



The Latin American Program and the Mexico Institute of the Woodrow Wilson Center  
are pleased to invite you to:

## Latino Immigrant Civic Engagement Trends

Friday, June 26, 2009

8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars  
5th Floor Conference Room  
Washington, D.C.

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### *Welcome and Overview of the Study*

8:30-9:00 a.m.

**Xóchitl Bada**, Assistant Professor, Latin American and Latino Studies Program, University of Illinois, Chicago

**Jonathan Fox**, Professor, Latin American and Latino Studies Department, University of California, Santa Cruz

**Andrew Selee**, Project Coordinator, Latino Immigrant Civic Engagement Project; Director, Mexico Institute, Woodrow Wilson Center

### *Session 1: Latino Civic and Political Engagement: Advances and Challenges*

9:00-10:45 a.m.

*Moderator:* **Claudio Sánchez**, Correspondent, National Public Radio

**Esther Olavarría**, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy, Department of Homeland Security

**Óscar Chacón**, Executive Director, National Alliance of Latin American and Caribbean Communities

**Marcelo Gaete**, Vice-President of Public and Governmental Affairs, Entravision; Former Senior Director of Programs, National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials' Educational Fund

**Marc R. Rosenblum**, Senior Policy Analyst, Migration Policy Institute

## ***Session 2: Immigrant Integration and Local Governments***

11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

*Moderator:* **Jonathan Fox**

**Alice Bennett**, Associate Organizer, Helping Empower Local People (CHARLOTTE)

**Teresa Castellanos**, Interim Director, Office of Human Relations, County of Santa Clara, California (SAN JOSE)

**Ricardo Gambetta**, Manager of Inclusive Communities Program, National League of Cities; Former Executive Director, Mayor's Commission on Latino Affairs, City of Indianapolis

**Luvia Quiñones**, Associate Director, New Americans Initiative, Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights (ICIRR) (CHICAGO)

*Lunch served at 12:30pm.*

## ***Session 3: Migrant Organizations: Strategies and Alliances***

1:00-2:30 p.m.

*Moderator:* **David Ayón**, Senior Research Associate, Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University

**Michael Klein**, MEChA student representative, University of Nevada, Las Vegas (LAS VEGAS)

**Myrna Martínez**, Director, Pan Valley Institute, American Friends Service Committee (FRESNO)

**Gaspar Rivera-Salgado**, Project Director, Center for Labor Research and Education, University of California, Los Angeles (LOS ANGELES)

**Sergio Sosa**, Organizer, One Omaha Together (OMAHA)

**Florencio I. Zaragoza**, President, Fundación México (TUCSON)

## ***Session 4: Political Participation and Citizenship***

2:45-4:15 p.m.

*Moderator:* **Robert Donnelly**, Program Associate, Mexico Institute

**Leni González**, Chair, Board of Directors, Shirlington (Virginia) Employment and Education Center; President, Council 4609, League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) (WASHINGTON, D.C.)

**Israel Fuentes**, President, El Comité de Unidad Guatemalteco/Guatemalan Unity Committee (LAS VEGAS)

**Juan José González**, New Americans Democracy Project, ICIRR (CHICAGO)

**Angelica Salas**, Executive Director, Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles (LOS ANGELES)

## ***Conclusions***

4:15 p.m.-4:30 p.m.