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Immigration proved an especially contested battleground during the 2016 Republican primary season and appears likely to be a top-tier issue in the general election, amid striking contrasts in policy and tone between the two major political campaigns. This session will explore the role immigration is playing in the campaigns and politics of the election, focusing in particular on the stances of the presidential nominees and other leading voices. How will a new Congress and administration move forward, given the complicated political dynamics within each party? What is each presidential candidate likely to do in his or her first 100 days? And what will the legislative landscape for immigration action look like in 2017? Panelists will explore these and other pressing questions.

**Moderator**

*Doris Meissner*, Senior Fellow and Director, U.S. Immigration Policy Program, MPI

**Speakers**

*David Frum*, Senior Editor, *The Atlantic*

*Rosalind Gold*, Senior Director of Policy, Research and Advocacy, NALEO Educational Fund

*Frank Sharry*, Executive Director, America’s Voice

Immigration enforcement, always a central component of immigration policy, has received particular focus throughout President Obama’s administration. Regardless of who wins the presidential election in November, enforcement will likely continue to play a large—and contested—role for the next four years. This panel will examine three key aspects of current U.S. immigration enforcement: family detention and policies affecting unaccompanied children; the replacement of the Secure Communities federal-local immigration enforcement cooperation program with the Priority Enforcement Program (PEP) amid rising local resistance to cooperation with the federal government; and Department of Homeland Security (DHS) guidance on its use of prosecutorial discretion with regards to deportation decisions. Panelists will evaluate the successes and failures of these policies, and consider what legislative and other change could happen in the upcoming year.

**Moderator**

**Charles Wheeler**, Director of Training and Legal Support, Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc.

**Speakers**

**Elizabeth Cedillo-Pereira**, Senior Advisor to the Director, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security

**Dree K. Collopy**, Partner, Benach Collopy LLP; and Co-Director, Immigration Litigation Clinic, Catholic University School of Law

**Thomas D. Homan**, Executive Associate Director for Enforcement and Removal Operations, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security

**Stephen Manning**, Partner, Immigrant Law Group PC; and Director, Innovation Law Lab

**11:00 A.M.**

**Family Detention, PEP, and Prosecutorial Discretion: Developments in Immigration Enforcement**

**12:05 P.M.**

**Lunch Keynote**

**The Honorable Dick Durbin**

United States Senator for Illinois

Assistant Democratic Leader, U.S. Senate

**Introduction**

**William M. Treanor**, Executive Vice President and Dean of the Law Center, Georgetown University

**12:40 P.M.**

**Lunch**

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Immigration proved a central issue in the 2016 Republican primaries, helping eventual GOP presidential nominee Donald Trump emerge from a crowded field of 17 candidates and solidify his standing with a conservative base that is deeply skeptical about immigration. With the focus now turning to the general election, Republican Party leaders, strategists, and intellectuals from different vantage points—the #NeverTrump, #NeverHillary, pro-business, and libertarian wings of the party—are coming at the immigration debate differently, with differing interpretations of how pivotal immigration will prove to be in attracting or repelling voters and constituencies. This panel will delve into the range of views and approaches to immigration that are in play among Republicans and discuss their implications for the next Congress and the future of the party. Panelists will discuss the on-the-ground strategy and lessons, their views on where immigration fits in today's Republican Party, and how the election discourse on immigration is likely to affect the party going forward.

**Moderator**

*Josh Gerstein*, Senior Reporter, covering the courts, justice, and national security issues, POLITICO

**Speakers**

*Alfonso Aguilar*, President, Latino Partnership for Conservative Principles

*Linda Chavez*, President, Becoming American Institute

*Daniel Garza*, Executive Director, The LIBRE Initiative

*Tamar Jacoby*, President, ImmigrationWorks USA

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More than 65 million people have been forced to flee their homes, including 21 million refugees who have crossed international borders in search of a safe haven. The United States long has accepted more refugees annually for resettlement than any other country, though the numbers represent a tiny portion of those awaiting resettlement around the globe. Yet that historical welcome is under challenge in ways not seen since the immediate aftermath of the September 11th terrorist attacks. In the wake of terrorist attacks in Paris, more than half of the nation’s governors announced opposition to the further resettlement of refugees in their states. And there are calls in Congress for major changes to the resettlement program, which will admit 85,000 refugees this fiscal year, even as defenders note that those under consideration for resettlement undergo more stringent security screening than all other would-be immigrants and travelers to the United States. This panel will discuss the policy and legal concerns raised by state and federal lawmakers about the resettlement of refugees, examine how the federal government and its humanitarian partners have responded to these concerns, and address the implications of these challenges for the future of a program that has resettled more than 3 million refugees since 1975.

**Moderator**

*Andrew I. Schoenholtz*, Director, Center for Applied Legal Studies; Director, Human Rights Institute; and Professor from Practice, Georgetown University Law Center

**Speakers**

*T. Alexander Aleinikoff*, former United Nations Deputy High Commissioner for Refugees; Visiting Professor of Law, Columbia Law School; and MPI Senior Fellow
A deadlocked U.S. Supreme Court in June left in place the nationwide injunction barring implementation of the Deferred Action for Parents of Americans and Lawful Permanent Residents (DAPA) program and expansion of the 2012 Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, which would have provided deportation relief for up to 4 million unauthorized immigrants. While the decision set no legal precedent, it has left the future of deferred action in the balance: Returning the case to the lower courts where a number of scenarios could play out based on how the Justice Department, the states that brought the challenge, and the presiding appellate and district judges respond. In this discussion, experts will discuss what led to the outcome in the case and the choices that the next administration will face. Panelists will also discuss the legal challenge’s effect on the DACA program and examine the implications for states and the advocacy community.

**Moderator**

**Muzaffar Chishti**, Director, MPI’s office in New York at NYU School of Law, MPI

**Speakers**

**Cristina Jiménez**, Co-Founder and Managing Director, United We Dream

**Stephen H. Legomsky**, John S. Lehmann University Professor Emeritus, Washington University School of Law; and former Chief Counsel, U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services

**David Shahoulian**, Deputy General Counsel, U.S. Department of Homeland Security

**Rebecca Tallent**, Head of U.S. Government Relations, Dropbox; and former Policy Assistant to House Speaker John Boehner, U.S. House of Representatives
Alejandro Mayorkas was sworn in as Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security on December 23, 2013. He is the second-in-command of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, which has a $60 billion budget and a workforce of 240,000 individuals throughout the world.

Prior to becoming Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security, he served as the Director of the department’s U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), the agency charged with operating the largest immigration system in the world. He was nominated to serve in that position by President Barack Obama and confirmed by the U.S. Senate in 2009. As Director of USCIS, he led a workforce of 18,000 individuals throughout more than 250 offices worldwide and oversaw a $3 billion annual budget. While at USCIS he developed a number of important programs and initiatives, including the implementation of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), and important reforms that safeguard our nation’s security and ensure the integrity of its immigration system.

Prior to his appointment at USCIS, Deputy Secretary Mayorkas was a partner in the law firm of O’Melveny & Myers LLP. In 2008, the National Law Journal recognized Deputy Secretary Mayorkas as one of the “50 Most Influential Minority Lawyers in America.”

In 1998, Deputy Secretary Mayorkas was nominated by President Clinton and confirmed by the U.S. Senate to be the United States Attorney for the Central District of California, becoming the youngest U.S. Attorney to serve the nation at that time. In addition to leading an office of 240 Assistant U.S. Attorneys, Deputy Secretary Mayorkas served as the Vice-Chair of the Attorney General’s Advisory Subcommittee on Civil Rights and as a member of the Subcommittee on Ethics in Government. From 1989 to 1998, he served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Central District of California.

Deputy Secretary Mayorkas is a graduate of the University of California at Berkeley and received his law degree from Loyola Law School.
Senator Dick Durbin, a Democrat from Springfield, is the 47th U.S. Senator from the State of Illinois, the state’s senior senator, and the convener of Illinois’ bipartisan congressional delegation.

Senator Durbin also serves as the Assistant Democratic Leader, the second highest ranking position among the Senate Democrats. Also known as the Minority Whip, Senator Durbin has been elected to this leadership post by his Democratic colleagues every two years since 2005. Elected to the U.S. Senate on November 5, 1996, and re-elected in 2002, 2008, and 2014, Senator Durbin fills the seat left vacant by the retirement of his long-time friend and mentor, U.S. Senator Paul Simon.

Senator Durbin sits on the Senate Judiciary, Appropriations, and Rules Committees. He is the Ranking Member of the Judiciary Committee’s Subcommittee on the Constitution and the Appropriations Committee’s Defense subcommittee.

Senator Durbin makes approximately 50 round trips a year between Washington and Illinois. He is married to Loretta Schaefer Durbin. Their family consists of three children—Christine (deceased), Paul, and Jennifer—as well as three grandchildren, Alex, Ona, and Floyd. They reside in Springfield.
Doris Meissner, former Commissioner of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), is a Senior Fellow at MPI, where she directs the Institute’s U.S. immigration policy work. Her responsibilities focus in particular on the role of immigration in America’s future and on administering the nation’s immigration laws, systems, and government agencies. Her work and expertise also include immigration and politics, immigration enforcement, border control, cooperation with other countries, and immigration and national security. She has authored and coauthored numerous reports, articles, and op-eds and is frequently quoted in the media. She served as Director of MPI’s Independent Task Force on Immigration and America’s Future, a bipartisan group of distinguished leaders. The group’s report and recommendations address how to harness the advantages of immigration for a 21st century economy and society.

From 1993-2000, she served in the Clinton administration as Commissioner of the INS, then a bureau in the U.S. Department of Justice. Her accomplishments included reforming the nation’s asylum system; creating new strategies for managing U.S. borders; improving naturalization and other services for immigrants; shaping new responses to migration and humanitarian emergencies; strengthening cooperation and joint initiatives with Mexico, Canada, and other countries; and managing growth that doubled the agency’s personnel and tripled its budget.

She first joined the Justice Department in 1973 as a White House Fellow and Special Assistant to the Attorney General. She served in various senior policy posts until 1981, when she became Acting Commissioner of the INS and then Executive Associate Commissioner, the third-ranking post in the agency. In 1986, she joined the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace as a Senior Associate. Ms. Meissner created the Endowment’s Immigration Policy Project, which evolved into the Migration Policy Institute in 2001. Ms. Meissner’s board memberships include CARE-USA and the Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation.
David Frum is a Senior Editor at The Atlantic and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the UK think tank, Policy Exchange. In 2001-02, he served as Speechwriter and Special Assistant to President George W. Bush; in 2007-08, as Senior Adviser to the Rudy Giuliani presidential campaigns.

Mr. Frum is the author of eight books, including most recently the e-book Why Romney Lost and his first novel, Patriots. His first book, Dead Right, was described by Frank Rich of the New York Times as “the smartest book written from the inside about the American conservative movement” and by the late William F. Buckley as “the most refreshing ideological experience in a generation.” His memoir of the Bush administration, The Right Man, was a #1 New York Times bestseller. You can read his work at www.theatlantic.com/david-frum/.

Rosalind Gold serves as Senior Director of Policy, Research, and Advocacy with the NALEO Educational Fund, where she has worked for more than two decades on policy analysis and research for the organization’s naturalization and Latino civic engagement efforts. Ms. Gold coordinates the research for several of the fund’s publications, including its Directory of Latino Elected Officials, the biennial Latino Election Handbook, and the Latino Election Profiles.

Ms. Gold also has extensive policy expertise in the areas of newcomer civic integration, election reform, voting rights, redistricting, and the decennial Census. She served on the California State HAVA Plan Update Advisory Committee, the City of Los Angeles Municipal Elections Reform Commission, and has delivered testimony before many public and private committee and commission hearings. She also serves on the advisory committees and boards of several public affairs and research efforts, including the National Institute on Money in State Politics.

Ms. Gold received her J.D. from Harvard Law School and B.A. from Pomona College in Claremont, California.
Frank Sharry is one of America’s leading advocates and spokespersons for broad immigration reform. He appears frequently in print, on radio, and television to discuss and debate immigration policy and politics. He serves as Executive Director of America’s Voice, a Washington, DC-based advocacy group. The mission of America’s Voice is to build the political will for policy change. The group’s priority is to win a path to citizenship for the 11 million unauthorized immigrants in America.

Before founding America’s Voice, he served for 17 years as Executive Director of the National Immigration Forum. Before coming to Washington, DC, he worked in the Boston area, serving as Executive Director of Centro Presente, an organization working with Central American refugees, and helping to co-found the Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition. He began his career working on refugee rescue and resettlement for the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants in Asia and the United States.

Karen Tumulty is the National Political Correspondent for The Washington Post, where she received the 2013 Toner Prize for Excellence in Political Reporting. She also appears in a number of media outlets as a commentator, including appearances as a panelist on Washington Week in Review with Gwen Ifill. She came to the Post from TIME Magazine where she was national political correspondent for 15 years and wrote or co-wrote more than three dozen cover stories. As national political correspondent for TIME, Ms. Tumulty wrote profiles of presidential contenders Mitt Romney and Barack Obama, as well as numerous stories about the 2008 presidential campaign. She contributed regularly to TIME.com’s political blog, “Swampland,” and has also held positions with TIME as congressional correspondent and White House correspondent.

Before joining TIME in 1994, Ms. Tumulty spent 14 years at the Los Angeles Times, where she covered a wide variety of beats. During her time there, she reported on Congress, business, energy, and economics out of Los Angeles, New York, and D.C. In 1982, she was awarded the Gerald Loeb Award for distinguished business and financial journalism, and, in 1993, she won the National Press Foundation Edwin Hood Award for diplomatic correspondence. Ms. Tumulty holds a bachelor of journalism from the University of Texas-Austin and an M.B.A. from Harvard Business School.
SESSION II

FAMILY DETENTION, PEP, AND PROSECUTORIAL DISCRETION: DEVELOPMENTS IN IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT

SESSION MODERATOR

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Charles Wheeler oversees the Training and Legal Support section at the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, INC (CLINIC). He manages support and advocacy work on immigration law and related issues affecting immigrants. Prior to joining CLINIC, Mr. Wheeler directed the National Immigration Law Center for more than ten years.

He has served on boards of the National Immigration Forum, American Immigration Lawyers Association, National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild, and other leading organizations. Mr. Wheeler is a graduate of the University of Maryland School of Law, and has practiced and taught immigration law for two decades. He is a member of the State Bars of California, Colorado, and Maryland.

PANELISTS

MARY ELIZABETH (LIZ) CEDILLO-PEREIRA
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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELESS SECURITY

Liz Cedillo-Pereira serves as Senior Advisor to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Director Sarah Saldaña. She manages, develops, coordinates, and implements ICE’s national outreach and engagement programs and advises on immigration policy issues.

Ms. Cedillo-Pereira is a native of Dallas, Texas and board certified by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization in immigration and nationality law. She is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and Southern Methodist University (SMU) Dedman School of Law. She has received numerous awards related to her work including the Ohtli Award in 2014 and SMU School of Law Distinguished Alumni Award in 2015. She is also a member of the 2016 Presidential Leadership Workshop class.
Dree K. Collopy is a partner of Benach Collopy LLP, where she devotes her practice to defending and representing individuals in asylum matters, removal proceedings, federal court litigation, VAWA and U visa petitions, waivers of inadmissibility, and complex adjustment of status and naturalization applications. A recognized asylum expert, Ms. Collopy chaired AILA National’s Asylum and Refugee Committee for several years and is the author of AILA’s Asylum Primer. She serves on working groups developing nationwide policy advocacy and litigation strategies on behalf of refugees, develops case materials and strategies for the representation of detained women and child refugees, mentors pro bono attorneys, and frequently lectures and publishes on cutting-edge asylum and other immigration issues.

Ms. Collopy has been active in the fight to end family detention, volunteering at the facilities in Artesia, NM and Karnes City and Dilley, TX and advocating on Capitol Hill and in the media. She also co-directs the Immigration Litigation Clinic at The Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law, where she supervises law students representing indigent asylum seekers in removal proceedings. She has been recognized by the American Immigration Lawyers Association for her contributions to the field of immigration law and for her work in advancing and defending the cause of refugees, receiving the AILA President’s Commendation Award in both 2013 and 2016 and the Joseph Minsky Award in 2014. She earned her J.D. from The Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law and her B.A. from Grinnell College.

Thomas D. Homan is Executive Associate Director for Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) at U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). Mr. Homan is a 30-year veteran of law enforcement and has 27 years of immigration experience. Mr. Homan began his career as a police officer in New York. In 1984, he became a U.S. Border Patrol Agent in Campo, Calif., in the San Diego sector. In 1988, he became a Special Agent with the former U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service in Phoenix, Ariz., and climbed through the ranks to become Supervisory Special Agent and Deputy Assistant Director for Investigations.

In 1999, Mr. Homan became Assistant District Director for Investigations (ADDI) in San Antonio, and three years later transferred to the ADDI position in Dallas. Upon the creation of ICE, Mr. Homan was named as the Assistant Special Agent in Charge in Dallas, and later as the Deputy Special Agent in Charge there. In March 2009, Mr. Homan accepted the position of Assistant Director for Enforcement at ICE Headquarters in Washington, DC and was subsequently promoted to Deputy Executive Associate Director. In May 2013, Mr. Homan was promoted to Executive Associate Director for ERO. He holds a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice and is a member of the Senior Executive Service.
Stephen W. Manning is an attorney in Portland, Oregon. He is a Founding Partner of Immigrant Law Group PC and the Founder and Director of the Innovation Law Lab, a nonprofit that combines technology and litigation to create next-generation activism against the mass incarceration of refugees and immigrants. He is an Adjunct Professor at Lewis & Clark Law School in Oregon.

He is the recipient of the 2015 AILA Founders Award for the person who had the most impact on immigration policy, 2010 Jack Wasserman Memorial Award for Excellence in Immigration Litigation, the 2009 Edith Lowenstein Memorial Award for Excellence in Advancing the Practice of Immigration Law, the 2008 Gerald R Robinson Award for Excellence in Immigration Litigation, a Bill & Ann Shepard Law Scholar, and other awards and recognition. He is a former Commissioner for the City of Portland’s Human Rights Commission.

Mr. Manning is the author of several amicus briefs and practice advisories, the author of *Ending Artesia: The Artesia Report* (January 2015), and was a presenter at the TEDxMtHood Conference on new ways to deploy legal strategies to protect refugees. He is a past chair of the AILA Amicus Committee and a past chair of the Oregon AILA chapter. He was a member of the AILA Board of Governors (2012-15). He is a member of the Board of Directors of Health Bridges International, a nonprofit engaged in international capacity building in medical work; a former board member of Immigration Counseling Service, a nonprofit in Oregon; and the Northwest Speak Out Project, a nonprofit engaged in community based education on sexual minorities. He was a volunteer with the AILA-AIC Artesia Pro Bono Project and is a volunteer with the CARA Pro Bono Project.
Josh Gerstein is a Senior Reporter for POLITICO, specializing in legal and national security issues. Mr. Gerstein joined POLITICO just before President Barack Obama’s inauguration and has reported extensively on how the president’s pledge to close the Guantanamo Bay prison for war-on-terror captives went awry. His articles also have explored how expectations that the Obama administration would dramatically reform the legal architecture of the Bush administration’s anti-terrorism policies have proven to be mistaken. Mr. Gerstein has covered the Supreme Court nominations of Sonia Sotomayor and Elena Kagan, the Obama administration’s little-heralded crackdown on leaks, and the surprisingly icy relationship between the press and the Obama White House.

From 2003 to 2008, Mr. Gerstein was The New York Sun’s National Reporter and covered national politics, terrorism trials, and other legal stories of national significance. Prior to that Mr. Gerstein worked for ABC News from 1995 to 2003. He was what has come to be called an embed on the 1996 presidential bid of former Sen. Bob Dole (R-KS), and later spent five years covering the White House for ABC as a producer and correspondent. He was on the White House beat during the impeachment of President Bill Clinton and when President George W. Bush faced the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. In the weeks that followed, he was among the first to report on a policy that made many immigration cases closed to the public. He also wrote for the New Republic about the Justice Department’s aggressive use of material witness warrants to detain those suspected of having ties to terrorism.

From 2002 to 2003, Mr. Gerstein was the Beijing correspondent for ABC. He made a series of trips to Afghanistan and Pakistan, reporting for programs such as Nightline on the messages received by the families of Guantanamo prisoners and the precautions taken to protect U.S. diplomats. He reported for World News Tonight on the SARS crisis. Prior to joining ABC, Mr. Gerstein worked in CNN’s investigative unit and covered terrorism-related stories, such as the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center. He attended Harvard College and received a bachelor’s degree, magna cum laude, in government. He’s also the author of a 1991 Massachusetts law, requiring college and university police departments to keep a public log of arrests and reported crimes.
Alfonso Aguilar is the President of the Latino Partnership for Conservative Principles, a Washington, DC-based advocacy group, which promotes conservative values and ideals within the Latino community and works to integrate Latinos into fuller and more active participation and leadership in the conservative movement. Mr. Aguilar is the first and former Chief of the U.S. Office of Citizenship. Appointed by President George W. Bush, Mr. Aguilar was responsible for developing and promoting public initiatives and programs to educate immigrants about the rights and responsibilities of citizenship and encourage their integration into American civic culture. He led the effort to develop the new naturalization test of the United States, which took effect on October 1, 2008.

Before joining the U.S. Department of Homeland Security in 2003, Mr. Aguilar served in numerous high-level government positions in the Bush Administration and the government of Puerto Rico, including Deputy Director of Public Affairs at the U.S. Department of Energy, Executive Director of the Puerto Rico Federal Affairs Administration, and Press Secretary to former Governor Pedro Rossello of Puerto Rico.

Mr. Aguilar is also a well known policy and political analyst. He writes a column for the daily La Opinion of Los Angeles, the largest Spanish language newspaper in the country, and is regularly quoted in major national newspapers and digital media outlets. He appears frequently on national radio and TV shows, including the Laura Ingraham Show, FOX News’s The O’Reilly Factor and The Kelly File, NBC’s Meet the Press, CNN Newsroom, Telemundo’s Enfoque, Univision’s Despierta America and Al Punto and CNN en Espanol’s Directo USA and Choque de Opiniones.

Mr. Aguilar has a B.A. from the University of Notre Dame and a J.D. from the University of Puerto Rico. He is a member of the Puerto Rico Bar and is the U.S. representative of the Citizenship and Values Foundation based in Madrid. Mr. Aguilar is also a member of the Board of Advisors of the National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference, the Advisory Committee of the U.S. Senate Republican Task Force on Hispanic Affairs, and the Governing Board of Alliance Defending Freedom.
Linda Chavez is President of the Becoming American Institute, a nonprofit public policy organization in Boulder, CO. She also writes a weekly syndicated column that appears in newspapers across the country and is a political analyst for FOX News Channel. Ms. Chavez authored *Out of the Barrio: Toward a New Politics of Hispanic Assimilation* (Basic Books 1991), which the *Denver Post* described as a book that “should explode the stereotypes about Hispanics that have clouded the minds of patronizing liberals and xenophobic conservatives alike.” *The National Review* described Ms. Chavez’s memoir, *An Unlikely Conservative: The Transformation of an Ex-Liberal* (Basic Books 2002), as a “brilliant, provocative, and moving book.” In 2000, Ms. Chavez was honored by the Library of Congress as a “Living Legend” for her contributions to America’s cultural and historical legacy. In January 2001, she was President George W. Bush’s nominee for Secretary of Labor until she withdrew her name from consideration.

She has held a number of appointed positions, among them Chairman, National Commission on Migrant Education (1988-92); White House Director of Public Liaison (1985); Staff Director of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (1983-85); and she was a member of the Administrative Conference of the United States (1984-86). Ms. Chavez was the Republican nominee for U.S. Senator from Maryland in 1986. In 1992, she was elected by the United Nations’ Human Rights Commission to serve a four-year term as U.S. Expert to the U.N. Subcommission on the Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities. Ms. Chavez was also Editor of the prize-winning quarterly journal *American Educator* (1977-83), published by the American Federation of Teachers, where she also served as assistant to AFT president Al Shanker (1982-83) and Assistant Director of legislation (1975-77). She serves on the Board of Directors of ABM Industries, Inc. and REO, Inc., a high technology company in Boulder, Colorado, as well as on boards of several nonprofit organizations.

She earned a B.A. in English literature from the University of Colorado and a M.F.A in Creative Writing from George Mason University.
Daniel Garza currently serves as Executive Director of The LIBRE Initiative. Founded in 2011, The LIBRE Initiative is a 501(c)4 nonpartisan, nonprofit grassroots organization that advances the principles and values of economic freedom to empower the U.S. Hispanic community so it can thrive and contribute to a more prosperous America. LIBRE is dedicated to informing the U.S. Hispanic community about the benefits of a constitutionally limited government, property rights, rule of law, sound money supply, and free enterprise.

Mr. Garza began his public service career as a congressional staff assistant for U.S. Congressman Richard “Doc” Hastings and was later elected as Councilman for the city of Toppenish, Washington in 1996. In 2001, he was tapped by the George W. Bush Administration to serve as Deputy Director of External and Intergovernmental Affairs in the Office of the Secretary at the Department of Interior, and was appointed in 2004 to Associate Director of the Office of Public Liaison in the White House. In 2008 Mr. Garza joined Univision as host of Agenda Washington, a weekly Spanish-language news talk show covering the issues impacting the U.S. Hispanic community. Born in the Central Valley of California, Mr. Garza migrated with his family annually from their ancestral hometown of Garza Gonzalez in Nuevo Leon, Mexico throughout California, Nebraska, and Washington State following the crop season as farm workers. Mr. Garza resides in Mission, TX.

Tamar Jacoby is President of ImmigrationWorks USA, a national federation of small business owners working to advance better immigration law. A former journalist and author, she was a Senior Writer and Justice Editor at Newsweek and, before that, the Deputy Editor of The New York Times op-ed page.

Andrew Schoenholtz directs the Human Rights Institute, the Certificate in Refugees and Humanitarian Emergencies, the Center for Applied Legal Studies, and the asylum clinic at Georgetown Law Center. He is also on the faculty of Georgetown University’s Institute for the Study of International Migration. He has taught courses on refugee law and policy, refugees and humanitarian emergencies, and immigration law and policy, as well as a practicum on the rights of detained immigrants. Prior to teaching at Georgetown, he served as Deputy Director of the U.S. Commission on Immigration Reform. He also practiced immigration, asylum, and international law with the Washington, DC law firm of Covington & Burling. He has conducted fact-finding missions in Bosnia, Croatia, Cuba, Ecuador, Germany, Haiti, Malawi, and Zambia to study root causes of forced migration, refugee protection, long-term solutions to mass migration emergencies, and humanitarian relief operations.


Dr. Schoenholtz holds a J.D. from Harvard Law School and a PhD from Brown University.
T. Alexander Aleinikoff, the former United Nations Deputy High Commissioner for Refugees, is Visiting Professor of Law at Columbia Law School and Huo Global Policy Initiative Research Fellow at Columbia’s Global Policy Initiative. He is also a Senior Fellow at the Migration Policy Institute, where he works with the U.S. and International programs on asylum and migration and development topics.

Mr. Aleinikoff served as the UN Deputy High Commissioner for Refugees in Geneva from 2010 to mid-2015, and from July-December 2015 was on assignment with the U.N. Secretariat in New York. Prior to his service with the United Nations, Mr. Aleinikoff was a professor at Georgetown University Law Center (1997-2010), where he also served as Dean and as Executive Vice President of Georgetown University (2004-10). He was a professor of law at the University of Michigan Law School from 1981 to 1997. And he served as General Counsel and then Executive Associate Commissioner for Programs at the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) from 1994-97. He was Co-Chair of the Immigration Task Force for President Obama’s transition team.

A leading scholar in immigration and refugee law, Mr. Aleinikoff has published numerous books and articles in the areas of immigration law policy, refugee law, citizenship, race, statutory interpretation, and constitutional law.

He is a graduate of Swarthmore College and the Yale Law School.
Kevin J. Fandl is an Assistant Professor of Legal Studies and Strategic Global Management at the Fox School of Business at Temple University.

Dr. Fandl has more than a decade of federal government service, including at U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and many years of international consulting on issues from immigration to foreign trade.

Dr. Fandl lectures frequently in Latin America, Europe, and Asia. He has published extensively in this field and serves as an expert for international organizations and law firms on issues related to business law and policy. He has four books and more than 30 journal articles in print.

He earned his JD and a master of arts degree in international relations from the American University, and his Ph.D. in public policy from George Mason University.

Anna Greene is the Policy and Advocacy Director for U.S. Programs at the International Rescue Committee (IRC), leading the team on global resettlement and the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program. She leads IRC’s federal policy work as well as state-level advocacy and outreach, assisting 29 IRC field offices (who collectively resettle more than 10,000 refugees per year) to develop political support and welcome for refugees. She also leads IRC’s advocacy on U.S. asylum policy and the protection of Central Americans, including unaccompanied children, seeking safe haven in the United States.

Prior to joining the IRC in 2014, Ms. Greene worked for 15 years with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Washington D.C. and overseas, and deployed to UNHCR operations in Latin America, the Caribbean, the Balkans, and Southeast Asia. She has expertise in refugee resettlement, national asylum systems, and humanitarian protection in the context of mass migration and refugee emergencies.

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The Migration Policy Institute is an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit think tank dedicated to analysis of the movement of people worldwide. MPI has offices in Washington, DC; Brussels, and New York.

MPI provides analysis, development, and evaluation of migration and refugee policies at the local, national, and international levels. It aims to meet the rising demand for pragmatic and thoughtful responses to the challenges and opportunities that large-scale migration, whether voluntary or forced, presents to communities and institutions in an increasingly integrated world.

Founded in 2001 by Demetrios G. Papademetriou and Kathleen Newland, MPI grew out of the International Migration Policy Program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. MPI’s President is Michael Fix.

MPI is guided by the philosophy that international migration needs active and intelligent management. When such policies are in place and are responsibly administered, they bring benefits to immigrants and their families, communities of origin and destination, and sending and receiving countries.

MPI’s policy research and analysis proceed from four central propositions:

• Fair, smart, transparent, and rights-based immigration and refugee policies can promote social cohesion, economic vitality, and national security.

• Given the opportunity, immigrants become net contributors and create new social and economic assets.

• Sound immigration and integration policies result from balanced analysis, solid data, and the engagement of a spectrum of stakeholders — from community leaders and immigrant organizations to the policy elite — interested in immigration policy and its human consequences.

• National policymaking benefits from international comparative research, as more and more countries accumulate data, analysis, and policy experience related to global migration.

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Founded by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in 1988 as a legally independent 501(c)(3), CLINIC envisions the United States as a country where immigrants are welcomed and fully engaged in our communities. We are known for helping programs and their staff receive Board of Immigration Appeals Recognition and Accreditation, and for our expert legal trainings which reach over 7,500 attorneys, accredited representatives and advocates each year. CLINIC also provides legal representation to religious congregations that need foreign-born priests, nuns and religious workers to serve immigrant communities in the United States.

In addition to supporting our network, we champion selected programs to serve the most vulnerable of immigrants. Since the mid-1990s, CLINIC has been assisting immigrant detainees, whether through legal orientation, pro bono placement, accompaniment or individual case advocacy. CLINIC’s BIA Pro Bono Project matches immigrants in deportation proceedings, many of whom are held in detention, with pro bono counsel around the country to defend their cases before the Board of Immigration Appeals. Most are asylum seekers and lawful permanent residents. In 2015, volunteers screened 887 cases for possible representation and accepted 109 new clients. Recently, through the CARA Pro Bono project, CLINIC has worked to provide legal services to detained families in the family detention centers and lead national advocacy efforts to raise awareness about immigrant detention. Since its inception, the CARA Family Detention Pro Bono Project, a collaboration of four organizations, brought together over 800 volunteers to represent 30,000 women and children in detention. This is over $7 million worth of pro bono services.

Through CLINIC’s network hundreds of thousands of immigrants gain hope, families are reunited and American communities grow.
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