

Day of Dialogue VIII

Wednesday, October 27, 2010

“Mexican Drug Wars”

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10:10 a.m.-11:05 a.m.

Plaza Rooms, Mack Student Center, North Campus

Organized and moderated by Prof. Brenda Elsey

Mexican journalist and historian Froylán Enciso analyzes the media coverage of the Mexican drug wars. He will discuss how an historical understanding of the problem offers alternatives for understanding this contemporary dilemma.

“From the Border Wall to the Classroom, Arizona to Patchogue: Immigration as a Human Rights Issue”

October 27, 2010

6:00 to 8:00pm

Leo A. Guthart Cultural Center Theater

Organized and moderated by Prof. Mario Murillo

The controversial issue of immigration is commonly presented in the media as a contentious battle between those in favor of reform and those calling for stricter laws against illegal migration. In this panel, we will avoid placing the issues into a simplistic dichotomy that too often results in dramatic “sound-bites,” but very little substance. Instead, we will examine immigration through the prism of human rights in order to get a better picture of the human costs of our current immigration policies. We’ll hear real stories of family separation, of economic dislocation, and of the violent backlash that characterizes the lives of undocumented workers on Long Island. How does militarizing immigration policy impact everyday people? What is the Dream Act and how is it a way for immigrant students to forge a path to citizenship? Through the process of sharing stories, we hope to shed a different light on why comprehensive immigration reform is urgently needed.

Invited Panelists:

Roberto Lovato, journalist, *The Nation Magazine*

Javier Gallardo, Long Island Civic Participation Project

Dr. Luis Valenzuela, Long Island Immigrant Alliance

Osman Canales, Suffolk Community College freshman, member of Long Island Immigrant Students Association

Nadia Marin, director, National Day Laborer’s Association

Hosted by Professor Mario A. Murillo and the student hosts of *Hofstra’s Morning Wake Up Call* on **WRHU 88.7FM**

A Performance: Teatro Experimental Yerbabruja

October 27, 2010

8:15-9:45 p.m.

Leo A. Guthart Cultural Center Theater

Organized by Prof. Brenda Elsey.

A play about tensions between Latino immigrants and their neighbors on Long Island. The New York Times raves, “the play somehow succeeds where so many speeches and editorials fail. It points, at least, to where deeper understanding might lie and how people might get there.” This event is free of charge.