



# *Cumbre 2010*

FOURTH LATINO/LATIN AMERICAN SUMMIT OF THE GREAT PLAINS

## *Human Mobility, the Promise of Development and Political Engagement*

**Friday, May 14 & Saturday, May 15**

**Embassy Suites Downtown/Old Market  
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Omaha



**Friday, May 14**

7:00 am – 4:00 pm

**Registration**

8:00 am - 8:30 am  
Council Bluffs Rm

**Welcome & Introductory Remarks**

**Jim Suttle**, Mayor, City of Omaha

**Brenda Council**, Senator, Nebraska  
Legislature

**David Boocker**, Dean, College of Arts and  
Sciences, University of Nebraska at Omaha  
(UNO)

**Jonathan Benjamin-Alvarado**, Assistant  
Director of the Office of Latino/Latin American  
Studies (OLLAS) and Associate Professor of  
Political Science, UNO

8: 40 am - 10:10 am  
Council Bluffs Rm

**Opening Session [SI/IS]\***

*Human Mobility, Economic Development and  
Labor*

**Raúl Delgado Wise**, President International  
Network on Migration and Development  
(INMD) and Director of Doctorate Program  
in Development, Universidad Autónoma de  
Zacatecas (UAZ), Mexico

*“A Critical Perspective on the Relationship  
Between Development and Migration”*

**Ronaldo Munck**, Head of Civic and Global  
Engagement, Dublin City University, Ireland  
*“Migration, Globalization and Development: A  
Labour Movement Perspective”*

**Lourdes Gouveia**, OLLAS Director and  
Professor of Sociology, UNO  
*“Immigrant Labor and Development Strategies at  
a Time of Crisis: The Nebraska Case”*

*\*Sessions marked with the symbol “[SI/IS]” will have simultaneous interpretation  
Las sesiones marcadas con el símbolo “SI/IS” tendrán interpretación simultánea*

Comments/Comentarios

**Thomas Faist**, Transnational and Development Studies, Bielefeld University, Germany

*“Reflections on Academic Knowledge, Policy and the Public Role of Social Scientists: The Case of Migration and Development”*

Moderator

**Oscar Chacón**, Director of the National Association of Latin American and Caribbean Communities (NALACC)

10:20 am - 11:35 am

## **Concurrent Sessions IA and IB**

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### **Session IA [SI/IS]**

*Brain Drain, Brain Gain and Brain Waste: Qualified Migrants from Latin America, India and the Great Plains*

**Binod Khadria**, Professor of Economics at the Zakir Husain Centre for Educational Studies, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) and Project Director, International Migration and Diaspora Studies (IMDS), India

*“Policies, Practices, and Mutation of the Brain Drain: Illusion, Camouflage, and Denial as Instruments in Global Governance of Human Mobility”*

**Fernando Lozano Ascencio**, Centro Regional de Investigaciones Multidisciplinarias (CRIM), Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM)  
*“Recent trends in Qualified Migration from Latin America and the Caribbean: Between Brain Drain and Brain Waste”*

**Jerry Deichert**, Executive Director, Center for Public Affairs Research, UNO  
*“Brain Drain and Brain Gain: A Nebraska Perspective”*

Moderator

**Mario Sánchez**, M.D., Creighton University Medical Center

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**Session IB***Migration and Development in Origins and Destinations: Oaxaca, Veracruz and Nebraska***Rochelle L. Dalla, Jennifer DeLeón, Tammy Stuhmer**, University of Nebraska at Lincoln and **María León Carreño**, Universidad Autónoma de Bucaramanga, Colombia*“Rural Community Longevity: Capitalizing on Diversity for Immigrant Residential Stability”***Eduardo E. Arellano Amaya**, Universidad Tecnológica de los Valles Centrales de Oaxaca, Mexico*“The Migration Impact in Oaxaca’s Rural Development: The Case of El Trapiche”***Rafael Reyes Morales**, Instituto Tecnológico de Oaxaca and **Alicia Sylvia Gijón Cruz**, Universidad Autónoma Benito Juárez de Oaxaca (UABJO), Mexico*“La relación entre migración, bienestar de los hogares y economías en comunidades rurales de México”***Patricia Eugenia Zamudio Grave** and **Rosalba Cortés Viveros**, Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios Superiores en Antropología Social (CIESAS-Golfo), Mexico *“Propiedad de la tierra, producción y migración: un estudio comparativo en dos comunidades rurales de Veracruz”*

Moderator

**Arturo Spindola**, Executive Director, Nebraska Mexican-American Commission

11:45 am - 1:20 pm  
Platte/Elkhorn Rm

## **Luncheon Keynote Address [SI/IS]**

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

**Angelo I. Amador**, Director of Immigration Policy  
U.S. Chamber of Commerce

Introduction

**Jonathan Benjamin-Alvarado**, OLLAS/UNO

Comments

**Jason Marczak**, Policy Director, Americas Society/Council of the Americas; Senior Editor, Americas Quarterly

1:30 pm - 3:15 pm

## **Concurrent Sessions 2A, 2B and 2C**

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### **Session 2A**

***Immigrants’ Economic Impact at Home and Away: Mexico, El Salvador and Nebraska***

**Christopher S. Decker**, Department of Economics, UNO  
***“The Economic and Fiscal Impact of Immigrants in Nebraska”***

**Raúl Delgado Wise**, President, International Network on Migration and Development (INMD) and Director of Doctorate Program in Development Universidad Autónoma de Zacatecas (UAZ), Mexico ***“Contributions of Mexican Migrants to the US Economy and Costs of Emigration for Mexico”***

**Katharine Andrade-Eekhoff**, Project Coordinator for NALACC, and Program Manager of Justice and Peacebuilding CRS El Salvador ***“Paying their Share: Migrants’ Contribution to Fiscal Health in El Salvador and Mexico”*** (findings from a report produced by NALACC)

Moderator

**Binod Khadria**, Professor of Economics, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), India

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**Session 2B*****Global Education and Local Community Engagement:  
Nebraska, Mexico and Perú*****Chizuru Ushida**, Princeton University and Nanzan University, Japan***“Bilingual Education: Gateway to a Better Future for Latino Children”*****Susan Mayberger**, Coordinator of English as a Second Language (ESL), Migrant and Refugee Education, Omaha Public Schools***“Open the Door and They Will Come In: Providing Quality Educational Programming for Immigrant Families”*****Sandra Nichols**, Visiting Scholar, Department of Geography University of California-Berkeley***“Children of Transnational Communities: A Lost Generation or New Patterns for Development?”*****Olga Celle**, Visiting Professor and Lead Instructor for Latin American Study Abroad OLLAS/UNO, **Arturo Miranda**, Service Learning Academy & Foreign Languages UNO and **Erin Gesell**, OLLAS/UNO***“Global Lima: Informing Service Learning Models from Transnational and Latin American Perspectives”***

Comments

**Paul Sather**, Director Service Learning Academy, UNO

Moderator

**Evangelina Brignoni**, College of Education, UNO

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**Session 2C [SI/IS]*****Health Reform, Health Disparities and Patients on the Move*****Deliana García**, Migrant Clinicians Network, Inc., Austin, TX***“Creating a Medical Home for Patients on the Move”*****María H. Hines**, **Raponzil Drake** and **Anthony Zhang**, DHHS Nebraska Office of Health Disparities and Health Equity***“Bridging the Gap for Health Disparities in Nebraska”***

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**Patricia Canessa**, Executive Director, Salud Latina/Latino Health, Chicago, Illinois in partnership with the National Alliance of Latin American and Caribbean Communities (NALACC)  
*“Salud Migrante”*

**Andrea Skolkin**, Chief Executive Officer, One World Community Health Centers, Omaha, NE  
*“Uninsured and Latino Health Care Challenges and Models that Work”*

Moderator

**José Villegas-Mendoza**, Nebraska Methodist College and Iowa-Nebraska Representative for the Institute for Mexicans Abroad (IME)

3:20 pm - 4:50 pm  
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**Afternoon Keynote [SI/IS]**  
*“Dividing or Converging? Political Loyalties, Transnational Organizations, and the Incorporation of Latin American Immigrants in the United States”*

**Alejandro Portes**, Howard Harrison and Gabrielle Snyder Beck Professor of Sociology and Director of the Center for Migration and Development, Princeton University

Introduction

**Justin J. Morales**, OLLAS & Department of Political Science, UNO

5:00 pm - 6:30 pm  
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**Town Hall Meeting [SI/IS]**  
*New Destinations and Immigration Policies at the State and Local Levels*

**Audrey Singer**, Brookings Institution  
*“Immigration Trends, New Destinations and Local Policy Responses”*

**Amada Armenta**, University of California, Los Angeles  
*“Policing Immigrants: The Local Dilemmas of Immigration Enforcement in Nashville”*

**Senator Brad Ashford**, Nebraska Legislature  
*“Nebraska Legislature’s Responses to Immigration and Demographic Change”*

**James Goddard**, JD, Staff Attorney for the Welfare Due Process Project at Nebraska Appleseed

*“Promoting Integration, Working to Defeat Anti-Immigrant Legislation: Outcomes of Recent Legislative Proposals in Nebraska”*

Moderator

**Ben Gray**, Omaha City Council

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm  
Elkhorn Rm

**Brindis de Bienvenida/  
Welcoming Toast**

## Saturday, May 15

8:00 am - 9:30 am  
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**Panel Discussion [SI/IS]**

*Political Participation and Migrant Civil Society:  
Local Empowerment and Global Action from Below*

**Oscar Chacón**, Director of the National Association of Latin American and Caribbean Communities (NALACC)

*“Migrant Organizations Empowerment and the Global Forums”*

**Xóchitl Bada**, University of Illinois, Chicago and **Jonathan Fox**, University of California-Santa Cruz *“The Woodrow Wilson Project on Migrant Civil Society. Key Findings”*

**Jonathan Benjamin-Alvarado** and **Lourdes Gouveia**, OLLAS/UNO, **Sergio Sosa**, Heartland Workers Center

*“Omaha: Migrant Civil Society Under Construction”*

**Álvaro Caballeros**, Mesa Nacional para las Migraciones en Guatemala (MENAMIG)

*“Nuevos sujetos políticos transnacionales: el caso guatemalteco”*

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**Rodolfo García Zamora**, Professor of Doctoral Program, UAZ, Zacatecas, Mexico

*“El desafío de las nuevas políticas públicas: las organizaciones migrantes como actores estratégicos y transnacionales”*

Moderator

**Patricia Eugenia Zamudio Grave**, Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios Superiores en Antropología Social (CIESAS-Golfo), Mexico

9:40 am - 11:10 am

## **Concurrent Sessions 3A, 3B, 3C and Round Table**

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### **Session 3A [SI/IS]**

*Labor, Precarious Employment and Worker Strategies [SI/IS]*

**Luin Goldring**, York University, Canada

*“Temporary Worker Programs as Precarious Status: Implications for Citizenship, Inclusion and Nation Building in Canada”*

**Cesar G. Abarca**, Boston University

*“Informal/Formal Labor Spaces: Immigrant Latino Workers in New Mexico’s ‘Contingent Employment’”*

**María Teresa Gastón**, Creighton University Center for Service and Justice

*“Psychological Contracts and Experiences of Organizational Justice of Meatpacking Workers in Nebraska”*

**Rebecca Crosthwait**, University of Kansas

*“The Industry Makes or Breaks Us: Mexican Petroleum Workers, Industry Cycles, and Worker Strategies”*

Moderator

**Cornelius McGreevy**, Department of Sociology & Anthropology, UNO

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**Session 3B***Navigating a Shifting Terrain: Public Policies and Immigrant Rights***Anahi Viladrich**, Hunter College - City University of New York*“Reinventing Health Reform: Two Decades of Struggles for Immigrants’ Rights to Health Care”***Christine Thurlow Brenner**, Rutgers University*“Bureaucratic Incorporation and Institutional Effects on Immigrant Integration: State Policy Decision Making and Undocumented Latino Immigrants in New Jersey”***Els de Graauw**, Baruch College - City University of New York*“Federal Aliens, Local Citizens: Expansive Rights for Undocumented Immigrants in San Francisco”***Lina Newton**, Hunter College - City University of New York*“Filling the Void? State Responses to Immigration and Immigrants, 2005-2008”*

Moderator

**Audrey Singer**, Brookings Institution

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**Session 3C***Political Engagement: Women, Latinos/as, the Church and Immigrant Organizations***Miguel A. Ugalde**, Instituto de Investigaciones Economicas y Sociales Universidad Rafael Landivar (IDIES), Guatemala*“Migrant Guatemalan Women, Agents of Social Change, Under the Current Global Crisis - A Methodological Essay on Social Remittances”***Neil A. Panchmatia**, St. Cloud State University*“The Catholic Church and Faith-Based Social Justice Engagement: A Comparative Study of Latino and Somali Immigrants in Central Minnesota”***Elaine Rodriguez**, New Mexico Highlands University*“Latino/Latina Political Engagement: Will Immigrants Revolutionize Politics?”*

**Magaly Sánchez-R**, Princeton University  
*“Colombian and Venezuelan Immigrant Organizations in the United States”*

Moderator  
**Abelardo Morales**, FLACSO, Costa Rica

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## **Round Table**

*Chronicles of Resistance: Representations of Violence, Immigration, and Gender in Recent Latino/ Latin American Literature, Theater and Film*

**Jennifer Cooley**, University of Northern Iowa  
*“Carne viva: (Re)Presenting (Im)migration in Iowa”*

**Claudia García**, Department of Foreign Languages & OLLAS/UNO  
*“Crime and Impunity in Post-War Guatemala: El cojo bueno and Noche de piedras, by Rodrigo Rey Rosa”*

**Steven L. Torres**, Department of Foreign Languages & OLLAS/UNO  
*“Generic Subversion in The Three Burials of Melquiádes Estrada”*

**Karina Vázquez**, Missouri Western State University  
*“Breaking the Waves: Deconstructing Social and Cultural Stereotypes through a Course on Human Rights Readings in Spanish”*

**María Elvira Villamil**, Department of Foreign Languages & OLLAS/UNO  
*“Fronteras e inmigración en la crónica latinoamericana: Alfredo Molano y Luis Arturo Ramos”*

Moderator  
**Claudia García**, Department of Foreign Languages & OLLAS/UNO

11:25 am - 1:00 pm  
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**Luncheon Keynote Address [SI/IS]**  
*“Reimagining Migration Polices, North and South”*

**Roberto Suro**, Professor, Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism, University of Southern California

Introduction  
**Geitner Simmons**, Editorial Page Editor, Omaha World Herald

1:15 pm - 2:45 pm

## Concurrent Sessions 4A, 4B, 4C and Community Workshop

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### Session 4A [SI/IS]

*The Right to a Dignified Life: Human Rights, Work, and Community Membership*

**Susan R. Gzesh**, Executive Director, Human Rights Program, University of Chicago

*“Human Rights: Connecting Migration & Development”*

**Fabio Baggio**, Director, Scalabrini Migration Center

*“Temporary Migrant Workers’ Program: The Trick behind the Deal”*

**Loren B. Landau**, Director of the Forced Migration Studies Programme, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa

*“Passage, Profit, Protection and the Meaning of Community: Rethinking Integration, Rights, and Belonging in African Cities”*

**Tom K. Wong**, University of California-Riverside

*“Immigration and the Rights of ‘Others’: An Empirical Analysis of the Human Rights of Irregular Migrants”*

Moderator

**Rev. Ernesto Medina**, St. Martha’s Episcopal Church

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### Session 4B

*Transnational Communities & Networks: Platforms for Action and Migrant Strategies for Mobility and Inclusion*

**Andrea Gentili**, University of Trento, Italy

*“Behind the Migration Decision: Family and Community Networks in Mexico-US Migration”*

**Jasney Cogua-Lopez**, Florida International University

*“Colombian Fiancés, International Marriage Brokers and the Migration Industry”*

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**Mario A. González-Corzo** and **Vassilios N. Gargalas**, Lehman College,  
City University of New York

*“The Bronx Today: A Socioeconomic Profile of a  
Changing Transnational Community”*

Moderator

**Elisha Novak**, Program Director, Catholic Charities Immigration Legal  
Assistance Services

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### **Session 4C**

*Raids, Jails and Immigrant Families*

**Juan Pedroza**, The Urban Institute

*“Facing our Future: Children in the Aftermath of Immigration Enforcement”*

**Claudia García, Ana Cruz, Evangelina Brignoni, Ramón Guerra,** and  
**Juan Casas** UNO

*“Unlocking Reality: The Challenges and Rewards of a University-Jail Partnership”*

**Mark Foxall**, Deputy Director, Douglas County Department of Corrections

*“The Douglas County Jail Approach to Working with Latino and Immigrant  
Inmates in the Era of Mobility and ICE”*

Moderator

**Thomas W. Sanchez**, OLLAS/Department of Sociology & Anthropology

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### **Workshop/Strategic Encounter** (In Spanish/En español)

*“Organizaciones de latinos/as y migrantes: De la dependencia  
a la incidencia”*

(Quedan pocos espacios disponibles. Debe completar un formulario de  
inscripción antes de asistir al taller)

Facilitadores/Organizadores

**Katharine Andrade-Eekhoff**, Program Manager of Justice and  
Peacebuilding CRS, El Salvador

**Oscar Chacón**, Executive Director, NALACC

**Claudia Lucero**, NALACC

**Patricia Eugenia Zamudio Grave**, CIESAS-Golfo, México

**Sergio Sosa**, Executive Director, Heartland Workers Center, Omaha

**Yuriko Doku**, OLLAS/UNO

**Alejandra Toledo**, OLLAS/UNO

3:00pm - 4:20 pm  
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### **Invited Presentation [SI/IS]**

*“Pigments of Our Imagination: On the Racialization of “Latino” Identities and the U.S. Census”*  
(Co-sponsored with the UNO Department of Black Studies)

**Rubén G. Rumbaut**, Professor of Sociology  
University of California-Irvine

Comments

**Zebulon Miletsky**, Black Studies Department,  
UNO

Chair

**David Harris**, Iowa West Foundation

4:30pm - 5:30pm  
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### **Closing Session [SI/IS]**

*Where Do We Go From Here? Adopted Principles and Next Steps*

Facilitator

**Katharine Andrade-Eekhoff**, Catholic Relief  
Services El Salvador

*Interpreters: Janet Bonet and Natalie Pupo-Malmberg  
Nebraska Association for Translators & Interpreters (NATI)*

*We would also wish to thank our volunteer interpreters.*

# Exhibits

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**Office of Latino/Latin American Studies (OLLAS)**

**Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Midlands**

**Cumbre 2010 Presenters' Publication Table**

**Catholic Charities Community Service Division/Nebraska Immigration Advocacy Alliance**

**Consulado de México en Omaha, Nebraska/Ventanilla de Salud**

**Film Streams**

**Futuro Latino Fund/African American Unity Fund (Omaha Community Foundation)**

**Heartland Workers Center/Centro Laboral**

**International Network on Migration and Development/La Red Internacional de Migración y Desarrollo (RIMD)**

**Lutheran Family Service of Nebraska**

**Midlands Latino Community Development Corporation**

**Mi Gente Latina**

**Nebraska Appleseed Center for Law in the Public Interest**

**Nebraska Hispanic Chamber of Commerce**

**One World Community Health Centers, Inc.**

**South Omaha Arts Institute (SOAI)**

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## **Creative Writing Exhibit**

*“Through our Words: Hands, Minds and Hearts at Work”*

**Excerpts from a Spanish Language Writing Contest, Grades 5 - 12**

**Coordinated by Claudia Garcia, Foreign Languages and OLLAS, UNO**

**Selected winning entries located in Central Corridor**

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