

*Cumbre 2010:
Human Mobility, the Promise of Development and Political Engagement*

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CUMBRE/SUMMIT HIGHLIGHTS

Opening Session, Friday morning, May 14, 8:40-10:10

“Human Mobility, Economic Development and Labor”

The session sets the stage for many of the discussions that will take place around the central themes of the conference, migration, development and political participation. It features international renowned scholars such as Ronaldo Munck and Raúl Delgado-Wise and **Senator Dora Aguirre Hidalgo**, a member of Ecuador’s assembly and representative to the European, Asian and Australia and Oceania parliamentary spheres.



Senator Dra Aguirre Hidalgo

Ronaldo Munck is the head of Civic and Global Engagement at Dublin City University in Ireland and Visiting Professor of Sociology at the University of Liverpool. A native of Argentina, Munck has written extensively on Latin America and, most recently, on migration with *Globalisation and Migration: Results and Prospects*. **Raúl Delgado Wise** is the current President of the International Network on Migration and Development and the head of the Doctoral Program in Development Studies at the Autonomous University of Zacatecas (UAZ, Mexico). **Lourdes Gouveia** from OLLAS and Sociology-Anthropology, UNO, will offer a local perspective on the impacts of the crisis and local policies on Nebraska immigrants. **Patricia Zamudio Grave** from Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios Superiores en Antropología Social (CIESAS-Golfo), Mexico, will moderate the discussion.

Friday Luncheon Keynote, May 14, 11:45-1:20

“Immigration Reform: Why Should All Employers be Concerned and Involved?”



Angelo Amador is the executive director of immigration policy at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. In this capacity, Amador is responsible for working with members of the business community to develop the Chamber’s position on comprehensive immigration reform, legalization, border security, visa processing, and guestworker programs. He also advocates on behalf of the Chamber and its members before the U.S. Congress and various administrative agencies, including the departments of Homeland Security, State, and Labor. In addition, Amador is the executive director of the Americans for Better Borders (ABB) coalition, which unites regional business organizations, companies, and trade associations to ensure the efficient flow of goods and people across our borders while addressing national security concerns. Prior to joining the Chamber, Amador, who is of Puerto Rican descent, was a staff member at MALDEF, the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund.

Regular Session, Friday afternoon, May 14, 1:30-3:15

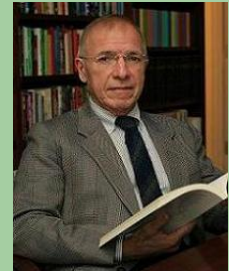
“Global Education and Local Community Engagement: Nebraska, Mexico and Perú”

This session brings into focus the meaning of ambiguous terms such as transnationalism and globalization. It showcases global engagement and educational models from South and North. The panel also serves to underscore the need and opportunities for all our students, teachers, community organizations and school officials to become familiar with these new realities and models of learning, especially as we seek to enhance our knowledge of those who move and those who stay. The panel features **Olga Celle**, OLLAS Lead Instructor for the Latin American Study Abroad/Service Learning courses, as well as other team leaders and a student in those courses (**Arturo Miranda** and **Erin Gesell**, respectively). **Chizuru Ushida** from Princeton University and Nanzan University, Japan; **Susan Mayberger**, Coordinator of English as a Second Language (ESL) and Migrant and Refugee Education at Omaha’s Public Schools; and **Sandra Nichols**, a Cultural Geographer from the University of California-Berkeley make up the rest of this important panel. **Paul Sather**, Director of Service Learning Academy at UNO, who also traveled to Perú with OLLAS, will serve as commentator for the panel.

Friday Afternoon Keynote, May 14, 3:20-4:50

“Dividing or Converging? Political Loyalties, Transnational Organizations, and the Incorporation of Latin American Immigrants in the United States”

Alejandro Portes is a leading international scholar on migration, Latin American sociology and development. He is the Howard Harrison and Gabrielle Snyder Beck Professor of Sociology and director of the Center for Migration and Development at Princeton University. Born in Havana, Cuba, he came to the United States in 1960. He was educated at the University of Havana, Catholic University of Argentina, and Creighton University in Omaha. He received his Ph. D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and was elected president of the American Sociological Association in 1997. Portes is the author more than 250 articles and chapters on national development, international migration, and Latin American and Caribbean urban and development issues. He has published more than 30 books and special issues. His award-winning books include *Immigrant America: a Portrait* (California 2006) and *Legacies: the Story of the Immigrant Second Generation* (California 2001). Both books are coauthored with Rubén G. Rumbaut). Five volumes of his collected essays have been published in English, Spanish, and Portuguese. His current research is on the adaptation process of the immigrant second generation in comparative perspective, the role of institutions on national development, and immigration and the American health system.



Town Hall Meeting, Friday afternoon, May 14, 5:00-6:30

“New Destinations: Immigration Policies at the State and Local Levels”

Join Nebraska State **Senator Brad Ashford**, Brookings Institution scholar **Audrey Singer** and members of civil society organizations and other schools for a lively discussion on Immigration Policies at the State and Local Level. The panel will be moderated by former TV anchor and current city councilman, **Ben Gray**.

Panel Discussion: Saturday, May 15, 8:00-9:30

“Political Participation and Migrant Civil Society: Local Empowerment and Global Action from Below.”

What is the role of migrants in development? And to what extent is that role consonant with the rights and power they are accorded in policy-making and political processes that affect them, in origin and destination countries? Or In local, state, national and global forums setting the agenda on migration, development and rights? The session brings together academic, civil society and migrant leaders with a history of cooperation in addressing these questions. Among them are members of OLLAS as well as **Oscar Chacón**, NALACC’s Executive Director; **Xóchitl Bada** of the University of Illinois at Chicago leads who, along with Jonathan Fox, of the University of California, Santa Cruz and Andrew Selee of the Woodrow Wilson Center Mexico Institute, lead an initiative based at the Woodrow Wilson Center on Latin American immigrant civic and political participation. She and her colleagues coordinated a series of reports on Latin American immigrant civic and political participation that looks at nine cities around the United States, including Omaha, NE. The Omaha report was commissioned to UNO’s Office of Latino/Latin American Studies and it is being published this month, just in time for Cumbre 2010. The series was funded by a grant from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. Also in this panel are **Sergio Sosa**, the executive Director of the Heartland Workers Center in Omaha, **Alvaro Caballeros** who comes from Guatemala where he directs the non-governmental organization (ONG), Mesa Nacional para las Migraciones (National Table for Migration) –MENAMIG; and **Rodolfo García Zamora** from the Universidad Autónoma de Zacatecas and a board member of “Sin Fronteras,” also an NGO.

Saturday Luncheon Keynote, May 15, 11:25-1:00

“Reimagining Migration Polices, North and South”



Roberto Suro is a Professor at the Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism, University of Southern California (USC). He is the founder and former director of the Pew Hispanic Center, a research organization in Washington D.C. At the Center, Suro supervised the production of more than 100 publications that offered non-partisan statistical analysis and public opinion surveys chronicling the rapid growth of the Latino population and its implications for the nation as a whole. Suro’s journalistic career began with tours at the Chicago Sun Times and The Chicago Tribune. He then moved to TIME Magazine, where he worked as a correspondent in the Chicago, Washington, Beirut and Rome bureaus. In 1985 he started at The New York Times with postings as bureau chief in Rome and Houston. After a year as an Alicia Patterson Fellow, Suro was hired at The Washington Post as a staff writer on the national desk, eventually covering a variety of beats including immigration, the Justice Department and the Pentagon and serving as Deputy National Editor. He is the author of *Strangers Among Us: Latino Lives in a Changing America*, (Vintage, 1999), *Watching America’s Door: The Immigration Backlash and the New Policy Debate*, (Twentieth Century Fund, 1996), *Remembering the American Dream: Hispanic Immigration and National Policy*, (Twentieth Century Fund, 1994) as well as two dozen book chapters, reports and other publications related to Latinos and immigration.

Migrant/Civil Society and Organizations workshop (in Spanish)

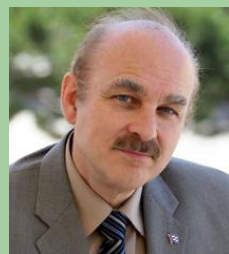
May 15, Saturday 1:15-2:45

“Latino/a and Migrant Organizations: From dependency to empowerment/ De la dependencia a la Incidencia.”

The workshop is the last in a series of “strategic encounters” with migrant and Latino/a leaders in Nebraska and Iowa, and funded by the Ford Foundation. Its goal is to contribute to local organizations’ capacity for civic and political engagement. It is facilitated by members of OLLAS, NALACC, the INMD and the HWC. Facilitators hail from Omaha, Chicago, Mexico and El Salvador.

Invited Presentation, Saturday afternoon, May 15, 3:00-4:20

“Pigments of Our Imagination: On the Racialization of “Latino” Identities and the U.S. Census”



Rubén G. Rumbaut is Professor of Sociology at the University of California, Irvine. An internationally known scholar of immigration and refugee movements, and a leading expert on immigration in the United States who has testified before the U.S. Congress at hearings on comprehensive immigration reform, he is the founding chair of the Section on International Migration of the American Sociological Association, an elected member of the ASA’s Council and of the Sociological Research Association, a core member of the MacArthur Research Network on Transitions to Adulthood and Public Policy, and a former member of the Committee on Population of the National Academy of Sciences and the Committee on International Migration of the Social Science Research Council. A native of Havana, Cuba, Dr. Rumbaut directs (with Alejandro Portes) the landmark Children of Immigrants Longitudinal Study (CILS), begun in 1991. In the 1980s he directed the principal studies of the migration and incorporation of refugees from Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia—the Indochinese Health and Adaptation Research Project and the Southeast Asian Refugee Youth Study. He served as academic advisor for a 10-part PBS television series, *Americas*, focusing on Latin American and Caribbean societies, as well as on Mexicans, Cubans and Puerto Ricans in the United States. Professor Rumbaut is the author of more than one hundred scientific articles and chapters in scholarly volumes on the adaptation of immigrants and refugees in the United States. Among his books are the critically acclaimed *Immigrant America: A Portrait* (with Alejandro Portes; 3rd ed. 2006); and two companion books based on CILS (also with Portes): *Ethnicities: Children of Immigrants in America*, and *Legacies: The Story of the Immigrant Second Generation*, which won the American Sociological Association’s top award for Distinguished Scholarship, as well as the 2002 Thomas and Znaniecki Award for best book in the immigration field. In 2010, a Spanish translation of *Immigrant America* will be published by Editorial Anthropos in Spain, and a Spanish translation of *Legacies* by Editorial El Roure in Spain and Librería Porrúa in Mexico. A Japanese translation of *Legacies* is in process and will be published by Tsumoto Yawata in Japan.

Closing Session(s). The final session on Saturday, May 15 at 4:30 pm, will report on the basic principles on mobility, development, and rights that, according to participants, should guide policies and actions within each the areas where we work and practice civic and global engagement. The bilingual Omaha document resulting from this summit will be posted on our website and will be incorporated into the lists of documents that will be part of the the Global Forum on Migration and Development/Peoples' Global Action meeting in Mexico and to the Global Social Forum on Migration in Quito, Ecuador in the Fall of 2010. The public sessions of Cumbre 2010 close on Saturday evening with a 'transnational' recital at the Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts. On Sunday, summit organizers will meet for a working session to debrief about the outcomes of the summit and to deliberate further on next steps in terms of research, policy and advocacy. OLLAS and the HWC will host a public meeting with the Venezuelan Ambassador and members of local civil society organizations on the afternoon of Sunday, May 16. The Ambassador will hold a private meeting with members of the Omaha Venezuelan community that same day.

Visit the Cumbre 2010 website for summit information, more extensive and complete list of bios for presenters, presentation summaries, flyers in English and Spanish, preliminary program and much more:

<http://www.unomaha.edu/ollas/cumbre.php>

For a complete list of presenters in concurrent session on Friday and Saturday please go the preliminary program link on the Cumbre 2010 website:

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