

Understanding and Working with Indigenous Immigrant Populations

- *Save the Date* -

Monday, April 22, 2013

10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

- Please arrive at 9:00 AM for registration and continental breakfast -

**Veterans' Memorial Community Center
313 West Tunnel Street, Santa Maria, CA**

\$25 registration fee includes lunch and refreshments

For information regarding the conference and registration, call (805) 346-7543
or visit <http://www.countyofsb.org/da/>.

Featured Speakers

*Dr. Gaspar Rivera-Salgado • Ventura Luna
Pamela A. Izvănariu • Odilia Romero*



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Cultural Sensitivity Workshop

**Indigenous Migration to the United States:
*Historical Perspectives, Contemporary Problems
and the Struggle for Recognition of Indigenous Rights***



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Agenda

TIME	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTERS
9:00-9:55 a.m.	Registration and continental breakfast	
10:00-10:55 a.m.	Introduction and background on indigenous migration	Gaspar Rivera-Salgado

BREAK OUT SESSIONS FIRST ROUND

11:00-12:15 p.m.	1) Legal issues and rights 2) Good practices in serving the indigenous populations 3) Issues on interpreting services	1-Pamela A. Izvănariu 2-Silvia Ventura Luna 3-Odilia Romero
12:15-1:00 p.m.	Lunch and networking	

BREAK OUT SESSIONS SECOND ROUND

1:00-2:15 p.m.	1) Legal issues and rights 2) Good practices in serving the indigenous populations 3) Issues on interpreting services	1-Pamela A. Izvănariu 2-Silvia Ventura Luna 3-Odilia Romero
2:15-2:50 p.m.	Question and answer on the overall conference	Gaspar Rivera-Salgado
2:50-3:00 p.m.	Wrap up and evaluation	Gaspar Rivera-Salgado

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Dr. Gaspar Rivera-Salgado was born in Oaxaca, Mexico, and received his doctorate in sociology from the University of California, Santa Cruz. He is currently a project director at the UCLA Center for Labor Research and Education, where he teaches classes on work, labor, and social justice in the US and immigration issues. He also directs the Institute for Transnational Social Change at the University of California, San Diego) and was named the 2005 Visiting Professor in Development and Human Rights at the University of Utrecht, in the Netherlands. He currently serves as an advisor to several migrant organizations in California, including the Binational Center for Oaxacan Indigenous Development, the Coalition for Humane Human Rights of Los Angeles, and the Binational Front of Indigenous Organizations. He has extensive experience as an independent consultant on transnational migration, race and ethnic relations, and diversity trainings for large organizations.



Odilia Romero is an indigenous Zapotec from Zoogocho, which is located in the northern highlands of the state of Oaxaca. Ms. Romero has been the Binational Women's Issues Coordinator of the Frente Indígena de Organizaciones Binacionales (FIOB) for the past six years. She has worked with indigenous Mexican organizations in Los Angeles for more than a decade and is the Project Coordinator for the *Institute of Social Change Across Borders* at the UCLA Center for the Study of Urban Poverty.



Pamela A. Izvănariu received her Juris Doctor from Loyola University Chicago and her Master of Laws with a specialization in both International and Comparative Law and Critical Race Studies from University of California, Los Angeles. Her background includes legal practice in Illinois, investigatory work, and research. Her legal research focus has been in the areas on Indigenous Rights, International Law, and Critical Race theory. Also a doctoral candidate in sociology at the Graduate School at City University New York, her dissertation focuses on the social and legal issues facing Indigenous Mexican and Central America migrants living in the United States.



Silvia Ventura Luna is currently a PhD Candidate in the Anthropology Department at the University of California, Riverside and the Binational Women's Coordinator for the Frente Indígena de Organizaciones Binacionales (Binational Front of Indigenous Organization), FIOB. Her dissertation investigates the socio-cultural structures of San Miguel Cuevas, focusing on how the system of governance, customary law, and local practices have been modified as a result of the cultural exchange and continual mobility of migrant workers and the experiences of their families in Fresno, California. She has taught a Seminar at the Universidad Autónoma del Estado de Morelos en Cuernavaca. She is currently working as research assistant on documenting the California Guelaguetza's.