Rewriting Immigration Narratives

January 21st in Anderson Academic Commons 290

5:00 Refreshments

5:30 Untold Stories of Family Detention and Deportation
Panelists: Sean Ays, Jennifer Casey, Katie Dingemann-Cerda, & Jeanette Vizguerra
Moderator: César Cuauhtémoc García Hernández

6:30 A Call to Action: Where Do We Go From Here
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Moderator: Erica Chenoweth

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A film screening of Tania Monarca to follow at 7:30

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5:30 I. Untold Stories of Family Detention and Deportation

What are the dominant immigration narratives in contemporary America? Whose stories are being told and whose stories remain unheard? Please join us for a discussion of family detention and deportation practices and the implications for individuals, immigrant groups, and society. Panelists from the local community and from DU will share their expertise on the historical and socio-political factors driving current detention and deportation policies and will explore the very real consequences for individuals and families.

Panelists:

Sean Ays — DU Law
Jennifer Casey — Immigration attorney – Kolko & Associates
Katie Dingemann-Cerda — DU Sociology
Jeanette Vizguerra — American Friends Service Committee

Moderator: César Cuauhtémoc García Hernández (Sturm School of Law)

6:30 II. A Call to Action: Where Do We Go From Here?

What can we do, as individuals, as a campus, and as a community, to address the civil and human rights concerns of individuals and families being detained and deported? How can we “rewrite” these immigration narratives to protect and uphold the values of dignity, justice, and freedom? Panelists from the local community and from DU will discuss their experiences organizing and advocating for immigrant families and will provide ideas about how to take action to advance the immigrant rights movement.

Panelists:

Lisa Graybill — Sturm School of Law
Cynthia Rodriguez — Keeping the DREAM Alive
Margie Thompson — Department of Media, Film, & Journalism Studies
Tania Valenzuela — Community Organizer

Moderator: Erica Chenoweth (Josef Korbel School of International Studies)

7:30 Film Screening to follow: Tania Monarca — a documentary film following the personal journey of a young undocumented migrant woman becoming a voice for her community.