

# INFORMATION

## Registration

All attendees must collect their materials in Indigo.

## Daily Liturgy

Mass will be celebrated Thursday and Friday from 7-7:30 a.m. in Sonoran. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## Materials

Materials can be downloaded at [cliniclegal.org/convening/materials](http://cliniclegal.org/convening/materials).

## Lunch

Lunch will be provided on Thursday and Friday in the Grand Pavilion.

## Tweet and win!

Tweet about Convening by the Awards Lunch on Friday with #ConvенеAZ. Follow us at @cliniclegal. Our favorite tweet will win a prize!

## Internet

Complimentary Wi-Fi will be available in guest rooms, meeting rooms and the lobby. To access Wi-Fi in the guest rooms, connect to the network "GUEST" and it should connect automatically. If prompted, enter your room number and last name.

To access Wi-Fi in meeting rooms, connect to the network with the username "CLINIC" and use "C2018" as the password.

## Evaluation

We want to hear about your experience at Convening and how we can best assist you. Please complete an evaluation at [cliniclegal.org/convening/eval](http://cliniclegal.org/convening/eval). Submit your feedback by June 15 and your name will be entered in a drawing to win a free 2019 Convening registration. Convening 2019 will be May 29-31 in Pittsburgh.

## Transportation Options

Taxi and ride-sharing services are available for travel around Tucson. Prices range from \$30-\$50 for the 30-minute drive between the airport and the hotel. The Tucson Stagecoach Express Shuttle provides airport shuttle services. Use the code "CLINIC" at [stagecoachexpressshuttle.com](http://stagecoachexpressshuttle.com) for a discounted \$20 rate. If you would like a private sedan and driver, try [diamondtransportation.com](http://diamondtransportation.com) and use the discount code "CLINIC."

## Thursday Night Shuttle

CLINIC will provide complimentary shuttle buses for attendees to and from downtown Tucson on Thursday evening. The first two buses will load at the hotel main entrance at 5:30 p.m. and the second two buses at 6 p.m. Buses will leave downtown to return to the hotel at 8 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. The drop-off and pick-up location in downtown Tucson is North Toole Avenue between the rear deck entrance of the Congress Hotel and the Amtrak station. All CLINIC shuttle buses will say "Mountain View Tour Buses" and will have the Convening logo in the window.

## Dietary Restrictions

If you indicated a dietary restriction during registration, you will find two tickets in your name badge holder. Present a ticket to your server during the anniversary and awards lunches to receive the correct meal. Vegetarians will not need tickets.

JOIN THE CONVERSATION AND WIN A PRIZE!

Tag your posts with #ConvенеAZ

The Statue of Liberty has long greeted immigrants, whether in person at Ellis Island or in spirit across the country.



## Open Door General Skills Development

WEDNESDAY | 9:30 A.M.-3:15 P.M. | MURPHEY I-III

Open to all, these skills sessions cover everything from fundraising to client interviews. Learn more on page nine.

## LawLogix by Hyland Edge Power User Training

WEDNESDAY | 8:30 A.M.-3 P.M. | CANYON II AND IV

The LawLogix Edge immigration case management certification covers new techniques on the cutting edge system. Lunch will be provided to those who pre-registered.

## Catholic Charities USA Immigrant & Refugee Community of Practice Meeting

WEDNESDAY | 2:30-4:30 P.M. | FINGER ROCK I-III

CCUSA invites staff and volunteers who work at Catholic Charities agencies to a meeting of the Immigration and Refugee Services National Impact Community of Practice.

## Department of State CEAC Demonstration

WEDNESDAY | 3:30-4:30 P.M. | VERBENA

The National Visa Center will review the Department of State's newly modernized Consular Electronic Application Center system. First previewed at Convening 2016, the system has undergone changes that will affect visas that are processed in Ciudad Juárez. NVC will demonstrate the new modules, provide an overview of its benefits, and take questions and feedback.

## Opening Reception

WEDNESDAY | 6:30-8:30 P.M. | GRAND PAVILION

Join us for live Latin music and great food as we wish CLINIC's Jack Holmgren a happy retirement and thank him for 26 years of service.

## Roundtable Breakfast: CIS Ombudsman Listening Session

THURSDAY | 7:30-8:10 A.M. | LANTANA

Join CLINIC's advocacy team and representatives from the CIS Ombudsman Office for an interactive session on the services they offer. Participants will leave with tools on how to seek assistance on specific cases. Includes breakfast.

## Break Bread with RIS!

THURSDAY | 7:30-8:10 A.M. | COTTONWOOD

Join the RIS attorneys for a healthy breakfast and a little shop talk on all your favorite religious worker immigration issues! Classics like "why is my case taking so long?" and "my visa expired, is that bad?" Includes breakfast.

## 30th Anniversary Lunch

THURSDAY | 11:45 A.M.-1:30 P.M. | GRAND PAVILION

Join us for lunch as we celebrate CLINIC's 30th anniversary! See page 25.

## Meet Your Field Support Coordinator Happy Hour

THURSDAY | 5:30-6:30 P.M. | COTTONWOOD

CLINIC field support coordinators look forward to meeting with affiliate staff over drinks at this happy hour. A cash bar will be available.

## Roundtable Breakfast: Immigration Services Scams: Empowering Clients to Protect Themselves and their Families from Fraud

FRIDAY | 7:30-8:10 A.M. | LANTANA

Immigrants are often targeted by fraudulent legal services providers. During this roundtable, attorneys and program administrators will discuss how to educate the public about the dangers of immigration services scams, and provide tools to empower and assist victims to report fraud and pursue justice. Includes breakfast.

## Awards Lunch

FRIDAY | 11:45-1:30 P.M. | GRAND PAVILION

CLINIC will close Convening by celebrating all of our affiliates at our annual awards lunch.

Immigration has always been a powerful force in America's development.



# FIVE THINGS TO DO IN TUCSON



## Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum

[WWW.DESERTMUSEUM.ORG](http://WWW.DESERTMUSEUM.ORG)

Explore the Sonoran Desert through the museum's 97 acres of walking paths, featuring more than 1,200 native plant species and 230 varieties of wildlife.



## Sabino Canyon Tours

[WWW.SABINOCANYON.COM](http://WWW.SABINOCANYON.COM)

Sabino Canyon is a natural desert oasis located in Tucson's Coronado National Forest and is home to spectacular desert landscapes and abundant wildlife.



## San Xavier Mission

[WWW.SANXAVIERMISSION.ORG](http://WWW.SANXAVIERMISSION.ORG)

A National Historic Landmark, San Xavier Mission was founded as a Catholic mission in 1692. Still an active parish on the Tohono O'odham reservation, the church's interior is filled with original statuary and recently restored murals.



## Enjoy an Egees

[WWW.EEGEES.COM](http://WWW.EEGEES.COM)

When Tucsonans move away, their first stop when they come back is to get an Egee's Italian ice. Find out the local secret to surviving 110 degree heat, deliciously!



## Historic Bike Tour

[WWW.TUCSONBIKETOURS.COM](http://WWW.TUCSONBIKETOURS.COM)

For a great outdoors experience, schedule a beautiful bike ride through downtown Tucson. You will ride along a river trail, pedal past artists' cooperatives and check out all the interesting neighborhoods.

# EXHIBIT HALL

This year's exhibitors include:

CLINIC	Consulate of Honduras in Phoenix	National Catholic Reporter
Consulate of Mexico in Tucson	LawLogix by Hyland	Santa Rita Abbey
Consulate of El Salvador in Tucson	Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services	UNITE HERE/Fair Hotel
		USCIS

Visit them all in the Arizona Foyer. Don't forget to fill out your exhibitor card to win a prize! The winner will be announced at the Awards Lunch on Friday.

Wednesday:	Noon-4:30 p.m.
Thursday:	8 a.m.-Noon, 2-6 p.m.
Friday:	8 a.m.-Noon, 2-4 p.m.



NCR provides immigration coverage from a Catholic perspective, giving voice to disadvantaged and marginalized people.

Photo: Nuri Vallbona

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THE INDEPENDENT NEWS SOURCE

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[Twitter: @NCRonline](https://Twitter.com/NCRonline)

## PREMIUM WORKSHOP

# ICE Detention: What You Need to Know to Safeguard Due Process for Detained Clients

WEDNESDAY | 8:15 A.M.-3:30 P.M. | GRAND I-II

Representing immigrants in detention centers comes with a unique set of challenges. As the government expands the use of these facilities across the country, we must get serious about how we strategically fight not only our clients' cases, but the challenges associated with their detention. This interactive training will test and strengthen your client advocacy skills.

Your CLINIC experts are:

Bradley Jenkins, Michelle Mendez, Rachel Naggar, Victoria Neilson and Rebecca Scholtz

### AGENDA:

8:15-8:30 a.m.	Welcome
8:30-10 a.m.	Overview of Detention Authority
10-10:15 a.m.	Break
10:15-11:45 a.m.	Strategies for Release from Detention
11:45-1 p.m.	Lunch (Sonoran)
12:45-2 p.m.	ICE Detention Overview and Working with Detained Clients
2-3:15 p.m.	Bond Hearings in Small Groups
3:15-3:30 p.m.	Final remarks

*This workshop requires pre-registration.*

*The State Bar of Arizona does not approve or accredit CLE activities for the Mandatory Continuing Legal Education requirement. This training may qualify for up to 5 hours toward your annual CLE requirement for the State Bar of Arizona, including 1 hour of professional responsibility. See page 15.*

## OPEN DOOR WORKSHOPS

# General Skills Development

WEDNESDAY | 9:30 A.M.-3:15 P.M. | MURPHEY I-III

The foundational skills presented in these one-hour sessions are accessible at every level, whether you are an immigration advocate, legal services staff member or a volunteer. Drop in whenever you have time or attend all four!

*9:30-10:30 a.m.*

### Essential Immigration Practice Skills: Legal Research and Client Interviews

What is the best approach to interviewing new clients? How do you find the answer to that tricky legal question? The presenters will discuss the fundamentals of conducting legal research and techniques for successful client interviews. We will practice with specific legal questions.

Sarah Bronstein | CLINIC

Martín Gauto | CLINIC

*10:45-11:45 a.m.*

### Is Full Accreditation for You?

Are you a partially accredited representative who wants to expand your work to include representing clients in immigration court? Join us for a discussion about the requirements for full accreditation and how CLINIC can help you obtain the training you need to advocate in the courtroom.

Laura Burdick | CLINIC

Susan Schreiber | CLINIC

*1-2 p.m.*

### Social Media Boot Camp

Take your defense of the American Dream online! Through an interactive discussion, learn how to promote your services, as well as identify and share accurate information with the public.

LaRia Land | CLINIC

Nathaly Perez | CLINIC

*2:15-3:15 p.m.*

### Engaging Your Board in Your Fundraising Plan

Who knows your organization better than the board of directors? Don't ignore this valuable resource! Learn how to work with your board leaders to raise money in ways that go beyond writing a check themselves.

Jackie Thomas-Suggs | CLINIC

Sr. Sally Duffy | Sisters of Charity

# WEDNESDAY PLENARY

# THE REALITIES OF IMMIGRATION AT THE BORDER

5-6 P.M. | CANYON I AND III

Border policy is an important piece of the national immigration conversation. More than ever, it is crucial that we advocate for just border policies and work to protect the most vulnerable immigrants among us.

For our opening plenary session, Father Sean Carroll, Executive Director of the Kino Border Initiative, will speak about the realities of immigration in the border region and local responses to immigration and border policies over the years.

## INTRODUCTION

**Jeanne Atkinson**

*Executive Director, CLINIC*



Jeanne Atkinson has led CLINIC since 2013. Prior to joining CLINIC, she served as the Director of Catholic Charities' Immigration Legal Services program and the Refugee Center for the Archdiocese of Washington. Atkinson speaks nationally and works with local, national and international partners to protect the rights of immigrants and to ensure the smooth implementation of immigration legal programs. She has participated in delegations to southern Mexico, Central America and Haiti. During her tenure with CLINIC, she has overseen the development of the CARA Family Detention Pro Bono Representation Project, the Committee for Immigration Reform Implementation, the Defending Vulnerable Populations Project and the CLINIC Fellows program.

## KEYNOTE

**Jesuit Father Sean Carroll**

*Executive Director, Kino Border Initiative*



Father Sean Carroll has been the executive director of the Kino Border Initiative since 2009. The Kino Border Initiative promotes US/Mexico border and immigration policies that affirm the dignity of all people. The organization provides humanitarian aid to migrants in the border region, educates pastoral and community leaders in the United States and Mexico and participates in local and national advocacy campaigns for humane border and immigration policies.

Prior to KBI, Father Carroll helped coordinate pastoral ministries for 12 Jesuit parishes in the California Province, while serving as associate pastor at the historic Dolores Mission Church. A native of South Weymouth, Massachusetts, Father Carroll graduated from Stanford University with a bachelor's degree in history before entering the Society of Jesus in 1989. He was ordained in 2000.



Photos: (1) An early CLINIC training. (2) Attendees take notes during Convening 2002. (3) Two sisters chat with a 2008 Convening speaker.

## Arriving as affiliates, leaving as friends

It's difficult to imagine, as you walk from one end of this sprawling desert resort to another, that CLINIC's annual Convening started as a modest legal training with 50 participants. Former CLINIC executive director Don Kerwin planned the first gathering after the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 became law. The goal was to bring CLINIC affiliates together from around the country to learn from each other and hone their legal skills. The event was small, but successful. So in New Orleans in 1998, the CLINIC Convening was born.

The following year, the CLINIC network gathered in San Diego for a much more traditional conference. That two-day gathering, focused on family reunification, offered two plenaries, 20 workshops and the

celebratory awards lunch we all know and love. Notably, the last day featured a mock trial led by the inimitable Jack Holmgren.

Those first Convenings were an exciting time for "CLINICians" (as CLINIC staff are sometimes called) and affiliates alike. It was clear the annual conferences filled a void in the field of charitable immigration legal service providers by providing the means to build a community and advance its mission.

By the time the conference was first held in Tucson in 2007, Convening had expanded to reflect the growth of the CLINIC network. It offered more workshops on a wider variety of issues, including public policy, faith expression and media outreach. In addition to affiliate staff, attendees now included employees

of other non-profit agencies and private attorneys. Then, as now, there were concerns over the militarization of the border and discussions on alternative approaches to security.

While the political environment of immigration legal work has constantly changed over the years, the CLINIC network continues to rise to the challenge. Convening 2018 may look very different from the early ones, but it continues to deliver timely, high quality trainings. After two decades, Kerwin's vision to bring affiliates together has become an established summit where legal

practitioners share their accomplishments and collectively strategize ways to advocate for our immigrant brothers and sisters.



## F Fundamentals of Immigration Law

Workshops designed to give new practitioners a strong foundation in immigration law – recommended for those who are just getting started.

Participants who attend all eight sessions in the fundamentals track will complete CLINIC's *Introduction to Immigration Law Practice: A Course for New Practitioners*. This fulfills the Department of Justice's formal overview training requirement, the first step towards partial accreditation. We encourage experienced practitioners to explore other tracks, so that new practitioners can focus on the basics.

## A Advanced Immigration Law

Workshops that delve deep into complex immigration law topics – recommended for experienced practitioners.

## S Selected Issues in Immigration Law

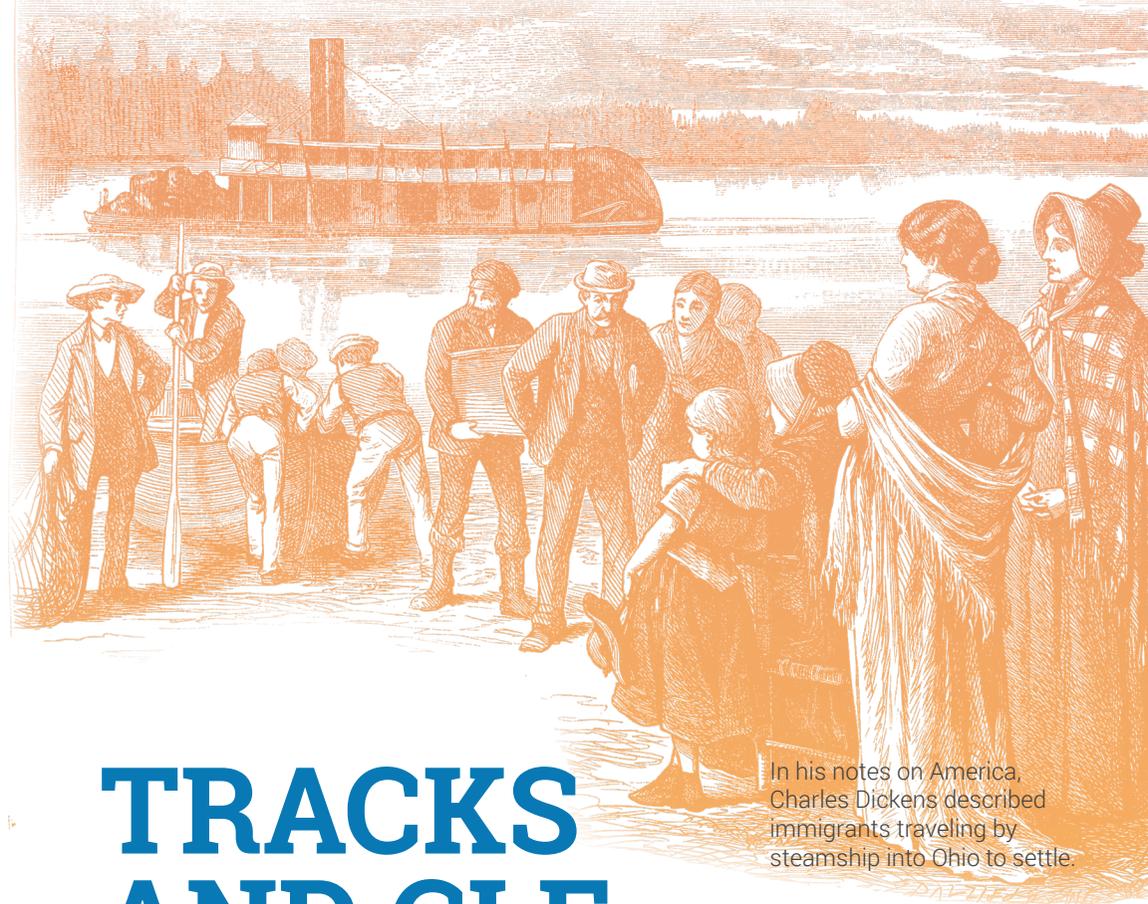
Workshops that provide an understanding of hot topics in immigration law – recommended for new and experienced practitioners alike.

## C Community Outreach and Advocacy

Workshops that explore advocacy strategies to protect and defend immigrants – recommended for legal and non-legal advocates.

## P Program Management

Workshops that address program best practices to serve immigrant communities – recommended for nonprofit staff.



In his notes on America, Charles Dickens described immigrants traveling by steamship into Ohio to settle.

# TRACKS AND CLE

The State Bar of Arizona does not approve or accredit CLE activities for the Mandatory Continuing Legal Education requirement. Workshops on Thursday and Friday may qualify for up to 12 hours toward your annual CLE requirement for the State Bar of Arizona, including 1.5 hours of professional responsibility.

CLINIC will provide attorneys with a certificate indicating the number of CLE qualifying credits you may apply for through your own state bar.

All attorney attendees who request CLE credits must record their attendance on CLINIC's website at [cliniclegal.org/convening/submit](http://cliniclegal.org/convening/submit). Unique codes will be announced at the end of each legal session. Attorneys who do not submit attendance codes on the CLINIC website by June 15 will not receive certificates. If you have any questions about applying for CLE credit, please speak to a CLINIC staff member in the registration room.

Workshops that may qualify for CLE are marked with ★.

**F** Introduction to Immigration Law and Family-Based Immigration

Ilissa Mira  
CLINIC  
Jen Riddle  
CLINIC

**CANYON IV ★**

This workshop reinforces introductory concepts in immigration law, including an overview of the immigration system and paths to permanent residence. We will review immigration through a family relationship, either as an immediate relative or through the family preference system. Presenters will cover the I-130 relative petitioning process and how to read and apply the Visa Bulletin.

**P** Top Ten Challenges for Immigration Program Directors

Jeff Chenoweth  
CLINIC  
Shaila Rahman  
CLINIC

**FINGER ROCK I-III**

In this interactive workshop, you'll tackle common challenges faced by directors of charitable immigration legal services programs. Participants will work together to consider possible solutions to hypothetical scenarios and hear from seasoned CLINIC staff on how to make use of best practices from the field.

**S** Basics of Asylum Law

Reena Arya  
CLINIC  
Victoria Neilson  
CLINIC

**CANYON I AND III ★**

What are you waiting for? Asylum seekers need you! Join us for an overview of asylum, including a discussion of the history of asylum law, its international origins, concepts of past persecution and well-founded fear, the five protected grounds and establishing a nexus to these grounds, and a look at humanitarian asylum. We will also discuss the one-year filing deadline and bars to asylum.

**S** Adjustment of Status and Family Reunification for Refugees and Asylees

Sarah Bronstein  
CLINIC  
Kristina Karpinski  
CLINIC

**GRAND I-II ★**

Asylees and refugees have specific adjustment of status provisions and mechanisms for petitioning for spouses and children. In this workshop, panelists will discuss the particular rules for adjustment of status, along with inadmissibility waiver provisions. Panelists will also cover asylee and refugee relative petitions.

**A** Immigration Consequences of Controlled Substance Offenses

Bradley Jenkins  
CLINIC  
Rachel Naggar  
CLINIC

**MURPHEY I-III ★**

How can a controlled substance arrest affect my client? What if my client was arrested, but never convicted? In this workshop, we'll address the immigration consequences surrounding controlled substances, including the different grounds of inadmissibility and deportability, and how to handle a case involving a controlled substance arrest.



**C Catholic Call to Action**

Michelle Sardone  
CLINIC  
Jim Kuh  
Catholic Charities  
USA

**FINGER ROCK I-III**

Catholics are called to “welcome the stranger” now more than ever. Parishes, dioceses and Catholic Charities agencies are answering that call in new and innovative ways. Come hear about different initiatives within the Catholic Church aimed at creating a welcoming culture, and how to get your community connected.

**A Changes to Adjustment of Status Procedures and Trends in Adjudication**

Margaret Gleason  
CIS Ombudsman  
Office  
Kristina Karpinski  
CLINIC  
Charles Wheeler  
CLINIC

**CANYON I AND III ★**

Last year, USCIS issued new editions of the I-485 adjustment of status and I-485A supplement forms. The new forms include additional questions on eligibility and admissibility, plus lengthier declarations from applicants, interpreters and preparers. Join us to discuss these changes and trends.

**C Don't Lose Hope after Setbacks: Problem Solving in Immigration Case Work**

Allison Posner  
CIS Ombudsman  
Office  
Karen Sullivan  
CLINIC  
Conn Schrader  
National Visa  
Center

**MURPHEY I-III ★**

Is your case taking too long to be adjudicated? Have you called to check its status, but not heard back? This panel will discuss escalation in case processing, customer service tools and what to do when your client's case encounters roadblocks. Learn about case advocacy options from this panel of experts from government agencies, as well as CLINIC's updated resources to help get your problem cases back on track.

**S How Can Arrests Affect Your Client's Immigration Case?**

Rachel Naggar  
CLINIC  
Rebecca Scholtz  
CLINIC

**GRAND I-II ★**

Whether your client is seeking lawful permanent residence, renewing Temporary Protected Status or applying for citizenship, an arrest can affect the case. We will discuss the criminal grounds of inadmissibility and deportability, the criminal bars to different immigration applications, and how to handle a case when the client has an arrest record.

**S Religious Formation and Religious Form-Action! Immigration Forms Made Easy**

Kate Adams  
CLINIC  
Miguel Naranjo  
CLINIC  
Minyoung Ohm  
CLINIC

**VERBENA ★**

Join RIS attorneys as they review the most common immigration forms used in religious worker immigration law and discuss legal strategies on addressing questions on immigration forms. They will also look at current trends in religious worker immigration law, including R-1 visas and permanent residence.

**F Inadmissibility and Deportability Concepts and Selected Grounds of Inadmissibility**

Sarah Bronstein  
CLINIC  
Martín Gauto  
CLINIC

**CANYON IV ★**

Get an overview of the concepts of inadmissibility and deportability, including when they apply and to whom; and what it means to be inadmissible or deportable. The presenters will also discuss the common grounds of inadmissibility, including those related to health, crimes, immigration violations, smuggling, fraud and misrepresentation, and false claims to citizenship.

**S Representing Clients Along the Border**

Bradley Jenkins  
CLINIC  
Michelle Mendez  
CLINIC  
Nora Phillips  
Al Otro Lado

**CANYON I AND III ★**  
What are the issues affecting immigrants along the border? What are border advocates doing to protect the rights of immigrants? We'll take up these questions and more while exploring border trends and how to best represent immigrants once they settle in our communities.

**F All About Adjustment of Status**

Kristina Karpinski  
CLINIC  
Ilissa Mira  
CLINIC

**CANYON IV ★**  
Understand the eligibility requirements and procedures for adjusting status to lawful permanent residence. Presenters will discuss adjustment under INA § 245(a) and the restrictions under § 245(c); who qualifies for grandfathered status under INA § 245(i); who is an after-acquired derivative; who is subject to the physical presence requirement; and other 245(i) concerns.

**C State and Local Defenses amid Changes in Federal Immigration Policies**

Christy Williams  
CLINIC  
Amelia McGowan  
Catholic Charities of Jackson, Mississippi  
Glenn Tebbe  
Indiana Catholic Conference

**MURPHEY I-III ★**  
Has ICE ramped up enforcement activities in your area, increasing fear among immigrants? Will immigrants lose access to critical community benefits because of DACA or TPS termination? Participants will share their experiences and best practices for developing state and local policies that defend immigrants' rights and protect access to driver's licenses, education and economic opportunities.

**P In Your Backyard: How to Grow Immigrant Integration in Your Community**

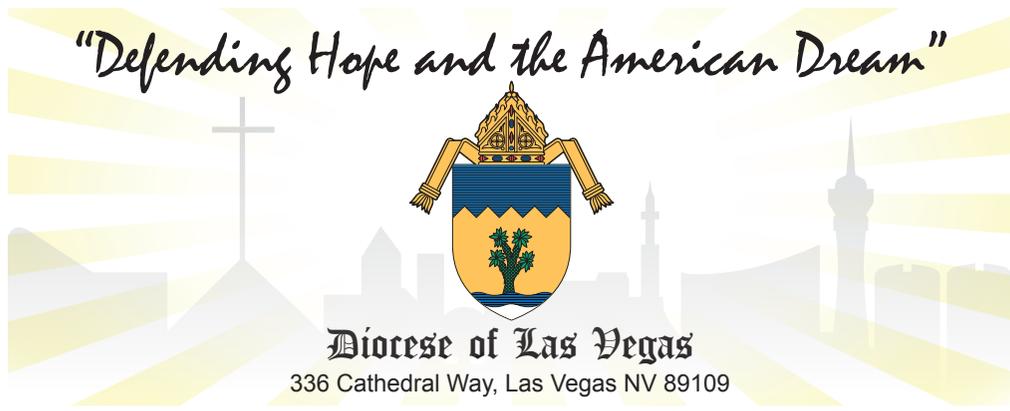
Benjamin Brokaw  
CLINIC  
Leya Speasmaker  
CLINIC

**FINGER ROCK I-III**  
Come learn the key components of a successful immigrant integration initiative, how to get buy-in from your agency, and tips to implement them successfully. Participants will also learn how to engage local government as a partner in immigrant integration efforts. Parish-based leaders, affiliate staff, and agency managers are encouraged to attend.

**A U Nonimmigrant Status: Approaches to Problem Scenarios**

Sarah Bronstein  
CLINIC  
Susan Schreiber  
CLINIC

**GRAND I-II ★**  
Immigrants face significant challenges at every stage of the application process when seeking U status and adjustment, from determining a qualifying crime to applying for adjustment of status. New challenges are on the rise, such as the growing wait list and USCIS re-adjudicating already resolved eligibility issues. This workshop will examine common problems and discuss strategies for how to address them.



**S Are You Struggling to Understand Smuggling?**

Reena Arya  
CLINIC  
Jennifer Riddle  
CLINIC

**CANYON I AND III ★**

What does it mean to assist someone to enter the United States unlawfully? When does this trigger inadmissibility or deportability, serve as a bar to good moral character, or expose someone to criminal charges, even when unaccompanied minors seek to reunify with their parents? This workshop discusses what may constitute smuggling and the possible immigration consequences in today's climate, in order to screen and advise clients.

**F Consular Processing, the Affidavit of Support and Waivers of Inadmissibility**

Kristina Karpinski  
CLINIC  
Charles Wheeler  
CLINIC

**CANYON IV ★**

This workshop covers the path to lawful permanent residence through consular processing and related issues. Presenters will discuss the process at the National Visa Center for obtaining an immigrant visa at a U.S. consulate abroad and review the affidavit of support requirements and waivers of inadmissibility eligibility.

**S Adding Federal Litigation to Your Tool Chest**

Melissa Crow  
Law Office of  
Melissa Crow  
Bradley Jenkins  
CLINIC

**MURPHEY I-III ★**

Have a naturalization case that is STILL pending? Tired of explaining that there is nothing more you can do to move that petition along? Has your client served his criminal sentence but is still in detention on an "immigration hold?" Learn how you can use the federal courts to remedy unlawful delays, overturn improper denials and protect your client's rights.

**A Good Moral Character in Naturalization Cases: Can This Case Be Filed?**

Sarah Bronstein  
CLINIC  
Susan Schreiber  
CLINIC

**GRAND I AND II ★**

Should you file your client's naturalization application if she had a DUI four years ago? What if she mistakenly registered to vote, or has a three-year-old misdemeanor theft conviction? Circumstances like these can affect the assessment of good moral character. This workshop will address how good moral character is defined by law and policy, and what factors to consider as you counsel your clients about whether to pursue naturalization.

**C Communications Strategies for National-Level Advocacy**

Lisa Parisio  
CLINIC  
Lynn Tramonte  
America's Voice  
Rachel Gumpert  
UNITE HERE!  
M. Lucero Ortiz  
CARECEN – DC

**FINGER ROCK I-III ★**

Organizations of all sizes must take a public stand against anti-immigrant rhetoric and policies. Using the lens of the national Temporary Protected Status and DACA campaigns, this workshop will explore how to produce effective communications for immigration advocacy. Topics will include the role of media, lessons on messaging and best practices going forward.

**S To B1/B2 or Not B1/B2? That is the Question! Immigration Options for Religious Workers**

Nicole Bonjean  
CLINIC  
Megan Turngren  
CLINIC

**VERBENA ★**

Join RIS attorneys on a fun-filled journey through the (Sonoran) desert as they discuss and examine immigration options for religious workers. Topics include the visa waiver program, B1/B2 tourist visas, F1 student visas and the fan favorite, R-1 religious worker visa. What an excellent adventure it will be!

# THURSDAY LUNCH PLENARY

## 30 YEARS OF DEFENDING THE AMERICAN DREAM

11:45 A.M.-1:30 P.M. | GRAND PAVILION

As we celebrate CLINIC's first 30 years, we've asked some of our esteemed veterans to highlight some of our historic challenges and successes. Join us as they put this history into context with the current environment for immigration interests.

Donald Kerwin, executive director of the Center for Migration Studies, and Sacramento Bishop Jaime Soto have collectively been involved with CLINIC over most of its history, in two very different roles. Kerwin served as CLINIC's executive director for 11 years, overseeing the organization from a modest network to the largest of its kind in the United States. Bishop Soto has been active on CLINIC's Board of Directors for 14 years, serving as chairman of the board from 2008-2010.

Both men have seen CLINIC grow and respond to the needs of the immigrant communities and those who serve them. We are honored to welcome them to celebrate CLINIC's journey.

## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

### Donald Kerwin

*Executive Director, Center for Migration Studies of New York*



Donald Kerwin was CLINIC's longest-serving executive director. After arriving at CLINIC in 1992 to coordinate a political asylum project for Haitians, he served as executive director from 1997 through 2008. He returned to serve as interim director for six months in 2012-2013. Since 2011 Kerwin has been executive director of the Center for Migration Studies of New York. He oversees the think tank and educational institutes's study of international migration and its efforts to promote understanding of immigrants.

Kerwin also has served as an associate fellow at the Woodstock Theological Center; as a non-resident senior fellow at the Migration Policy Institute; on the American Bar Association's Commission on Immigration; and on the Council on Foreign Relations' Immigration Task Force.

### Most Reverend Jaime Soto

*Bishop of the Diocese of Sacramento*



Bishop Jaime Soto is a California native and the eldest of seven siblings in a Mexican-American family. He earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy at St. John's Seminary College in 1978 and completed a master's in divinity the same year he was ordained, 1982.

After serving at a Santa Ana parish for two years, he went on to Columbia University for a master's in social work, setting the stage for his next post: associate director of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Orange. He quickly became director of the agency's Immigration and Citizenship Services.

Then-Msgr. Soto was named auxiliary bishop of the Diocese of Orange in 2000. In 2007, he was named coadjutor bishop of Sacramento. He assumed leadership of the diocese in 2008.



## 30 years in the forefront of protecting immigrants

The existence of CLINIC might just have been inevitable.

That's not to downplay the visionary concept of a network of nonprofit immigration legal services agencies. Nor does calling it "inevitable" give short shrift to the creativity and dedication of CLINIC's early leaders—both among affiliates and at the national level—in seeing a need and creating a response.

But Catholic organizations in the United States have been involved in helping immigrants in their new home since Catholics arrived here among the earliest settlers. The Dominican, Jesuit and Franciscan missionaries who came to the New World in search of converts also saw their mission as ministering to other new arrivals. There is a steady line through American history of the universities, hospitals, parish

schools, social services and legal aid agencies that were created by the Catholic Church to serve immigrants and their children.

The late 1980s were a time of dramatic changes in U.S. immigration laws. Flows of undocumented immigrants into the United States surged in the 1980s, fueled in part by civil wars in Latin America. The 1986 Immigration Reform and Control Act created new sanctions for hiring undocumented immigrants and increased border enforcement. But the law also made it possible for 2.7 million people to obtain permanent resident status. Accomplishing that required legal expertise that few of the eligible population could afford.

At about the same time, a pastoral letter from the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, "Together a New

People," emphasized the importance of the church's ministry to immigrants. The NCCB (precursor to today's U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops) was heavily involved in refugee resettlement, as well as providing pastoral care for migrants. Legal services was an area of need.

Some dioceses had been offering immigration legal services. Others struggled, or balked at the cost and navigating the logistics of setting up agencies, hiring attorneys and training accredited representatives. Migration and Refugee Services of the NCCB offered some legal assistance through its four regional offices (New York, Washington, El Paso, Texas and San Francisco), but the system was limited.

In 1987, a pilot project took on the question of how to expand legal services at the level of dioceses. The Archdioceses of New York and Newark, and other dioceses in New York state and New Jersey, tested the concept. A 1988 report co-authored by then-Msgr. Nicholas DiMarzio, head of Migration and Refugee Services, "Providing Legal Services to Newcomers: the Church Expands its Role," laid out the objective of establishing a nationwide support network for diocesan agencies.

CLINIC was born.

It officially came into being when articles of incorporation for The Catholic Legal Immigration Network Inc., were filed that same year.

Through CLINIC's earliest years, funding from the conference of bishops paid the salaries of CLINIC staff who worked in some of the first affiliates. That system evolved as the number of affiliates grew. Through successive immigration laws, court rulings and events such as the 9/11 terrorist attacks in 2001, CLINIC has adapted with the times, steadily growing and adjusting its programming to accommodate new legal twists.

Today CLINIC has grown into the vision outlined in those early proposals. The network now numbers about 330 organizations across the country. It's evolved beyond a Catholic diocese-based system to include other faith-based agencies, non-denominational nonprofits and public libraries. Last year, more than 9,000 participants joined trainings on topics ranging from the basics of immigration law to the complexities of representing clients in detention.

At 30, CLINIC is, as ever, in the forefront of ensuring that all people have access to affordable immigration legal services. The struggles of the early immigrants to find a place in the New World are echoed in today's challenges for the 11 million people who lack documentation, those with Temporary Protected Status or DACA that may soon expire and those who arrive at our borders daily in search of protection and better lives.

It is our place. We're proud to continue the vision of CLINIC.

**F Overview of Humanitarian Relief**

Reena Arya  
CLINIC  
Martín Gauto  
CLINIC

**CANYON IV ★**

Identifying eligibility for humanitarian relief is more important than ever in this age of enhanced immigration enforcement. Does your program serve clients who were victims of domestic violence or persecution in their home country, who came to the United States as children or who are victims of crime? Presenters will cover a variety of humanitarian relief options.

**A While You Wait to Immigrate: Twists and Turns in Family-Based Immigration**

Kristina Karpinski  
CLINIC  
Susan Schreiber  
CLINIC

**CANYON I AND III ★**

Life marches on while a petition is pending and your client waits for a current priority date. How do events including age, marriage, divorce, death of the petitioner and failure to take timely action affect your client's eligibility to immigrate? This workshop will review the twists and turns of life as they influence an individual's eligibility to immigrate through a family-based petition.

**S Waivers of Inadmissibility**

Margaret Gleason  
CIS Ombudsman  
Office  
Ilissa Mira  
CLINIC  
Charles Wheeler  
CLINIC

**GRAND I-II ★**

This workshop covers the theory and practice of preparing successful waiver applications. Presenters will discuss how to identify possible hardship factors, create a theory of the case, gather supporting documentation and establish positive discretionary factors. They will also review agency guidance on extreme hardship.

**P Obtaining and Maintaining DOJ Recognition and Accreditation**

Laura Burdick  
CLINIC  
Luis Guerra  
CLINIC

**FINGER ROCK I-III**

A new rule for Department of Justice agency recognition and staff accreditation (DOJ R&A) took effect in 2017. Changes were made to the eligibility requirements and the documentation required for applications. Most organizations that currently have recognition will need to renew by 2020. We will provide an overview of the changes, talk about maintaining R&A and discuss requirements for extension of recognition to sub-offices.

**C Immigration Law and Policy Hot Topics**

Jill Marie Bussey  
CLINIC  
Donald Kerwin  
Center for  
Migration Studies  
of New York  
Wendy Young  
Kids in Need of  
Defense

**MURPHEY I-III ★**

Immigration law and policy are changing rapidly under the Trump administration. This panel will offer an overview and analysis of proposals that may affect your program and community.



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**F Overview of Removal Proceedings: Court is Now In Session**

Sarah Bronstein  
CLINIC  
Susan Schreiber  
CLINIC

**CANYON IV ★**

What happens in immigration court when a person seeks bond, appears at a master calendar hearing, or applies for relief from removal? If you haven't been to an immigration court hearing, this workshop will help you understand the basic components of a removal hearing. We'll review the process from the issuance of a Notice to Appear to how to seek relief from removal before an immigration judge.

**C Keeping Your Cool: Community Outreach Events**

Michelle Sardone  
CLINIC  
Benjamin Brokaw  
CLINIC

**FINGER ROCK I-III**

Have you avoided serving your community via workshops because you are unsure of what to expect? Learn how to prepare, organize and execute successful Know Your Rights, naturalization and screening events. We will practice responding to tough questions from the audience, surviving unexpected obstacles at your venue and tackling the unknown. Hear from experts about keeping your cool and serving the masses.

**S Fraud and Misrepresentation**

Michelle Mendez  
CLINIC  
Charles Wheeler  
CLINIC

**GRAND I-II ★**

The fraud ground is the second most common way for an applicant to be found inadmissible. We will define the term and illustrate the ways that it is likely to present itself. We will also cover defenses and eligibility for the waiver.

**A New Developments in Asylum Law**

Reena Arya  
CLINIC  
Bradley Jenkins  
CLINIC  
Victoria Neilson  
CLINIC

**CANYON I AND III ★**

When does family count as a particular social group? How do I prove that my asylum client's government is unable or willing to protect her? How much corroboration is needed to win an asylum claim? Will the government bar my client's asylum because they believe he is a persecutor? The answers to these questions, and more, are constantly changing. Join us for a discussion on the latest developments in asylum law.

**S Options as TPS and DACA End**

Ilissa Mira  
CLINIC  
Jennifer Riddle  
CLINIC

**MURPHEY I-III ★**

How do we counsel clients who are facing the expiration of their DACA or TPS? This workshop will discuss educating clients about the consequences they face, screening for other relief and helping clients make informed choices in light of enforcement risks. We will also cover strategies for DACA and TPS recipients to adjust status through family relationships.



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**F U.S. Citizenship: Acquisition, Derivation and Naturalization**

Kristina Karpinski  
CLINIC  
Jennifer Riddle  
CLINIC

**CANYON IV★**

Get an overview of the main avenues to U.S. citizenship. We will discuss the requirements for acquiring U.S. citizenship at birth abroad and deriving citizenship from a parent after birth. Presenters will review the requirements for naturalization, including good moral character, continuous residence, physical presence, English language, civics requirements and exemptions.

**S Potential Changes to Public Charge**

Susan Schreiber  
CLINIC  
Charles Wheeler  
CLINIC

**GRAND I-II ★**

Plans are underway to change the interpretation of public charge. New guidance in the Foreign Affairs Manual and drafts of proposed USCIS regulations require adjudicators to consider other factors in addition to the I-864 affidavit of support. They could be required to consider the applicant's age, work history, family size, health, prior receipt of benefits, and prospective income. Come hear more about these developments, what CLINIC is doing to respond, and how you can get involved.

**A Motions to Reopen in Immigration Court**

Michelle Mendez  
CLINIC  
Rebecca Scholtz  
CLINIC

**MURPHEY I-III ★**

Clients with removal orders face a high risk of detention and swift removal from the United States. However, removal orders issued by immigration judges may be reopened. Learn what it takes to reopen a removal order issued by an immigration judge.

**S Updates on the Travel Ban**

Bradley Jenkins  
CLINIC  
Kiyanoush Razaghi  
CLINIC

**CANYON I AND III ★**

Under the Trump administration, many harsh policies have been implemented against immigrants, in particular those from certain Muslim-majority countries including Iran, Syria and Yemen. The travel ban is a new chapter in immigration law. We will discuss the executive orders that created the ban, the subsequent court rulings, along with the most recent developments and what you can do to help clients from the banned countries.

**P It Takes a Village**

Luis Guerra  
CLINIC  
Jack Holmgren  
CLINIC

**FINGER ROCK I-III**

Your agency is not alone in its mission to serve immigrants. Come learn about the new and exciting roles of libraries, labor unions and other community organizations in assisting immigrants. Hear about the challenges and opportunities of new groups applying for Department of Justice Recognition and Accreditation, and how to partner on community education, screening and legal services.

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**F** **Should I...? Ethical Considerations in Immigration Law Practice**

Sarah Bronstein  
CLINIC  
Martín Gauto  
CLINIC

**CANYON IV ★**

Immigration practitioners often face thorny ethical issues, such as what to do if you discover your client has submitted a false document. Using case examples and hypothetical situations, the presenters will provide an overview of the rules of ethics and describe how they apply to accredited representatives.

**A** **An Overview of Cancellation of Removal**

Reena Arya  
CLINIC  
Michelle Mendez  
CLINIC

**CANYON I AND III ★**

Was your LPR client convicted of a crime and placed in removal proceedings? Was your undocumented client abused by an LPR or U.S. citizen spouse? Has your undocumented client lived in the United States for more than 10 years? Cancellation of removal is an immigration court remedy that could apply to your client. This workshop will review this important remedy in the new age of enforcement.

**S** **Ask The Experts: One Last Chance to Figure it Out**

Susan Schreiber  
CLINIC  
Charles Wheeler  
CLINIC

**GRAND I AND II ★**

It's the last day of Convening and the last workshop session before you go home. Do you still have a legal question you just can't figure out? Take advantage of the cumulative expertise of CLINIC presenters and Convening colleagues to discuss your case and see if you can leave with an answer.

**C** **Perspectives on Border Life**

**FINGER ROCK I-III**

Join our diverse group of panelists for an exploration of what the word "border" means to different people. Leaving the simple legal definition behind, led by moderator and CLINIC board member Peg Harmon, we will look at the border as a place and an experience, sharing stories and discussing how historical and current immigration and security policies change these unique places around the world.

Diego Adame  
Hope Border Institute  
Marguerite "Peg" Harmon  
Catholic Community  
Services of Southern  
Arizona

Marc Pinate  
Borderlands Theater  
Margaret Regan  
Author, Journalist  
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# CLINIC CHAMPION AWARD

Each year, CLINIC presents a participating attorney or law firm with the Pro Bono Award for their outstanding commitment to CLINIC's Board of Immigration Appeals Pro Bono Appeals Project.

CLINIC is delighted to recognize the law firm Jenner & Block this year for its full commitment to providing pro bono representation to immigrants in removal proceedings. We are grateful for the firm's support and dedication to defending immigrants.

Most notably, we recognize the work of several Jenner & Block attorneys, including Danielle Nicholson, Irene Ten Cate and Michael Price. In 2017, Jenner & Block took three cases through the BIA Pro Bono Project and secured protection for an asylum seeker in each. In one case, Nicholson and Ten Cate won a case after petitioning the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to review the firm resettlement bar for a client who had been persecuted both in his home country, Somalia, and in his first country of refuge, South Africa. In other cases, Price continued to represent a client after winning an appeal before the BIA, ultimately securing him asylum, and obtained bond for a client who was facing threats of gang violence in his home country.

CLINIC manages the largest pro bono appeals project in the United States. We couldn't do it without partners like Jenner & Block helping us meet the needs of countless immigrants who find themselves caught in the U.S. immigration system, many risking persecution or death if sent back to their home country. Thank you to the attorneys at Jenner & Block for remaining committed to defending immigrants and for supporting CLINIC. The BIA Pro Bono Appeals Project would not be possible without the contributions of volunteers such as you!

## 2018 PRO BONO AWARD



CLINIC is honored to recognize Juan Osuna with a posthumous CLINIC Champion award for his lifelong commitment to immigrant justice. Osuna, originally from Colombia, was caring, thoughtful, and generous. He dedicated his career to advocating for due process and access to justice.

Osuna's career included 17 years at the Department of Justice. Before his tenure as director of the Executive Office for Immigration Review, he was chair of the Board of Immigration Appeals and Associate Deputy Attorney General. He fought tirelessly to expand legal protections for immigrants and ensure they were aware of their due process rights. He was a dedicated public servant who remained committed to his vision of justice for all.

CLINIC would not be the organization it is today if it were not for Osuna's initiative and strong leadership. He was instrumental in expanding the number of recognized organizations and accredited staff and supported CLINIC's endeavors as we built our network. He eagerly spoke at CLINIC events, including Convening, enhancing discussions with his open commentary on the realities of immigration policy.

Juan Osuna was a compassionate man who touched so many immigrants' lives in his fight for justice. We honor him this year and will continue to honor him for years to come through our efforts to protect the rights of the most vulnerable among us.

His wife, Wendy Young, (who many of you know for her own immigrant advocacy work at Kids in Need of Defense) joins us to accept this award in his memory and to celebrate his life.

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## Thank you for Defending Temporary Protected Status

Humanitarian immigration policies allow the United States to show compassion to those in need. As these programs face scrutiny, advocates become essential. CLINIC would like to thank our affiliates and allies who have joined us in the effort to preserve Temporary Protected Status.

TPS allows certain immigrants to remain in the U.S. if, while they were here, something catastrophic happened in their home country that prevents their safe return. There are more than 320,000 TPS holders.

Over the last year, the administration has announced decisions for several countries and it is preparing to decide on two more this year—Yemen and Somalia. Due to your diligent efforts, more communities are educated and more immigrants are seeking legal assistance.

As we continue championing security for TPS holders and their families, take a moment to reflect on what we accomplished together:

- We released reports highlighting the ongoing struggles of Haiti, Syria and Nepal and why continuing their TPS designations is mutually beneficial to the United States and those nations.
- More than 20 new resources have been collected on [cliniclegal.org/tps](http://cliniclegal.org/tps), and shared thousands of times, including by governments of some of the affected TPS-designated countries.
- More than 80 organizations joined the national TPS Working Group, lending a strong voice to the national advocacy agenda.
- Thousands of people of faith have signed advocacy letters that were sent to federal officials.



## Don't fall victim to immigration fraud

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The 2017 scholarship recipients laugh with Dinah Suncin, a retired CLINIC staff member who worked with Lily Gutierrez for many years.

## Lily G. beneficiary epitomizes new generation of providers

Selena Santiago, a legal advocate in Fall River, Massachusetts, who came to the job by way of AmeriCorps, is one of this year’s recipients of the Lily Gutierrez scholarship.

Gutierrez was a longtime CLINIC staffer and board member who dedicated her life to the service of immigrants. This year’s scholarships in her name enabled four people to attend Convening more affordably.

Santiago joined the Immigration Law Education and Advocacy Project at Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Fall River as a legal advocate in September 2016, as the result of a special partnership between the charity and a local legal advocacy program run by AmeriCorps.

Santiago said she was excited to begin to work on legal cases from immigrants. But she also was a

bit anxious about using the skills she gained at the University of Massachusetts, where she earned degrees in legal studies and political science. Her apprehension was replaced quickly by the need to act. Waves of fear erupted in the Fall River immigrant community after the 2016 presidential election and there were only two full-time attorneys at her agency to address people’s legal worries. The experience tested those recently learned job skills.

“During my first term of service, I completed more than 450 intakes and assisted attorneys in our office on more than 100 cases while managing about 40 of my own,” said Santiago.

Since then, while sorting out policy changes and rhetorical attacks against immigrants, Santiago has strengthened her pledge to peers and clients. To keep up with the

increasing demand at Catholic Social Services, she is helping expand community outreach. She is also aggressively networking in the legal community—including with AmeriCorps legal advocates for their insight on housing, health care and other areas of poverty law in Massachusetts—and she plans to take on more advanced trainings to become an accredited representative.

Santiago said the Lily Gutierrez Memorial Scholarship can help her accomplish all three. She said she expects that attending Convening will guide her in reaching low-income immigrants who are unaware of their eligibility for relief. She also expects to learn strategies for addressing difficult legal issues, such

as the dangers of spreading false or outdated information.

“I am eager to expand my skill set to continue serving as many clients as possible, while also building capacity within my organization,” said Santiago.

The Lily Gutierrez Scholarship is made possible by donations to CLINIC. Your generous gift makes it possible for dedicated immigration legal services providers such as Selena Santiago to attend Convening.

To learn more, please visit the Lily Gutierrez Memorial Fund page at [cliniclegal.org/lily-gutierrez-memorial-fund](http://cliniclegal.org/lily-gutierrez-memorial-fund).



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Shining a light on Catholic sisters and their service to immigrant and refugee communities.

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Photos: (1) CLINIC partners with parishes in the Archdiocese of Washington to host Las Posadas Navideñas. (2) Attendees gather at Vows and Visas, organized by CLINIC to celebrate National Catholic Sisters week. (3) CLINIC staff and others pray for Dreamers at the Capitol

## Defending migrants with faith and law books

CLINIC was founded in 1988 to support nonprofit immigration legal programs at a time of rapid growth. Reforms to U.S. law had given millions of undocumented immigrants a path to legal status, prompting a greater need for immigration legal services. The U.S. bishops established CLINIC with just a handful of Catholic agencies. Through three decades of ever-shifting laws, policies and enforcement approaches, CLINIC has steadily grown along with the demand for professional assistance in coping with all those changes. Our network of more than 330 affiliates now includes organizations sponsored by various faiths as well as non-religious community groups. Through it all, our core commitment to the Catholic values on which we were founded remains integral to our principles.

CLINIC's mission to promote the dignity and protect the rights of immigrants is grounded in Catholic social teaching on migration. These teachings, stemming from Scripture, papal encyclicals, bishops' statements and pastoral letters, call us to "treat the stranger as we would welcome Christ himself." They say people have the right to migrate to support themselves and their families when they cannot support themselves in their homeland. They explain that although sovereign nations have the right to control their borders, those laws should be administered with respect for human dignity. They demand that refugees and asylum seekers be afforded protection.

CLINIC incorporates these lessons into its work by prioritizing causes like family reunification, humanitarian

relief and workers' rights. We train passionate legal practitioners to construct cases that place human dignity at their core. We create resources for parishes to become bridges between migrant communities and agencies that can offer legal guidance. Our Religious Immigration Service represents immigrant priests, sisters and lay workers, many of whom minister to other immigrants.

Our resources on Catholic social teaching, from prayer cards to discernment guides, fly off our exhibit tables. And CLINIC is often called upon to provide a faith-based perspective in advocacy matters and news that touches on the treatment of immigrants.

Among our most visible champions in these efforts are our board

members, the majority of whom are bishops. They promote our work by penning op-eds, speaking at immigration events, and leading by example to welcome immigrants in their dioceses, workplaces and communities.

CLINIC is active in the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Justice for Immigrants campaign, in which we work closely with our Catholic partners.

The Catholic Church in the United States has always been an immigrant church, continuously welcoming and caring for new arrivals who are in search of the American dream. CLINIC is proud to be an extension of that commitment to the care of people from all backgrounds, faiths and traditions.

# GUEST SPEAKERS

## **Diego Adame**

*Community Organizer, Hope Border Institute*

## **Father Sean Carroll, S.J.**

*Executive Director, Kino Border Initiative*

## **Melissa Crow**

*Attorney, Law Office of Melissa Crow*

## **Ryan Dinzeo**

*Immigrant Visa Specialist, National Visa Center*

## **Sister Sally Duffy, SC**

*Sister of Charity of Cincinnati*

*CLINIC Board Member*

## **Jesse Evans-Schroeder**

*Director of Immigration Law, The Law Offices of Matthew H. Green*

## **Sarah Flagel**

*Legal Supervisor, World Relief DuPage/Aurora*

## **Margaret “Peggy” Gleason**

*Senior Advisor, CIS Ombudsman’s Office*

## **Rachel Gumpert**

*National Press Secretary, UNITE HERE!*

## **Marguerite “Peg” Harmon**

*Chief Executive Officer, Catholic Community*

*Services of Southern Arizona*

*CLINIC Board Member*

## **Donald Kerwin**

*Executive Director, Center for Migration Studies of New York*

## **Jim Kuh**

*Senior Director, Immigration and Refugee Services, Catholic Charities USA*

## **Amelia McGowan**

*Program Director/Immigration Attorney, Catholic Charities, Jackson*

## **M. Lucero Ortiz**

*Director of Legal Services, CARECEN – DC*

## **Nora Phillips**

*Legal Director, Al Otro Lado*

## **Guadalupe Perez**

*Member Organizer, United Farm Workers Foundation*

## **Marc Pinate**

*Producing Director, Borderlands Theater*

## **Allison Posner**

*Chief of Casework, CIS Ombudsman Office*

## **Margaret Regan**

*Author, Journalist*

## **Conn Schrader**

*Director, National Visa Center*

## **Most Reverend Jaime Soto**

*Bishop of the Diocese of Sacramento*

*CLINIC Board Member*

## **Glenn Tebbe**

*Executive Director, Indiana Catholic Conference*

## **Lynn Tramonte**

*Deportation Defense Coordinator, America’s Voice*

## **Andre Valotaire**

*Minister Counsellor (Immigration), Embassy of Canada*

## **Dr. Scott Wilson**

*El Rio Community Health Center*

## **Wendy Young**

*President, Kids in Need of Defense*

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*Executive Director*

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*Director of Advocacy*

## **Jeff Chenoweth**

*Director of Capacity Building*

## **Martín Gauto**

*Senior Attorney, Training and Legal Support*

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*Strategic Capacity Officer, Advancement/ Capacity Building*

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*Strategic Capacity Advisor*

## **Bradley Jenkins**

*BIA Pro Bono Appeals Project Manager, Training and Legal Support*

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*Senior Attorney, Training and Legal Support*

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*Communications Outreach Coordinator*

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*Director of Training and Legal Support*

## **Christy Williams**

*Staff Attorney, Advocacy*



Photos: (1) Volunteers listen during a law clinic at the Migrant Support Center of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Jackson. (2) Hartford Public Library hosts a citizenship ceremony. (3) A teacher helps ESL students at Macomb Immigrant Service Center in Michigan.

## The heart of CLINIC

The year was 1988. Catholic nonprofits were responding to massive changes in immigration law by providing low-cost legal services. The newly created CLINIC began providing training and technical support to those first affiliates. The structure of a network of local nonprofit legal experts was unlike any other in the nation. It also was a key to CLINIC’s success and growth. Nearly 20 years later, with the addition of Jewish Social Services of Madison, Wisconsin, we renewed this commitment by expanding our network to include non-Catholic organizations as subscribers.

Today, CLINIC’s network has grown to include more than 330 organizations across the United States. From large programs like Catholic Charities Community Services of New York, with about 100 employees, to smaller nonprofits like the four-staffer Apostle

Immigration Services in New Haven, Connecticut, these programs work tirelessly to assist immigrants of any background to navigate the complex immigration system. Some of our affiliate leaders have even come from the immigrant communities they serve. For example, Aden Batar, a Somali-American, was once a refugee who settled in Utah. He now is the Immigration and Refugee Resettlement Director for Catholic Community Services of Utah in Salt Lake City.

CLINIC’s soon-to-retire strategic capacity advisor, Jack Holmgren, has worked with our network for 26 years. He describes the growth as “a local incarnation of charitable acts.” Holmgren adds that CLINIC’s success is often because “most of the services our affiliates provide are done at a grassroots level.”

“Our program benefits by participating in trainings and

webinars, getting up-to-the-minute information on changing immigration laws and policies, and having access to experts and excellent resources from CLINIC,” said Jacqueline Rishty, director of the Immigration Legal Services program at Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington. This program has been a CLINIC affiliate for 30 years.

Rishty added that any local nonprofit that offers legal services to immigrant communities would greatly benefit from joining CLINIC’s network because, according to her, “the resources, guidance, and support CLINIC has provided to our program have been invaluable.”

Steven Lee, the director of Immigration and Refugee Services at Catholic Charities of Los Angeles said that he has recommended that other local nonprofits in the greater Los Angeles area join CLINIC’s network.

The network is a crucial part of CLINIC’s framework, and has been since the beginning. And while affiliates and CLINIC staff alike are proud of what we have become, there are always new ways to make an impact. The introduction of non-traditional organizations, such as libraries, has been one such step. CLINIC welcomed Hartford Public Library into the network in 2014. Since then, we have consulted with many other library systems on how to bring legal services to their communities.

CLINIC’s director of Capacity Building Jeff Chenoweth, believes that the network will continue to “grow more diverse.” And all the while CLINIC will continue to expand “to reach more vulnerable populations who are especially in need of finding affordable, quality legal immigration services.”

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