Participant Bios

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Francisco Alba is Professor and Researcher at El Colegio de México. He is an economist and expert in migration, and has published extensively on Mexican migration and migratory policy; population and development; economic integration; Mexico-U.S. relations; and related topics. Professor Alba also is a Member of the Advisory Board of Mexico’s Migration Institute and of the United Nations Committee for the Protection of Migrants. He is a former member of the Mexico/United States Bi-national Study on Migration and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Population Reference Bureau, the Committee on Population, the National Research Council, and the U.S. National Academy of Sciences. He trained as a demographer at El Colegio de México and also has done graduate work in the social sciences at the Institute of Political Studies, Paris, and the University of Texas at Austin.

Teofilo Altamirano
Teofilo Altamirano is Professor of Anthropology at the Catholic University, Faculty of Social Science, in Peru. He holds a Ph.D. from Durham University and an M.A. from Manchester University. Dr. Altamirano has taught in several U.S. universities as well as in Canada. He has served as a consultant to the World Bank, the International Labour Organization, and the International Organization for Migration, UNESCO. Currently, he is a researcher of CISEPA-PUC and is in charge of the newly created Observatory on International Migration: Tukuy Migra at the same university. He is also in charge of two research projects on migration: one on migration and employment with the University of Barcelona; another on impacts of remittances on local families in highland Peru with the UT Austin Department of Sociology. He has published ten books on internal and international migration, as well as two books in English; one on social exclusion and inequality and another on migrant cities and regions in Latin America.

Anne Chandler
Anne Chandler is the Director of the Houston Office of the Tahirih Justice Center, an organization dedicated to protecting immigrant women and girls seeking justice in the United States from gender-based violence. Prior to that, she was a Supervising Attorney and Interim Director of the Immigration Clinic of the University of Houston Law Center. She is a 1998 cum laude graduate of the University of Houston Law Center, where she served on the Houston Law Review, received a Distinguished Service Award, won the Joan Glantz Garfinkel Scholarship for civil liberties research, and was President of the Public Interest Law Organization, focusing on provision of services to aliens detained in Harlingen, Texas. Prior to joining the Immigration Clinic in 2003, she served as the Immigration Attorney for the YMCA International of Houston.
She currently serves as a Board of Trustee for the American Immigration Law Foundation and Mentor Attorney in the area of asylum law for the American Immigration Law Association.

**Monica Faulkner**

Monica Faulkner, MSSW, is a doctoral candidate at the University of Texas at Austin School of Social Work, where she is specializing in policy studies, women’s health, adolescents, and child welfare. Her research includes projects examining the outcomes of Mexican American immigrants in young adulthood. Ms. Faulkner’s professional career has involved extensive work with Latino communities. She worked in the Texas Legislature as Chief of Staff for State Representative Jessica Farrar, and also worked on advocacy for low-income Latino neighborhoods and on health and human services legislation related to immigrants. Ms. Faulkner also served on the board of Latinas on the Rise, a nonprofit organization in Houston, where she assisted in the development of a program to provide mentorship for Latinas in college. In addition, she has worked directly with the Latino community, providing social work services to families at both domestic violence and children’s shelters.

**Gary Freeman**

Gary Freeman is Professor and Chair of the Department of Government at the University of Texas at Austin. A Ph.D. of the University of Wisconsin, he specializes in the politics of immigration, comparative social policy, and politics in western democracies. His most recent writing has been directed at understanding the form of immigration politics in different countries and explaining the integration strategies employed by countries as they grapple with immigrant populations. He is currently working on the question of the linkage between immigration and the welfare state, especially the impact of ethnic and other forms of diversity on the solidaristic foundations of social policies. He is the author of *Immigrant Labor and Racial Conflict in Industrial Societies* and *Nations of Immigrants: Australia, the United States, and International Migration* (edited with James Jupp), as well as many articles for such journals as *International Migration Review* and *West European Politics*.

**Virginie Guiraudon**

Virginie Guiraudon is a permanent research fellow at the National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS) in Lille, France. She holds a Ph. D. in government from Harvard University, where she focused on the evolution of rights granted to foreigners in France, Germany, and the Netherlands since 1974. She was awarded the CNRS bronze medal for best young researcher and the European Union Studies Association best paper prize. She is the author of *Les politiques d'immigration en Europe* (L'Harmattan, 2000) and coeditor of *Controlling a New Migration World* (Routledge, 2001). Her current research analyzes the shifting of policy competence in the area of migration, asylum, and anti-discrimination to the EU level and the delegation of migration control to local, private, and transnational actors. Her articles on these themes have appeared in a number of volumes and journals including the *Journal of Common Market Studies, International Migration Review, Journal of European Public Policy, West European Politics,* and *Comparative Political Studies*.

**Jacqueline Hagan**
Jacqueline Hagan is Professor of Sociology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She holds a Ph.D. from the University of Texas at Austin, and her areas of research interest are international migration between Latin America and the United States, migration and human rights, religion and migration, international migration and labor markets, and migration and gender. Dr. Hagan published the book *Migration Miracle: Faith, Hope, and Meaning on the Undocumented Journey*, which focuses on how migrants from Mexico and Central America rely on religion—their clergy, faith, cultural expressions, and everyday religious practices—to endure the undocumented journey. She also has published articles about migration in such journals as *Criminology and Public Policy, International Migration Review, Social Forces, American Behavioral Scientist*, and *Journal of Latino Studies*.

**Timothy Heleniak**

Professor Heleniak is a Faculty Research Associate in the Department of Geography at the University of Maryland. Previously, he worked at the World Bank and the U.S. Census Bureau. He has written extensively on migration, demographic trends, and regional development in Russia and the other states of the former Soviet Union. He currently is working on an NSF grant researching the role of the state in migration in the Russian North and other circumpolar regions. Professor Heleniak received his B.A. in sociology from Eastern Washington University and his M.B.A. in finance from the University of Maryland, College Park, in 1983.

**Barbara Hines**

Barbara Hines is director of the Law School Immigration Clinic at the University of Texas at Austin, where she teaches substantive immigration law and supervises students handling deportation, asylum, and other immigration cases. She holds a J.D. from Northeastern University School of Law and received her B.A. and M.A. from UT Austin. In 2007, Hines was co-counsel in a lawsuit challenging detention of children and their families at the T. Don Hutto Detention Center; a settlement was reached implementing significant changes in conditions and length of detention. She also is currently counsel for the firm Hines and Leigh, P.C., limiting her practice solely to immigration and nationality law. She has made numerous presentations and written extensively about immigration law and procedure. Hines is on the Board of Directors for the National Immigration Project, an immigrant and refugee membership organization that provides nationwide training, legal seminars, and litigation support.

**Ahmet Icduygu**

Dr. Icduygu, who received his Ph.D. in demography from the Australian National University in 1991, is director of the Migration Research Program in the department of International Relations at Koc University in Turkey. Previously, he was Associate Professor and Associate Chairperson of the Department of Political Science and Public Administration at Bilkent University. Icduygu currently serves as a member of the International Advisory Board of Mediterranean Migratory Observatory, Athens. He has conducted several research studies and written research reports for national organizations such as TUBITAK and TUBA, and for international organizations such as IOM (International Organization for Migration), UNHCR (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, part of the UN Refugee Agency), and ILO (International Labour Organization). His most recent research covers the mechanisms and dynamics of regular and irregular migration and its labor consequences and the anatomy of transit migration. In addition to writing articles in numerous journals such as *International Migration, International Social Science Journal,* and

Daniel Kanstroom
Daniel Kanstroom is Professor of Law at Boston College Law School, where he currently teaches immigration and refugee law, international human rights law, and administrative law, and is director of the International Human Rights Program and the Post-Deportation Human Rights Project. He also oversees the Boston College International Criminal Tribunal programs in The Hague and Sarajevo. He is the founder of the Boston College Immigration and Asylum Clinic in which students represent indigent noncitizens and asylum-seekers. Dr. Kanstroom has published widely in the fields of U.S. immigration law, human rights, criminal law, and European citizenship and asylum law. His latest book is Deportation Nation: Outsiders in American History (Harvard University Press 2007). Professor Kanstroom is a member of the national Immigration Commission of the American Bar Association and has long served on the Board of Directors of the PAIR Project.

David Leal
David Leal is Associate Professor of Government at the University of Texas at Austin. He received his B.A. in political science from Stanford University and his M.A. and Ph.D. in government from Harvard University. His areas of interests include religion and politics, the military and society, state politics, and the politics of North America, with Latino politics as his main interest. At present, he is a member of the American, Midwest, Southern, and Western Political Science Associations, the American Educational Research Association, Inter-University Seminar on the Armed Forces and Society, Latina American Studies Association, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, New Mexico Historical Society, and the Texas Association of Chicanos in Higher Education. He received an award for his work for the Carnegie Corporation, Program on Strengthening U.S. Democracy, which projected findings for the 2006 Mexican Expatriate Study.

Cecilia Menjivar
Cecilia Menjivar's research interests can be summarized in two areas. The first focuses on U.S.-bound migration. She has been studying the effects of legal, social, and economic exclusion on different spheres of social life among immigrants, such as social networks, family, gender relations, religious exclusion, and transnational ties, focusing primarily on Central American immigrants in the United States. She also has been examining the militarization of the U.S. border and its effects for the immigrants who cross it (or perish in attempts to do so). Her second area of research interest lies in Latin America, with special attention to Central America. Here she is interested in the effects of structural adjustments on daily life, as seen through the lens of gender. She also is interested in issues of state terror in the region, highlighting the political aspect of world systemic relations. Based on fieldwork she undertook in Guatemala, Menjivar has been writing about the effects that multiple forms of violence—institutional, political, gender, symbolic—have on the social worlds (i.e., gender relations, family, networks, work, and religion) of Ladinas and indigenous women.

Yolanda Padilla
Yolanda C. Padilla, MSSW, Ph.D., is Professor of Social Work and Women’s Studies and Faculty Affiliate at the Center for Mexican American Studies and the Population Research Center at the University of Texas at Austin. She has published extensively on the topics of Latino poverty and immigration. Dr. Padilla was a Fellow of the Social Science Research Council’s Program on Research on the Urban Underclass and studied in the Poverty and Public Policy Research and Training Program at the University of Michigan, where she obtained a joint doctoral degree in sociology and social work. She recently completed a study funded by the National Institutes of Health for which she served as principal investigator on the impact of immigration and poverty on Mexican American child health and the implications for the development of public policy. Dr. Padilla's areas of interest are population studies focusing on racial and ethnic disparities in health and well-being with an emphasis on Mexican American children and families, poverty, immigration, and applications to social welfare policy development. Her areas of practice specialization are policy analysis and community practice.

**Bryan Roberts**

Bryan Roberts, holder of the C. B. Smith Sr. Centennial Chair in U.S.-Mexico Relations, is Professor in the Department of Sociology at the University of Texas at Austin. He is currently director of the Mexican Center of the Teresa Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies, where he served as director from 2006–2009. Dr. Roberts has published numerous articles and papers on issues of citizenship, social policy, irregular settlements, internal and international migration, including Mexico-U.S., labor markets, informal economies, community development, and urbanization. His latest publications include *Rethinking Development in Latin America* and *Ciudades Latinoamericanas: Un análisis comparativo en el umbral del nuevo siglo*. Dr Roberts received a Ph.D. in sociology from the University of Chicago and an M.A. in economics from the University of Manchester, England.

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Nestor Rodriguez is Professor of Sociology at the University of Texas at Austin, where he received his Ph.D. in 1984. He previously taught at the University of Houston, where he was chair of the Department of Sociology. Dr. Rodriguez is currently a member of the American Sociological Association, the Latin American Studies Association, and the Southwestern Social Science Association. He received the Joseph Wherlin Award for Latin American Research at the University of Houston for a series of papers about immigrant relations. Dr. Rodriguez has conducted international research in Mexico, Guatemala, and El Salvador, and has traveled and lectured in China and Japan. His present research focuses on Guatemalan migration, U.S. deportations to Mexico and Central America, the unauthorized migration of unaccompanied minors, evolving relations between Latinos and African Americans/Asian Americans, and ethical and human rights issues of border enforcement.

**David Spener**

David Spener is Associate Professor of Sociology, Anthropology, and International Studies at Trinity University in San Antonio, where he teaches courses on race and ethnic relations, social theory, U.S.-Mexico border studies, and international development. His areas of scholarly expertise include comparative international development, economic sociology, social inequality, international migration, and border studies. Dr. Spener has written extensively on U.S.-Mexico border relations and Mexican migration to the United States. His new book,
Clandestine Crossings: Migrants and Coyotes on the Texas-Mexico Border, will be published by Cornell University Press in late 2009. Dr. Spener received his Ph.D. from the University of Texas at Austin in 1995 and became a faculty member at Trinity University in 1997. He is fluent in Spanish and has served on the coordinating committee for the Languages Across the Curriculum part of Trinity’s International Studies Program. In 2002 he received Trinity’s Junior Faculty Award for Distinguished Teaching and Research.

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Rebecca Torres is Associate Professor in the Department of Geography and the Environment at the University of Texas at Austin. She holds a Ph.D. from the University of California, Davies, where she studied linkages between tourism and agriculture in Quintana Roo, Mexico. Prior to her work at UT Austin, Dr. Torres was Associate Professor in the Department of Geography at East Carolina University, Greenville, North Carolina. Dr. Torres’s research explores a range of interests in rural development and poverty reduction in Latin America and the U.S. South. Specifically, she has examined issues of migration, agricultural development, and tourism in developing country economies in the context of globalization. She is engaged in a five-year project of research, education, and outreach concentrating on rural transformation and Latino transnational migration to the U.S. South.

**Javier Ullán**

Francisco Javier Ullán de la Rosa is a Spanish scholar. Born in Madrid in 1970, he is currently Assistant Professor at the University of Alicante, Department of Sociology II. He holds a major in history and geography from Complutense University (1993), an M.Sc. in social anthropology from the London School of Economics and Political Science (1996), and a Ph.D. in political science and sociology from Complutense (1998). He has specialized in the field of Latin American studies, conducting research in Colombia, Peru, Brazil, Bolivia, and Mexico. In the last ten years, he has held academic and teaching positions in several Spanish-speaking countries: Veracruzana University (Mexico), Bolivian Catholic University of Bolivia, National University of Chimborazo (Ecuador), Autonomous University of San Luis Potosí (Mexico), and the University of Alicante (Spain).

**Georg Vobruba**

Georg Vobruba is Professor of Sociology at the University of Leipzig. He studied law, economics, and sociology at the University of Vienna and the University of Freiburg (FRG). Since 1992 he has held the Chair of Sociology and Social Policy at the University of Leipzig (FRG). In addition to numerous German publications, some of his English publications include: “The Enlargement Crisis of the European Union” in the *Journal of European Social Policy* (Vol. 13, no. 1, 2003); “Globalization versus the European Social Mode” in the *Czech Sociological Review* (Vol. 40, no. 3, 2004); and *Europe in Motion: Social Dynamics and Political Institutions in an Enlarging Europe*, coedited with Maurizio Bach and Christian Lahusen (Berlin: Sigma, 2006). Dr. Vobruba also has worked at Austrian Television, the Science Center Berlin, and the Hamburg Institute of Social Research. From 1996–2002, he served as Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences and the Humanities at the University of Leipzig. Since 2007 he has been a member of the board and an editor for the *Forum of the German Society for Sociology*.

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Catherine Wihtol de Wenden is a political scientist and a lawyer. She is currently senior researcher at CERI (Sciences-Po Paris) and teaches at Sciences-Po. She has served as a consultant for OECD, UNHCR, the European Commission, and the Council of Europe, and also as chair for the Research Committee on Migration of the International Association of Sociology. For more than thirty years, she has been working on migration, both on field studies and on comparative, regional, or world approaches. Professor Wihtol de Wenden is the author of 13 books and 150 articles. Her most recent book is *Police et discriminations raciales: Le tabou français*, with S. Body-Gendrot (Paris: Les éditions de l’atelier, 2003).