Migration and Human Rights in the North American Corridor: Dilemmas, Contradictions, and Challenges

October 12-13, 2007
The University of Chicago
Social Science Research Building Room 305
1126 East 59th Street

Friday, October 12

8:00 - 9:00  Continental Breakfast

9:00 - 9:15  Welcome  
Dain Borges, University of Chicago

Susan Gzesh, University of Chicago

9:30 - 10:15  Keynote Address – “Globalization and New Migration Trends: The American, Mexican and Central America in the International Context”  
Douglas Massey, Princeton University

10:15 - 10:40  Break

10:40 - 12:30  Panel 1: Causes, Conditions, Cases in Countries of Origin  
Panel Chair: Andreas Feldmann, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile

10:40-11:00  “Crisis del campo en México y migración internacional”  
Rodolfo García Zamora, Universidad Autónoma de Zacatecas

11:00-11:20  “Migration in Post Conflict Societies: The Central American Case”  
Katharine Andrade-Eekhoff, Universidad Centroamericana, El Salvador

11:20-11:40  “The Low Road to the North: How Suppression of Wages, Worker Rights and Union Democracy Contributes to Mexico-U.S. Migration”  
Benjamin Davis, AFL-CIO

11:40-12:00  “Violations of Economic and Social Rights as Push Factors Fomenting Migration”  
Alejandra Ancheita, Proyecto de Derechos Económicos, Sociales, y Culturales, México

12:00-1:00  Discussion

1:00-2:30  Lunch

2:30 - 4:30  Panel 2: Migrants in Transit and Crossing Borders  
Panel Chair: Jorge Durand, Universidad de Guadalajara

2:30-2:50  “Coyotaje and the Discourse of Clandestine Migration: Distinctions between Personal, Structural, and Cultural Violence”  
David Spener, Trinity University
2:50-3:10  “Changes in the pattern of Central American migration to the U.S.: new routes, actors, and dilemmas”
           Rodolfo Casillas, Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales, México

3:10-3:30  “Due Process and Detention Practices in the North American Corridor”
           Beth Lyon, Villanova University

3:30-4:30  Discussion

Saturday, October 13

9:00 - 10:00  Continental Breakfast

10:00 - 10:15  Opening
               “Migration in Latin America: Reflection on Sovereignty, Weak States and Migration”
               Emilio Kourí, University of Chicago

10:15 - 11:00  Keynote Address – “Human Rights and Migration: The Missing Link”
                Bimal Ghosh, International Organization for Migration, Switzerland

11:00 - 11:20  Break

11:20 - 1:30  Panel 3: Migrants in their Countries of Destination
               Panel Chair: Susan Gzesh, University of Chicago

              Xochitl Bada, University of California Santa Cruz

11:40-12:00  “Title TBA”
              Patrick Taran, International Labor Organization

12:00-12:20  “Mortandad en la frontera”
              Jorge Durand, Universidad de Guadalajara
              Andreas Feldmann, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile

12:20-1:30  Discussion

1:30-3:00  Lunch

3:00 - 4:00  Responses from the Advocacy Community: Bridging the Gap
               Chair: Susan Gzesh, University of Chicago

               Maricela García, Latinos Unidos
               Oscar Chacón, National Alliance of Latin American & Caribbean Communities
               Patricia Zamudio, Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios Superiores en Antropología Social