Im/migration in the Trump era

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Welcome & Introductions

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Anthropologist Action Network for Immigrants & Refugees (AANIR)

- Origins
- (Private) Facebook group: “Protecting Undocumented Students”
- 2016 AAA Emerging session, 2017 & 2018 Executive sessions
- AANIR Google Group
- Website: http://www.anthropologistactionnetwork.org

Mission: to organize efforts and disseminate information on how faculty and higher ed. Administration can protect differently-documented students and their families.
Welcome and Introduction to AANIR – Kristin Yarris, University of Oregon

New Policy and Legal Developments – J.C. Salyer, Columbia University & Arab American Family Support Center

Reports from Red States: Texas – Mariela Nuñez-Janes, University of North Texas

Reports from Red States: Indiana – Wendy Vogt, University of Indiana-Purdue U.

Raids - William Lopez, University of Michigan

Acompañamiento- Whitney Duncan, University of Northern Colorado

Question & Answer- Lauren Heidbrink, California State University, Long Beach
Legal and Policy Developments

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The first time as farce, the second time as tragedy
Anti-Immigrant Positions

• Travel Ban
• Refugee Admissions
• Increased Interior Enforcement
• Detention
• Public Charge
• Ending “chain migration”
• Community Responses
• New York Immigrant Family Unity Project

Source: Brooklyn Daily Eagle
Report from a Red State: Texas

Mariela Nuñez-Janes

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Context: Undocumented youth in North Texas

Heat, No Light

Students with the Young Conservatives posed as illegal immigrants.
Recent Developments

Policy:
- Enforcement
- 287(g) agreements
- TX SB4 or anti-sanctuary bill

Strategies:
- DACA renewals and naturalization workshops
- Acompañamiento during check-ins and court hearings
- KYR and family preparedness
- DREAMer centers
- Educate the educators workshops
Lessons Moving Forward

• Engage community activists, organizers, and those most affected
• Work strategically locally, nationally, and internationally
• Deepen our advocacy within our own institutions
• Leverage our position to coordinate efforts so that our institutions can work proactively rather than reactively
YOUR ROADMAP TO COLLEGE:

JUNIOR YEAR
- Begin college planning with your counselor (talk about your classes and application process)
- Start a college list
- Prepare for the SAT

FRESHMAN YEAR
- Talk to your counselor about college
- Try a new club, sport, or volunteer work
- Find or create a support group
- Talk to a college student

SENIOR YEAR
- Continue planning with your counselor (get help applying for college, ask about paying for college)
- Register and take the SAT
- Visit colleges
- Go to a financial aid event and research scholarships
- Decide where to apply, complete, and submit applications

SOPHOMORE YEAR
- Talk to your counselor and/or teachers about college
- Try a new club, sport, or volunteer work
- Find or create a support group
- Search for colleges based on your interests

YOUR PATH STARTS HERE
THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND:

If you are an undocumented student you can go to college in Texas. Undocumented students who meet the criteria with or without DACA are eligible to qualify for college in-state tuition in Texas under Senate Bill 1528. See the guidelines here: http://www.thecb.state.tx.us/reports/PDF/1528.PDF

If you are going to college in Texas and qualify for SB 1528 you can apply for Texas financial aid (TAFSA): http://www.finaid.txstate.edu/more-info/TASFA.html

Stay informed and know you are not alone. Connect with local organizations like the North Texas Dream Team for updates and help: http://www.northtexasdreamteam.org
Report from a Red State: Indiana

Wendy Vogt

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April 24, 2018, Plainfield, IN:
ICE Agents Raid three Mexican Restaurants looking for “criminal alien fugitive” and detain 15 people from Mexico & central America

April 24, 2018, Highland, IN:
ICE Agents arrest 8 construction workers on their lunch break while looking for someone who failed to register as a sex offender

April 24, 2018, INDIANAPOLIS
Faith leaders accompany a mother of two to DHS for her weekly check-in after ICE raided her home and deported her husband.
Intersectional Coalition Building

Solidarity

Education

Activism
Transnational Crossings

US State Violence beyond Borders: The Caravan

“These big flows of people are all trying to take advantage of DACA. They want in on the act!”

DJT Tweets:

“Border Patrol Agents are not allowed to properly do their job at the Border because of ridiculous liberal (Democrat) laws like Catch & Release. Getting more dangerous. “Caravans” coming. Republicans must go to Nuclear Option to pass tough laws NOW. NO MORE DACA DEAL!”

Criminalizing Asylum

Families of the Missing, the Detained
Immigration Raids
William Lopez
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About 6:00 PM: “The soldiers came in the house. They knocked down doors. They threw gas. They had guns. We were two women with small children... The kids terrified, the kids screaming. And well, from there they started handcuffing.”

–Fernanda, translated from Spanish
1. Immigration enforcement is violence.
2. Behaviors are shaped by both actual violence and the threat of this violence.
Moving forward

- Freedom to drive
- Cultural navigation (aka, *acompañamiento*)
- Urgent response
- Health care provisions
- Flexible funding sources
- Law enforcement advocacy (e.g., identification, detainers)
- Bearing witness to the violence of deportation
Enforcement & Acompañamiento

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un mismo corazón
ni una más deportación

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Immigrants can sue federal detention center in Colorado over forced labor, appeals court says

The immigrants seek more than $5 million in damages from the GEO Group

This Saturday, April 15, 2017, photograph shows the entrance to the GEO Group's immigrant detention facility in Aurora.

Deportations increased more in Colorado than anywhere else

Andrew Kenney / Follow
December 6, 2017 / 11:47 am / Denver news

Data: Immigration and Customs Enforcement
TO REPORT RECENT ICE ACTIVITY OR POLICE/ICE COLLABORATION, CALL OUR HOTLINE 844-864-8341.

CAMPAIGN TO UNITE COLORADO ¡TU VOZ ES EL PODER!

Stopping deportations and building trust, dignity, and equal protection under the constitution!

The Campaign to Unite Colorado works to end extremely harmful collaborations between local law enforcement and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), though passing local and state level policies that promote safety & trust.

Tu Voz es el Poder, Colorado Te Escucha is a project to document ICE activities and police/ICE collaborations, monitor patterns that guide our legislative efforts, and build a strong statewide network of people resisting deportations in their own communities. The testimonies of directly impacted people helped Colorado repeal their own “show me your papers law” that forced local police to act as ICE agents in 2013.
Resources, Question & Answer

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AANIR Contacts

• “Protecting undocumented students” secret Facebook group
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• www.anthropologistactionnetwork.org

• Cultural Anthropology Hot Spots: https://culanth.org/fieldsights/1300-im-migration-in-the-trump-era

• For anthropologists, join Anthropologist Action Network for Immigrants and Refugees (AANIR) – search for it on groups.google.com
  • AANIR members will have an executive session in San Jose at the 2018 AAA’s.
Resources: Organizations and Websites

• American Immigration Lawyers Association – aila.org
• Educators for Fair Consideration (E4FC) – e4fc.org
• United We Dream - unitedwedream.org
  • See their “Here to Stay toolkit for educators”
• Informed Immigrant” https://www.informedimmigrant.com
• The People’s Resolution: http://peoplesresolution.org/home.html