The lack of immigration reform at the national level has been accompanied by increasing enforcement measures which directly impact communities in the US–Mexico border region. This conference focuses on the social impacts of border enforcement and discusses the challenges facing community organizations as they seek to promote dialogue and alternative approaches based on respect for human rights. Panels will include scholars and community leaders from the US and Mexico with first-hand knowledge of the current legal and social challenges facing immigrants, border communities and policy makers. Comparative and historical contexts will also be discussed in order to understand similarities and differences regarding the discourses and practices surrounding immigration policy in Mexico and the United States. The conference will be followed by two community events with the goals of fostering broader dialogue and new networks for creating and disseminating new knowledge.

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**Saturday, June 16**

6.00–8.00pm **Mexican Journalists Speak on Asylum and Exile** (Nason House – 1200 University Ave)

*The Truth Up Front – Mexican Journalism: Silence or Death – Hosted by Alianza para Emigrantes Mexicanos en Busca de Asilo Político*

**Sunday, June 17**

7.00pm **Invitation Only – Welcome Reception** (Stan Fulton Center, NMSU, Las Cruces)

**Monday, June 18**

*All of the following panels will take place at the Corbett Center Auditorium unless otherwise noted*

9.00–9.15am **Introduction**

Neil Harvey: NMSU, Department of Government; Íñigo García-Bryce: NMSU, Center for Latin American and Border Studies; Sandra Garabano: UTEP, Center for Inter-American and Border Studies; and Susan Tiano: UNM, Latin American and Iberian Institute

9.15–10.45am **Panel 1: Enforcement Policies and Social Consequences**

*Exploring the Gap between Promises and Policies: The Obama Administration, Immigrant Deportations, and the Role of Institutional Fragmentation – Jose Villalobos: UTEP, Department of Political Science*

*Mexican Migrant Experiences of Repatriation and Violence – Scott Whiteford: University of Arizona, Center for Latin American Studies*

*The Evolving Terrain of Detainment, Detention, and Deportation of Unaccompanied Migrant Children – Tia Upchurch–Freelove: Graduate Student, NMSU, Department of Government*

10.45–11.15am **Coffee Break**

11.15–12.45pm **Panel 2: Historical Aspects of Immigration**

*Arriving in America: NMSU’s Spring 2012 Speaker Series on Immigration History – Andrea Orzoff: NMSU, Department of History*

*Discourses to Power: Whiteness, Race, and Citizenship Narratives in U.S. Immigration History – Barbara Reyes: UNM, Department of History*

*History of Immigrant Advocacy in the Midland/Odessa Area of Texas – Ginger Schantz: Graduate Student, NMSU, Department of Government*

1.00–2.00pm **Invitation Only – Lunch** (Colfax Room)

2.15–3.45pm **Film: Lost in Detention (PBS, 2011) and discussion with producer Maria Hinojosa** – Writer and Journalist, PBS–NOW; NPR–Latino USA; PBS–Need to Know (Corbett Auditorium)

3.45–5.15pm **Panel 3: US and Mexican Immigration Policies**

*Immigration policies of the US and Mexico: between security and co-operation – Alvaro Martínez: Universidad Autónoma de Chiapas, Mexico (UNACH)*

*Bracero Memories: forgetting and abandonment in northern Mexico – Luis Alfonso Herrera: Universidad Autónoma de Ciudad Juárez (UACJ)*

*The Human Rights of Migrants from Chiapas to the US: Reflections on Migration Policy in Mexico – Perla Vargas: Universidad Autónoma de Chiapas, Mexico (UNACH)*

7.00–9.00pm **KEYNOTE ADDRESS: “Stories from the Frontlines: Detention, Deportation and the New America”**

– Maria Hinojosa: Writer and Journalist, PBS–NOW; NPR–Latino USA; PBS–Need to Know
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Thursday, June 21  Community Event

To attend the Community Events, please sign up online at http://immigration.nmsu.edu, or at the registration table during the conference

Please note that registration for the community events in El Paso and Chaparral are limited to 14 people

5.00–7.00pm  COMMUNITY EVENT: Border Farmworkers Center, El Paso, TX – Discussion of immigration reform with staff and farmworkers

(if you require transportation, please meet at Nason House, 1200 University Avenue, directly across from FedEx Kinko’s, at 4.00 pm; return transport will arrive back at Nason House at 8.00 pm)

Friday, June 22  Community Events

1.30–3.30pm  COMMUNITY EVENT: Vecinos Unidos, Chaparral, NM

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5.00–7.00pm  COMMUNITY EVENT: Nason House, NMSU, Las Cruces, NM – Closing discussion on the week’s activities at NMSU’s Center for American and Border Studies

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