



2011 LAW REVIEW SYMPOSIUM

LLEADS #2: The U.S. Immigration Crises: Enemies at Our Gates or Lady Liberty's Huddled Masses?

Perhaps no issue in recent times has invited more passionate and often heated debate than immigration reform. Indeed, both the political Right and Left generally agree that this country's status quo on the issue leaves much to be desired.

In effort to follow a ground-breaking symposia series known as "Latinos and Latinas at the Epicenter of American Legal Discourse" (LLEADS), the FIU College of Law with the assistance of the FIU Law Review has decided to publish the Second LLEADS Symposium, this time focusing on immigration. With the state of Arizona's, through its enactment of SB 1070, attempt to create its own immigration policy and localities like the Town of Hazelton following a similar approach, we have seen that immigration touches upon not only migration and foreign policy, it is now at the core of domestic constitutional struggles over issues such as federalism and the Ninth and Tenth Amendments.

Some of the country's leading scholars that have agreed to take part in this important law review issue include: AALS President, Professor Michael Olivas; Society of American Law Professors Co-President Professor Steven Bender; and leading scholars such as University of Florida Professor Berta E. Hernández-Truyol, Rutgers University Professor Linda S. Bosniak, and University of Texas Law Professor Gerald Torres, just to name a few.

We invite you to join us to discuss these important issues on February 24-25, 2011. The gathering will bring together a select group of nationally- renowned scholars, government officials, and practitioners to present and discuss potential changes in immigration law, as well as structural and administrative reform that could help resolve what is undoubtedly one of the most hotly contested issues of our era.

We will conclude our discussion with a plenary panel on the prospects and challenges of comprehensive immigration reform followed by an off-the-record discussion among our distinguished guests.

Attached you will find a tentative schedule that outlines our program and recommended hotel information.

We very much hope that you will be able to join us.

Cordially,

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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

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Thursday, February 24th

- 8:00 - 9:15 AM Breakfast at Florida International University College of Law
- 9:15 - 11:45 AM **Panel I** *The Immigration Crisis: Empirical and Other data*
- 11:45 - 12:00 PM Break
- 12:00 - 2:00 PM Lunch with keynote speaker
- 2:00 - 4:30 PM **Panel II** *The Prospects for and Challenges of Reform*
- 4:45 PM Return to Hotel

Friday, February 25th

- 8:00 - 9:00 AM Breakfast
- 9:00 - 10:15 AM Panel III *Reform and Its Impact on Education, Health Care, and Crime*
- 10:15 - 10:30 AM Break
- 10:30 - 12:00 PM *Reflective Discussion on the DREAM Act with the DREAM Walkers*
- 12:00 - 1:00 PM Luncheon

HOTEL INFORMATION: Most out-of-town guests will be staying at the *Westin Colonnade Coral Gables*, 180 Aragon Ave., Coral Gables or at the *Courtyard Marriott Coral Gables*. To make reservations, please call the Westin Coral Gables directly at (305) 441-2600 or the Courtyard Marriott at 305-443-2301

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