their villages of origin. Today, the right of return of refugees as intact communities is recognized by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) as a fundamental right. In the post war years, Jose championed immigrant rights in the United States, spearheading the movement for TPS, and continued to advocate for human, environmental, and labor rights and civic participation in El Salvador. With the late Monsignor Ricardo Urioste, he co-founded the Romero Foundation in El Salvador to keep Romero's legacy alive. He organized and led the largest US delegation to Rome to celebrate the canonization of Oscar Romero in 2019. Today, Jose serves on the Board of Directors of the Aquino Foundation which advocates for the rights of the families of the Disappeared in El Salvador. Following the assassination of Honduran environmentalist Berta Caceres, Jose played a leading role in sparking international solidarity, working closely with faith leaders, indigenous and environmentalists in Honduras. Jose has been honored by human rights and immigrant rights organizations across the United States and in El Salvador and Honduras. He has a B.A. from Catholic University and a Master's degree in Economics from San Francisco State University; Married to Eileen Purcell and father of Camilo, Rutilio and Alejandro.

Sindy Hernandez Guatemalan. Professor and specialist in Rural Development from the Autonomous Metropolitan University, Xochimilco Unit of Mexico City, she is also a Biologist from the University of San Carlos de Guatemala. She is a researcher at the Instituto de Investigación y Proyección sobre Dinámicas Globales y Territoriales of the Universidad Rafael Landívar in Guatemala. Member of the Jesuit Network with Migrants from Central America and North America. Responsible for the Central American region of the Observatorio Iberoamericano de Movilidad Humana, Migraciones y Desarrollo of the Universidad de Comillas, Spain.

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Rafael Moreno is Mexican Jesuit; Coordinator of the Jesuit Network with Migrants from Central America and North America and President of the Management Team of the Jesuit Refugee Service-Mexico. He has been dedicated to accompanying the most vulnerable migrants since 2000. He worked in and for El Salvador from 1970 to 1995. He was the director of the Jesuit Service with Migrants-Mexico; Founded and was director of the Jesuit Network with Migrants from Latin America and the Caribbean; He was the coordinator of the Ignatian Global Network for Advocacy on Migration; and was a member of the board of directors of a shelter for migrants in Tierra Blanca, Veracruz. Rafael has a degree in Philosophy from the Universidad Centroamericana, José Simeón Cañas -El Salvador; a Bachelor of Theology from the College of Theological Studies of the Society of Jesus in Mexico; and has postgraduate studies in Philosophy at the Gregorian University of Rome.

Yael Schacher is senior U.S. advocate at Refugees International in Washington D.C., where she focuses on asylum, refugee admissions, temporary protected status, and humanitarian visas. Her recent reports for Refugees International have been on the U.S.-Guatemala Asylum Cooperative Agreement and the CDC COVID-19 order eliminating access to asylum at the border. Prior to joining Refugees International, Yael worked on her forthcoming book about the history of asylum in the United States as a postdoctoral fellow at the Institute for Historical Studies at the University of Texas at Austin. Before that she spent several years teaching about immigration at the University of Connecticut and volunteering at the legal services office of the Connecticut Institute for Refugees and Immigrants. She has an M.A. in History and a Ph.D. in American Studies from Harvard University.

Nicole Ramos directs the Border Rights Project of Al Otro Lado. The project works with asylum seekers in Tijuana, Mexico, who want to present themselves to immigration authorities in order to seek asylum in the United States. In addition to providing legal orientation and accompaniment, the project engages in impact litigation as well as broader legislative, media, and advocacy efforts to challenge systemic human rights violations committed by state actors. Nicole lectures extensively at universities, law schools, and professional conferences throughout the United States on the impact of border enforcement practices and policies on asylum seekers, and she provides on-the-ground technical assistance and expert declarations to U.S. attorneys with case needs in México. Prior to joining Al Otro Lado, Nicole worked for six years as an Assistant Federal Public Defender in Montgomery, Alabama, where she represented clients charged with federal felony offenses, and death row inmates challenging their convictions and death sentences in federal habeas proceedings. She is a graduate of Bryn Mawr College and Temple University James E. Beasley School of Law.

Bill O. Hing is professor at the University of San Francisco and Director of the Immigration and Deportation Defense Clinic. Throughout his career, Professor Bill Ong Hing pursued social justice through a combination of community work, litigation, and scholarship. He is the author of numerous academic and practice-oriented publications on immigration policy and race relations, including *American Presidents, Deportation and Human Rights Violations* (Cambridge Univ. Press 2019); *Ethical Borders—NAFTA, Globalization, and Mexican Migration* (Temple University Press, 2010), *Deporting Our Souls—Morality, Values, and Immigration Policy* (Cambridge University Press, 2006), *Defining America Through Immigration Policy* (Temple University Press, 2004), and *Making and Remaking Asian America Through Immigration Policy* (Stanford University Press, 1993). His book *To Be An American: Cultural Pluralism and the Rhetoric of Assimilation* (NYU Press, 1997) received the award for Outstanding Academic Book by the librarians' journal *Choice*. He was also co-counsel in the precedent-setting U.S. Supreme Court asylum case, *INS v. Cardoza-Fonseca* (1987), and represented the State Bar of California in *In Re Sergio Garcia* (2014), in granting a law license to an undocumented law graduate. Hing is the founder of the Immigrant Legal Resource Center in San Francisco and continues to volunteer as general counsel for this organization.