Thursday, October 27, 2005

9:45-11:00  Immigration Legislation: Current Policy and Proposed Reforms

Speakers:
Daniel M. Kowalski, JD, Attorney, Editor-in-Chief, Bender's Immigration Bulletin, and StMU Alumnus
Lee Teran, JD, Clinical Professor of Law, Center for Legal and Social Justice, StMU
Moderator: Floyd Contreras, Student, StMU, and PPC

11:10-12:25  Slipping Through the Cracks: Rights and Immigration

Speakers:
John Blatz, JD, Executive Director RAICES [Refugee and Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services]
Margaret Y. Luévano, Director, International Student Services, StMU
Moderator: Weston Elkins, Student, StMU, and PPC

12:35-1:50  Immigration and National Security

Speakers:
Anne Ohlrich, Foreign Service Officer, US State Department, Adjunct Faculty, International Relations, StMU
Mansour El-Kikhia, PhD, Political Science and Geography, UTSA
Moderator: Larry Hufford, PhD, Political Science, StMU

President’s Peace Commission
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The President’s Peace Commission fosters an ethical commitment to participate in the establishment of world peace and social justice. The Commission encourages respect for human rights and dignity of all people. The Commission annually hosts symposia that offer opportunities for students, faculty, and staff to grow in their active pursuit of peace and justice. Through the symposia and other activities, the Commission seeks to build within the St. Mary’s community a greater awareness of the Roman Catholic and Marianist perspectives on peace and justice. The President's Peace Commission reflects the University community through student, staff, and faculty representatives appointed by the University President.

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Opening Prayer: Edward Violett, SM, PhD, Director, International Relations Graduate Program, StMU

9:45-11:00  Immigration 101: All You Ever Wanted to Know about Immigration but Were Too Busy to Ask

Speakers:
Isabel Rodriguez, StMU Student, McNair Scholar
Rey Valencia, JD, StMU Law School
Sylvia Manzano, PhD, Adjunct Faculty, Political Science, StMU

Moderator: Charles Cotrell, PhD, President, StMU

11:10-12:25  An Immigrant Tale: Stories from Among Us

Speakers:
Gianantonio Michelon, Staff, StMU and Adjunct Faculty, Political Science, StMU
Ignacio G. Martinez, Student, StMU
Kavita Bhalla, Student, StMU, and PPC

Moderator: Céline Jacquemin, PhD, Political Science, StMU, and PPC

12:35-1:50  The Changing Face of America: Political and Cultural Impact of Immigration

Speakers:
Andy Hernandez, Director, 21st Century Leadership Center, StMU
Frank Pino, PhD, Modern Languages and Literature, UTSA

Moderator: Patricia Mejia, 21st Century Leadership Center, StMU, StMU Alumna, and PPC

Wednesday, October 26, 2005

9:20-10:10  Dollars and Cents: Economic Impact of Documented and Undocumented Immigrants

Speakers:
Kristina Ruiz-Healy, Columnist, Conexión, Commentator, Texas Public Radio
Rebecca Flores, Texas Director, United Farm Workers and StMU Alumna

Moderator: Zaida Martinez, PhD, School of Business and Administration, StMU

10:20-11:10  Helping or Hurting? Social Policies and Immigrants

Speakers:
Maggie Gaytan, Facility Administrator, Texas Sheltered Care, Nixon, Texas, accompanied by case workers Jason Montoya, Norma Riojas, Gloria Ordóñez, Manuel Cevallos, and Jose Muñoz

Moderator: Richard Pressman, PhD, English and Communication Studies, StMU, and PPC

11:20-12:10  Open Arms or Closed Borders: Citizens’ Response to Immigration

Speakers:
Janet Armitage, PhD, Sociology, StMU
Hernán Rozemberg, Senior Writer/Immigration Affairs, San Antonio Express-News, StMU International Relations Graduate Student

Moderator: Leona Pallansch, PhD, Political Science, StMU, and PPC

12:20-1:35  Catholic Social Teaching and Immigration

Speakers:
Marcus Gemoets, Director/Attorney Immigration Services, Catholic Charities, Archdiocese of San Antonio
Rudy Vela, SM, D.Min., Theology, StMU

Moderator: Andrew Hill, Director, Service Learning Center, StMU