

THE SERNA CENTER PRESENTS

FORUM “CHALLENGING THE CRIMINALIZATION OF IMMIGRANTS IN THE COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM PROPOSALS: A HUMAN RIGHTS PERSPECTIVE.”

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**GUEST WORKERS OR
COLONIZED LABOR?**
Mexican Labor Migration to the United States

**HUMANE IMMIGRATION REFORM
OR LEGALIZED SLAVE-LIKE
LABOR AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS?**

TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2013

11:00A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

**AT REDWOOD,
STUDENT UNION**

**CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY
SACRAMENTO, 6000 J STREET,
SACRAMENTO, CA 95819**

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This forum on Comprehensive Immigration Reform (CIR) will raise awareness about the national framing of immigrants as “criminal” and challenge CIR proposals that are restrictive in their reach and burdensome in the process for legalization. Current discussions ignore the fundamental truths about immigration: One, the global political economy displaces people from their homelands; Two, there’s long history of unequal treatment of immigrants based on race/nationality, gender, and class. Historically, compromises disregarding these facts have kept many immigrants in vulnerable political-economic and social standing for generations.

Three general proposals will be examined: 1) border enforcement (secure communities/e-verify/border officials), 2) guest workers (H2 and H1) and 3) second-class residency categories (here but no rights to citizenship and other benefits).

The forum includes testimonial accounts of immigrant realities and dreams, and national renowned labor migration scholars/advocates will contextualize immigrant experiences in the realities of unequal global integration. The forum will conclude with a resolution for immigrant rights that is aligned with justice and democratic ideals that uplift the well-being of everyone, not just a few. The forum discussion will continue in our communities as a way of informing CIR from the bottom up.

Co-sponsors Labor Council for Latin American Advancement, Organización de Trabajadores Agrícolas de California, United Front for Justice and Dignity Statewide Coalition, CSUS Chican@/Latin@ Faculty and Staff Association, and many more.

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