



COUNTRY CONDITIONS IN CENTRAL AMERICA & ASYLUM DECISION-MAKING

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2017 | 9AM - 2:45PM

Claudio Grossman Hall | Yuma Building | Washington College of Law

This workshop seeks to connect social scientists with expertise on conditions driving migration from Central America with legal scholars and practitioners engaged in innovative thinking around ways to bridge the gap between complex forms of persecution in Central America and protections offered under U.S. immigration law.

PANELS

8:30am – 9:00am

Registration and Breakfast



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9:00am – 9:15am

Welcome and Introductions

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Lunch vouchers and space are limited.

9:15am – 10:45am

Challenges to Deeper Cross-Disciplinary Collaboration on Asylum Representation

Lenni Benson, New York Law School; Elizabeth Keyes, University of Baltimore Law School; Kimberly Gauderman, University of New Mexico; Cristina Muñiz de la Peña, Terra Firma; Blaine Bookey, UC Hastings Center for Gender & Refugee Studies; Ian Philabaum, Innovation Law Lab

Moderator: Jayesh Rathod, American University

11:00am – 12:15pm

Country Conditions in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras: The State of Research (Part 1)

José Miguel Cruz, Florida International University; Alex Segovia, INCIDE; Ricardo Barrientos, Instituto Centroamericano de Estudios Fiscales; Mauricio Gaborit, Universidad Ceontramericana “José Simeón Cañas”

Moderator: Clare Seelke, Congressional Research Service

12:15pm – 1:30pm

Lunch Presentation - A Flawed System: Structural Challenges Facing Central American Asylum Seekers

Stephen Manning, Immigrant Law Group PC

1:30pm – 2:45pm

Country Conditions in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras: The State of Research (Part 2)

Elizabeth Kennedy, San Diego State University; Steven Dudley, American University; Cecilia Menjívar, University of Kansas; Robert Brenneman, St. Michael's College

Moderator: Eric Hershberg, American University

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