

11:00-12:00p.m. Panel, Atwood: Mississippi Room

Asian American Immigrant Workers and Families

Presiders:

Hedy Tripp: SCSU

Panelists:

Hedy Tripp: Instructor at SCSU, Council member of the State Council on Asian Pacific Minnesotans and Co-Chair of the National Governing Board of National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum (NAPAWF)

The Social Conditions of Asian American immigrant Workers and Families in Minnesota and the Service-Learning Project on Southeast Asian Immigrant Women Nail Salon Workers

Narate Judy Keys: Member of NAPAWF and a Former Nail Salon Worker

Experiences and Issues Faced by Nail Salon Workers

12:00-1:00p.m. CAPSTONE KEYNOTE, Atwood: Ballroom

Louis Mendoza: Chair, UMN Chicano Studies Department, Author

Conversations Across America: The Latinoization of America

7:00-9:00p.m. SPECIAL KEYNOTE EVENT, College of St. Ben's Gorecki 204A

RUTH MILKMAN, Professor of Sociology, CUNY

Gender and Jobs in the Recession and Great Depression

Presiders:

College of St. Ben's/St. John's, Gender Studies, Economics, and Sociology Departments

College of St. Ben's President's Office and Academic Affairs

Thursday, April 12th

7 p.m. SPECIAL KEYNOTE EVENT, Macalester College (St. Paul Campus)

DAVID BACON, Photojournalist, Author

The Political Economy of Criminalizing Immigrants

The SCSU Faculty Research Group on Immigrant Workers in Minnesota.

We are a group of SCSU faculty who collaborate with community based organizations on developing data of use to the community and academics on the social conditions of immigrant workers in Minnesota and their communities.

Our scope does not preclude research that extends beyond the scope of Minnesota, since plainly issues of why immigrant workers migrate to Minnesota and experience their respective social conditions are shaped by institutions and processes that are global in character. The College of Liberal Arts and School of Public Affairs jointly support the work of the Research Group. For more information visit <http://stcloudstate.edu/ssri/immigrantworkers>

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For more information on the SCSU Faculty Research Group on Immigrant Workers in Minnesota, please go their website <http://www.stcloudstate.edu/ssri/immigrantworkers/default.asp> or contact Stephen Phillion, Director and Associate Professor of Sociology at sephillion@stcloudstate.edu

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Monday, April 9th

9 a.m. BREAKFAST KEYNOTE, Atwood Ballroom
John Keller, Esq. Executive Director, Immigrant Law Center
The Impact of Arizona and Alabama's Anti-immigrant Laws on Immigrant's Efforts in Minnesota to Secure Citizenship Rights

10 a.m. Panel, Atwood Voyageurs North
The Economic Impact of Minnesota's Immigrants: Opportunity, Saving, and Money
Panelists: **Enrique Garcia** – Owner, La Loma Tamales based in the Twin Cities. *The Entrepreneur Experience*
Monica Romero – Loan Program Director with LEDC *Access to Capital*
Jaime Villalaz –LEDC Business Specialist
Economic Opportunities in Rural Minnesota

10 a.m. Panel, Atwood Voyageurs South
New Immigrants Growing Food Security in Central Minnesota
Presiders:
Rick Miller: Central Minnesota Sustainability Project
Ann Finan (SOC)
Panelists:
AWA (African Women's Alliance)
SASWA (St. Cloud Area Somali Women's Association)
CMSP (Central Minnesota Sustainability Project)

11:00 a.m. Panel, Atwood Glacier South
Life as an Undocumented Student in Minnesota
Presiders:
Juventino Meza, NavigateMN
Isabel Duran, Navigate MN
Panelists:
Undocumented Students from Minnesota

11:00 a.m. Panel
Student Research on St. Cloud Somali Housing and Workplace Issues
Presider:
Aspa Rigopoulou-Melcher (CMTY)
Discussant
Fartun Ahmed, Assistant Manager, Raspberry Ridge
Panelists:
Elizabeth Holmbeck: SCSU Student, (CMTY)
Housing Issues for Somalis in St. Cloud MN
Nathan Keller: SCSU Student (CMTY)
Entrepreneurial Opportunities for Somalis in St. Cloud MN
Cassie Anderson: SCSU Graduate Student (SOC)
The Impact of Temporary Agencies on Somali Workers

Noon to 1 p.m. Mingling Break

1-2 p.m. LUNCH KEYNOTE, Atwood Ballroom
RUTH MILKMAN, Professor of Sociology, City University of New York
Immigrants and the U.S. Labor Movement: Achievements and Future Challenges

2-3 p.m. Panel, Atwood: Voyageurs South
The Social Status of Latinos in Today's Minnesota
Presider:
Mónica García-Pérez (ECON)
Latinos' Health and Entrepreneurship Rates in Minnesota.
Panelists:
Rodolfo Gutierrez: Executive Director HACER, Hispanic Advocacy and Community Empowerment through Research and
Barbara J Ronningen: Demographer retired from the State Demographic Center
Changes and Current Distribution of Latinos in Minnesota

2-3 p.m. Panel, Atwood: Voyageurs North
Liberian, Sudanese, and Somali Immigrant Workers and Organizing in a MN Nursing Home
Presider:
George Kieh: RN (formerly at Texas Terrace (St. Louis Park), Leader of Unionizing Campaign
Issues that Drove East African Immigrant Nursing Home Workers to Organize a Union at Texas Terrace
Panelists:
Jerimiah Ayora: Nursing Assistant, TexasTerrace (St. Louis Park)
Why Immigrant Workers Supported A Union Campaign at Texas Terrace
Mariatu Bah: Nursing Assistant, TexasTerrace (St. Louis Park)
Why Immigrant Workers Supported A Union Campaign at Texas Terrace

3-4 p.m. Panel, Atwood: Voyageurs South
Cross Cultural Collaboration to Achieve Systems Change in Early Intervention Services
Presider:
Theresa Estrem: (CSD)
Panelists:
Mayuli A. Bales: Executive Director, Casa Guadalupe Multicultural Community.
Jane R. Ellison: LMFT, MS, Early Childhood Mental Health Specialist, Sauk Rapids/Rice Early Childhood Programs
Fartun Hussein: Executive Director, St. Cloud Area Somali Women's Association
Monica Segura-Schwartz: Catholic Charities/La Cruz Community Center (St. Cloud, MN)
Lucy Stephens: Executive Director, South Sudan Alliance (St. Cloud, MN)
Janette Yiran: Executive Director, African Women's Alliance (St. Cloud, MN)

3-4p.m. Panel, Atwood Voyageurs North
Language and Immigrants' Welfare
Presiders:
Ethiense Koffi: SCSU (Linguistics)
The Bridge Language Center: *Translation, localization, interpreting services, cultural training and language coaching*

Tuesday, April 10th

9:30 – 10:45 a.m. BREAKFAST KEYNOTE, Atwood: Cascade
Christopher Lehman: SCSU (Ethnic Studies)
The African American Historical Experience in Minnesota as Migrants

11-12:15 p.m. Panel, Atwood: Voyageurs South
Immigrant Retail Workers and the Quest for Livable Wages
Panelists:
CTUL: Centro de Trabajadores Unidos en Lucha (The Center of Workers United in Struggle)
Brian Payne, CTUL immigrant retail worker organizer
Gerania Mata, CTUL immigrant retail worker organizer

11-12:15 p.m. Panel, Atwood Voyageurs North
MN Hmong and Forms of Political Organization
Presider:
Shoua Yang: (POL, SCSU)
Panelists:
Ly Yang: Executive Director of The Advancement of Hmong Women Minnesota, Inc.
Maiker Yang: Counselor: Refugee Social and Employment Services Program for the Southeast Asian Refugees Community Home, Inc.
Dia Yang: Graduate Student, SCSU

11-12:15p.m. Panel
Atwood: Glacier
SCSU Service Learning Projects in Immigrant Communities
Panel Organizer:
Theresa Estrem (CSD)
Panelists:
Isolde Mueller, GER 202 and ENGL 462/FORL 455]
Theresa Estrem, CSD 230 Disorders
Ann Finan, SOC 201
Students from these classes Supervisors

12:00-1:00p.m. Mingling Break

1:00-2:00p.m. LUNCH KEYNOTE, Atwood: Cascade
IMMANUEL NESS: Director of the Labor Policy Institute and Deputy Director of the Graduate Center for Worker Education
Neoliberal Markets, Migration, and Guest Workers

2:00-3:15p.m. Panel, Atwood: Voyageurs South
Transformational Leadership: Stepping Outside the Box of Social Services to Address Barriers Facing Latina immigrant Women, Empowering Them as Change Makers in their Community
Presiders:
Miguel Chavez: Director Chicano Studies, SCSU
Mujeres en Liderazgo: *Women in Leadership*

Panelists:
Maria Cisneros: Leadership coordinator, Mujeres en Liderazgo at Waite House Neighborhood Center
Jovita Francisco: Morales, Organizer, Mujeres en Liderazgo
Kate Percuoco: Organizer, Mujeres en Liderazgo
Alicia Ranney: Program Coordinator, Mujeres en Liderazgo

3:30-4:45 p.m. Panel, Atwood: Little Theatre
Jewish Community Action Coalition and the Role of Allies in Liberian, Somali, and Latino Organizing Projects
Presider:
Jewish Community Action Coalition (JCA)
Panelists:
Peter Rachleff: moderator and framer of discussion
Mayalan Keita-Brown: Organizing the Liberian community to *Form the Coalition for Permanent Residency*
Hindia Ali: *Organizing Somalis to Convince Local Banks to Support Remittances to Somalia*
Jovita Morales: *Organizing Latina Women around Drivers Licenses and Municipal ID Issues*

4:50-6:00 p.m. Dinner Break

6:00-8:00 p.m. SPECIAL KEYNOTE EVENT, St. Cloud Public Library
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9:00-10:00a.m. Panel, Atwood: Voyageurs South
Doing Guerilla Immigrant Law in Minnesota
Presiders:
Jorge Saavedra: The Saavedra Law Firm, PLLC
Recursos Legales de Minnesota

10:00-11:00a.m. Panel, Atwood: Voyageurs North
An Exploration of Racism in American Musical Theatre and its Effect on Immigrant Communities
Presider:
Deborah Leigh: Professor of Theatre and Film Studies, Director, Community Anti-Racism Initiative
Panelists:
Dennis Whipple: Director of GREAT Theatre in St. Cloud, MN.
West Side Story and Stereotypes of American Immigrants
Jeffrey Bleam: Chair, Department of Theatre and Film Studies, SCSU
Historical Perspectives on Immigrants and Racism in American Musicals
Deborah Leigh: Professor of Theatre and Film Studies, Director, Community Anti-Racism Initiative
Racism, Immigrants, and American Musicals: Where Do We Go from Here?