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8:15 A.M.

CHECK IN/REGISTRATION

FOYER

9:00 A.M.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

HART AUDITORIUM

Andrew Selee, President, Migration Policy Institute

9:05 A.M.

MORNING KEYNOTE

HART AUDITORIUM

The Honorable L. Francis Cissna

Director, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION MODERATED BY:

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

9:45 A.M.

STATE OF PLAY: IMMIGRATION CENTER STAGE

Immigration has played an uncommonly prominent role in elections and on Americans' TV screens since the 2016 presidential campaign. Recent coverage has been non-stop due to family separations and zero-tolerance policies at the border. Heading into a highly contested election season, campaign strategists contend that immigration is the single issue that could move the conservative base and save GOP majorities in Congress. Yet polling shows a larger share of people say immigration is good for the nation than at any point since 2001. What role is immigration likely to play in the November mid-terms? Underneath national debates, the immigration landscape continues to fracture under the pressure of communities embracing different policies of cooperation with federal immigration enforcement, protection of vulnerable immigrants, and more. The federal government is pushing back by threatening to withhold federal dollars and heading to court to challenge state and local policies it views as harmful. Our panel of political and policy experts will assess these and associated political and policy trends.

MODERATOR

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

SPEAKERS

Maria Cardona, Democratic Political Strategist; CNN Contributor; and Principal, Dewey Square Group

William A. Galston, Co-Chair, The New Center; and Ezra K. Zilkha Chair and Senior Fellow, Governance Studies, Brookings Institution

Barry Jackson, Former Chief of Staff for House Speaker John Boehner; and Strategic Advisor, Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck

Dara Lind, Senior Reporter, Vox

11:00 A.M.

BREAK

FOYER

AGENDA

11:30 A.M.

A SYSTEMATIC PLAN TO NARROW HUMANITARIAN PROTECTION: A NEW ERA OF U.S. ASYLUM POLICY

HART AUDITORIUM

The administration has acted strongly and quickly to restrict the pathways to seek and gain asylum in the United States. In *Matter of A-B-* the Attorney General overturned a Board of Immigration Appeals case in an attempt to eliminate domestic and gang violence as grounds for granting asylum. Such serious harm is often one of the central reasons why asylum seekers, especially from Central America, flee. Other new policies include criminally prosecuting asylum seekers who cross the border unlawfully for the first time; pushing back families without valid visas who seek asylum at ports of entry (despite laws that allow people to apply for protection at legal crossing points); detaining families, including pregnant women, while they pursue an asylum claim; and imposing case completion quotas on immigration judges so that they issue asylum and other immigration decisions more quickly. Whither asylum? This panel will discuss the legal issues underpinning the asylum system changes and the immediate and longer-term effects of the administration's actions on the U.S. asylum system. They will also consider whether the new policies are in conflict with the international treaties to which the United States is signatory and other international law obligations.

MODERATOR

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

SPEAKERS

Shalyn Fluharty, Managing Attorney, Dilley Pro Bono Project; and Director, Texas RioGrande Legal Aid's Family Detention Project

Christopher J. Hajec, Director of Litigation, Immigration Reform Law Institute

Karen Musalo, Founding Director, Center for Gender and Refugee Studies and the Refugee and Human Rights Clinic; and Bank of America Chair in International Law, U.C. Hastings College of the Law

12:45 P.M.

LUNCH

SEATING AVAILABLE OUTSIDE, IN CLASSROOM 141, CAFETERIA, AND HALLWAY

2:00 P.M.

CHILLING EFFECTS AT THE BORDER AND IN THE U.S. INTERIOR

HART AUDITORIUM

Whether at the border or in the interior, the government has been a hardline stance: separating arriving migrant families in a bid to deter future flows from Central America; stepping up pressure on “sanctuary” jurisdictions; increasing focus on denaturalization; and unveiling a public-charge ruling that could deter vast numbers of legal immigrants and their U.S.-citizen dependents from accessing public benefits. What legal and political issues do these policies raise? What is their impact likely to be? And how are immigrant communities and their representatives reacting?

MODERATOR

Muzaffar Chishti, Director, MPI’s office at NYU School of Law, MPI

SPEAKERS

Jonathan Blitzer, Staff Writer, *The New Yorker*

Ur Jaddou, Former Chief Counsel, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services; Adjunct Professor, American University School of Law; and Director, DHS Watch

Bitta Mostofi, Commissioner, Mayor’s Office of Immigrant Affairs, New York City

James F. Peterson, Attorney, Judicial Watch

3:20 P.M.

BREAK

FOYER

3:40 P.M.

ADMINISTRATIVE POWER: BUILDING AN INVISIBLE WALL AROUND THE UNITED STATES

HART AUDITORIUM

In its first year and a half, the Trump administration tested the limits of its power to reduce immigration, targeting longstanding humanitarian programs and scrutinizing immigration benefits. These unprecedented actions included deciding to end Temporary Protected Status and Deferred Enforced Departure for nationals from seven countries, attempting to terminate DACA, introducing new limitations on applying for Special Immigrant Juvenile status, releasing several iterations of the much-litigated travel ban, slashing refugee resettlement numbers, tightening visa screening guidelines, and changing H-1B processing. Many of these actions, as well as the way decisions have been implemented, have been challenged in the courts. This panel will examine the legal questions presented in litigation, as well as the consequences of these actions domestically and abroad.

MODERATOR

Jill Bussey, Director of Advocacy, Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc.

AGENDA

SPEAKERS

His Excellency, Paul G. Altidor, Ambassador of Haiti to the United States

Julie Kornfeld, Staff Attorney and former Skadden Fellow, International Refugee Assistance Project

Rebecca K. Peters, Director of Government Affairs, Council for Global Immigration



THE HONORABLE L. FRANCIS CISSNA

DIRECTOR

U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

L. Francis Cissna was sworn in as Director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) on October 8, 2017. From 2005 to 2017, Mr. Cissna served in various capacities within the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Most recently, he served as the Director of Immigration Policy within the DHS Office of Policy, during which time he was selected for a detail to the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee, where he worked on immigration-related legislation.

Prior to that, Mr. Cissna served as the Acting Director and Deputy Director of Immigration and Border Security Policy in the DHS Office of Policy. During that time, he led the DHS Comprehensive Immigration Reform “War Room,” which coordinated the efforts of DHS’ various component agencies with the White House and Congress on a comprehensive immigration reform bill. Before serving at DHS headquarters, he worked in the USCIS Office of the Chief Counsel as an Associate Counsel in the Adjudications Law Division.

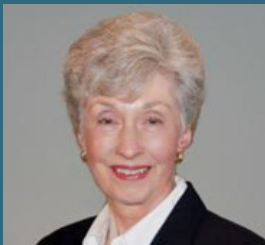
Previously, Mr. Cissna was a private immigration attorney with the law firm of Kaufman & Canoles in Richmond, Virginia. He also worked in government as a Foreign Service Officer with the U.S. Department of State, where he served in the immigrant visa section at the U.S. Consulate in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, and then as chief of the nonimmigrant visa section at the U.S. Embassy in Stockholm, Sweden. Prior to his government service, Mr. Cissna was an associate attorney at the law firms of Steptoe & Johnson LLP in Washington, DC, and Kirkpatrick & Lockhart LLP in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Cissna received his Juris Doctor from the Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, DC, his master’s degree in international affairs from Columbia University, and his bachelor’s degrees in physics and political science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

SESSION I

STATE OF PLAY: IMMIGRATION CENTER STAGE

SESSION MODERATOR



DORIS MEISSNER

SENIOR FELLOW AND DIRECTOR

U.S. IMMIGRATION POLICY PROGRAM, MPI

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Doris Meissner, former Commissioner of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), is a Senior Fellow at MPI, where she directs the Institute's U.S. immigration policy work. Her responsibilities focus in particular on the role of immigration in America's future and on administering the nation's immigration laws, systems, and government agencies. Her work and expertise also include immigration and politics, immigration enforcement, border control, cooperation with other countries, and immigration and national security. She has authored and coauthored numerous reports, articles, and op-eds and is frequently quoted in the media. She served as Director of MPI's Independent Task Force on Immigration and America's Future, a bipartisan group of distinguished leaders. The group's report and recommendations address how to harness the advantages of immigration for a 21st century economy and society.

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

She first joined the Justice Department in 1973 as a White House Fellow and Special Assistant to the Attorney General. She served in various senior policy posts until 1981, when she became Acting Commissioner of the INS and then Executive Associate Commissioner, the third-ranking post in the agency. In 1986, she joined the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace as a Senior Associate. Ms. Meissner created the Endowment's Immigration Policy Project, which evolved into the Migration Policy Institute in 2001.

PANELISTS

**MARIA CARDONA**

DEMOCRATIC POLITICAL STRATEGIST

CNN CONTRIBUTOR

AND PRINCIPAL, DEWEY SQUARE GROUP

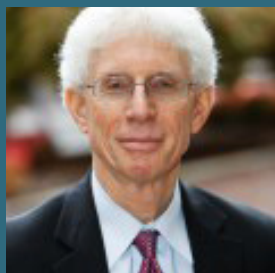
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Maria Cardona is Principal at Dewey Square Group (DSG), leading the Multicultural and Public Affairs practices. A seasoned public policy advocate and political strategist, she has more than two decades of experience in the government, politics, public relations, and community affairs arenas. Ms. Cardona joined DSG in 2005 and founded its Latino Strategies practice, “Latinovations.” She is also known for her work as a political commentator and is currently a CNN and CNN en Español political contributor.

While at DSG, she served as a Senior Advisor and Spokesperson to the Hillary Clinton for President Campaign during the 2008 Democratic primary election, working on the campaign’s Hispanic outreach team. During the 2008 general election, she was a key surrogate for the Obama for America election campaign, a role she revisited during the 2012 presidential election.

Before joining DSG, she led the New Democrat Network’s outreach initiative with Hispanics nationwide as a Senior Vice President. Her government and political experience includes service as Director of Communications for the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) and five years at the U.S. Department of Commerce, first as Deputy Press Secretary and later as Press Secretary. During her time at the Commerce Department, she acted as lead communications strategist for the passage of NAFTA in 1993. She also served as Communications Director for the Democratic National Committee from 2001 to 2003. She serves on the boards of directors of numerous organizations dedicated to Latino issues and youth including Hoops Sagrado, New America Media, Citizenship Counts, PODER PAC, Friends of the National Museum of the American Latino, and the National Hispana Leadership Institute.

SESSION I



WILLIAM A. GALSTON

CO-CHAIR, NEW CENTER

AND EZRA K. ZILKHA CHAIR AND SENIOR FELLOW,

GOVERNANCE STUDIES, BROOKINGS INSTITUTION

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William A. Galston holds the Ezra K. Zilkha Chair in the Brookings Institution's Governance Studies Program, where he serves as a Senior Fellow. He is also the Co-Chair of The New Center, whose mission is to nurture new policy proposals and establish the intellectual basis for a viable political center in today's America. Prior to January 2006, he was the Saul Stern Professor and Acting Dean at the School of Public Policy, University of Maryland; Director of the Institute for Philosophy and Public Policy; Founding Director of the Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement (CIRCLE); and Executive Director of the National Commission on Civic Renewal, co-chaired by former Secretary of Education William Bennett and former Senator Sam Nunn. A participant in six presidential campaigns, he served from 1993 to 1995 as Deputy Assistant to President Clinton for Domestic Policy.

Dr. Galston is the author of nine books and more than 100 articles in the fields of political theory, public policy, and American politics. His most recent books are *Anti-Pluralism: The Populist Threat to Liberal Democracy* (Yale, 2018); *Public Matters* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2005); and *The Practice of Liberal Pluralism* (Cambridge, 2004). A winner of the American Political Science Association's Hubert H. Humphrey Award, Dr. Galston was elected a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2004. He has appeared on many major television networks, is frequently interviewed on NPR, and writes a weekly column for the *Wall Street Journal*.

He earned his PhD and MA from University of Chicago and a BA from Cornell University.



BARRY JACKSON

FORMER CHIEF OF STAFF FOR HOUSE SPEAKER JOHN BOEHNER
AND STRATEGIC ADVISOR, BROWNSTEIN HYATT FARBER
SCHRECK

Barry Jackson is a Strategic Advisor at Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck. Mr. Jackson served as Chief of Staff for Speaker John Boehner from 2010 to June 2012, having previously served as Boehner's Chief of Staff from 1991 through 2001. He was also Executive Director of the House Republican Conference during Boehner's tenure as Chairman from 1995 until 1999, as well as Executive Director of the Contract with America. Mr. Jackson served in the White House of President George W. Bush as Assistant to the President for Strategic Initiatives and External Affairs, managing the White House Offices of Political Affairs, Public Liaison, Intergovernmental Affairs, and Strategic Initiatives.

Mr. Jackson directed and helped draft the 1994 Contract with America, a document outlining a national platform that vaulted Republicans into the House majority for the first time in four decades. *The New York Times* has called Mr. Jackson a "force in Republican politics for more than 20 years," and *Forbes* named him to its list of "The World's 7 Most Powerful Conservatives."

Mr. Jackson graduated from the University of Iowa's School of Journalism and Mass Communications. He currently serves as a Trustee of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars; a Director of the National Endowment for Democracy; a Director of the Consortium of Catholic Academies; and a member of the Professional Advisory Board of the University of Iowa School of Journalism. He also serves as the Managing Director of The Lindsey Group.



DARA LIND

SENIOR REPORTER, VOX
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Dara Lind is a Senior Reporter at Vox and has covered immigration in some form for about a decade. A Vox reporter since the site launched in 2014, she has covered everything from federal data on police shootings to the enduring appeal of "moving to Canada" fantasies, while keeping a close eye on the theory and reality behind American immigration policy.

Ms. Lind also hosts Friday episodes of Vox podcast "The Weeds" alongside Matt Yglesias. She was a 2014 Fellow with the John Jay College Center for Media, Crime, and Justice, and a 2017 Reporting Fellow with the University of Southern California Center for Health Journalism.

SESSION II

A SYSTEMATIC PLAN TO NARROW HUMANITARIAN PROTECTION:
A NEW ERA OF U.S. ASYLUM POLICY

SESSION MODERATOR



ANDREW I. SCHOENHOLTZ

CO-DIRECTOR, CENTER FOR APPLIED LEGAL STUDIES

DIRECTOR, HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTE

AND PROFESSOR FROM PRACTICE, GEORGETOWN LAW

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

Professor Schoenholtz researches and writes regularly on refugee law and policy. His publications include: *The New Refugees and the Old Treaty: Persecutors and Persecuted in the Twenty-First Century*; *Lives in the Balance: Asylum Adjudication by the Department of Homeland Security* (co-author); *Rejecting Refugees: Homeland Security's Administration of the One-Year Bar to Asylum* (co-author); *Refugee Roulette: Disparities in Asylum Adjudication* (co-author); *Refugee Protection in the United States Post-September 11th*; *The Uprooted: Improving Humanitarian Responses to Forced Migration* (chapter on "Improving Legal Frameworks"); and *Aiding and Abetting Persecutors: The Seizure and Return of Haitian Refugees in Violation of the UN Refugee Convention and Protocol*.

Dr. Schoenholtz holds a JD from Harvard Law School and a PhD from Brown University.

PANELISTS



SHALYN FLUHARTY

MANAGING ATTORNEY, DILLEY PRO BONO PROJECT
AND DIRECTOR, TEXAS RIOGRANDE LEGAL AID'S FAMILY
DETENTION PROJECT

Shalyn Fluharty directs the Family Detention Project at the Texas RioGrande Legal Aid. In this capacity, she serves as the Managing Attorney of the Dilley Pro Bono Project in Dilley, Texas. Previously, Ms. Fluharty served as a Supervising Attorney with the Young Center for Immigrant Children's Rights in Harlingen, Texas.

She has worked with detained unaccompanied immigrant children in removal proceedings in Northern California at Legal Services for Children, in Chicago at the National Immigrant Justice Center, and in New York City at Catholic Charities Community Services. After law school, she worked at the Sacramento County Office of the Public Defender.

Ms. Fluharty obtained a Juris Doctor at the University of California, Davis King Hall School of Law, a Masters of Teaching at Dominican University, and a Bachelor of Arts from Southern Methodist University. Before law school, she taught Spanish at Harper High School in Chicago. She is also an alumna of Teach for America, Education Pioneers, and the Equal Justice Works fellowship program.



CHRISTOPHER J. HAJEC

DIRECTOR OF LITIGATION, IMMIGRATION REFORM LAW
INSTITUTE

Christopher J. Hajec joined the Immigration Reform Law Institute (IRLI) in 2017 as its Director of Litigation and is responsible for overseeing IRLI's public-interest litigation. He has focused his career on constitutional and other civil-rights law in the public interest. Prior to joining IRLI, Mr. Hajec was an attorney at the Center for Individual Rights, where he litigated a string of high-profile cases.

Mr. Hajec was also an officer in the Navy Judge Advocate General's Corps, where he served as a defense counsel before courts-martial and then as Appellate Government Counsel, arguing more than 100 appeals before the Navy-Marine Corps Court of Criminal Appeals and the Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces. He was awarded the Navy Commendation Medal for his superior performance.

He received his law degree from the University of Pennsylvania Law School and his undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan. He also holds a PhD in philosophy from the University of Miami and studied philosophy and sociology at Oxford University. He is a member of the bars of the U.S. Supreme Court, District of Columbia Court of Appeals, Pennsylvania, the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth and Ninth Circuits.

SESSION II



KAREN MUSALO

FOUNDING DIRECTOR, CENTER FOR GENDER AND REFUGEE STUDIES AND THE REFUGEE AND HUMAN RIGHTS CLINIC AND BANK OF AMERICA CHAIR IN INTERNATIONAL LAW, U.C. HASTINGS COLLEGE OF THE LAW

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Karen Musalo is Bank of America Chair in International Law and the founding Director of the Center for Gender and Refugee Studies and the Refugee and Human Rights Clinic at U.C. Hastings College of the Law. Professor Musalo has contributed to the evolving jurisprudence of asylum law through her scholarship, as well as her litigation of landmark cases. She is lead co-author of *Refugee Law and Policy: An International and Comparative Approach* (5th edition), as well as numerous reports, book chapters, and articles.

She was lead attorney in *Matter of Kasinga*, which is widely cited in gender-based asylum cases. She represented Rody Alvarado (*Matter of R-A-*), whose case exemplified the struggle for the right to asylum for women fleeing domestic violence, and was amicus in *Matter of A-R-C-G-*, a precedent decision that held that a viable claim to asylum could be based on domestic violence. She is currently co-counsel in *Matter of A-B-*, challenging the ruling of Attorney General Jeff Sessions that reversed *Matter of A-RC-G-*.

Professor Musalo was the first attorney to partner with psychologists in her representation of traumatized asylum seekers—a practice that has since become standard. She also edited the first handbook for practitioners on cross-cultural issues and the impact of culture on credibility in the asylum context. She has been recognized with numerous professional awards, and in 2012, she received both an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Lehman College and U.C. Hastings' William Rutter Award for Excellence in Teaching.

CHILLING EFFECTS AT THE BORDER AND IN THE U.S. INTERIOR

SESSION MODERATOR



MUZAFFAR CHISHTI

DIRECTOR

MPI'S OFFICE AT NYU SCHOOL OF LAW

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Muzaffar Chishti, a lawyer, is Director of MPI's office at New York University School of Law. His work focuses on U.S. immigration policy at the federal, state, and local levels; the intersection of labor and immigration law; immigration enforcement; civil liberties; and immigrant integration.

Prior to joining MPI, Mr. Chishti was Director of the Immigration Project of the Union of Needletrades, Industrial & Textile Employees (UNITE). Mr. Chishti serves on the boards of the National Immigration Law Center, New York Immigration Coalition, and the Asian American Federation. He has served as Chair of the Board of Directors of the National Immigration Forum and as a member of the American Bar Association's Coordinating Committee on Immigration.

Mr. Chishti has testified extensively on immigration policy issues before Congress and is frequently quoted in the media. In 1992, as part of a U.S. team, he assisted the Russian Parliament in drafting its legislation on forced migrants and refugees. He is a 1994 recipient of the New York State Governor's Award for Outstanding Asian Americans and a 1995 recipient of the Ellis Island Medal of Honor.

Mr. Chishti was educated at St. Stephen's College, Delhi; the University of Delhi; Cornell Law School; and the Columbia School of International Affairs.

SESSION III

PANELISTS



JONATHAN BLITZER

STAFF WRITER, *THE NEW YORKER*

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Jonathan Blitzer is a staff writer at *The New Yorker*. He won a 2017 National Award for Education Reporting for “American Studies,” a story about an underground school for unauthorized immigrants.

He has twice been a finalist for a Livingston Award, and his work has been supported by the Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting. His writing and reporting have also appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Atlantic*, *The Atavist*, *The Guardian*, *The Wall Street Forum*, *Oxford American*, and *The Nation*.

Mr. Blitzer studied English and philosophy at Columbia University, and he is a former Fulbright Scholar (2010–11).



UR JADDOU

FORMER CHIEF COUNSEL, U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION SERVICES

ADJUNCT PROFESSOR, AMERICAN UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW
AND DIRECTOR, DHS WATCH

Ur Jaddou is an Adjunct Professor at American University School of Law. She served as Chief Counsel to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services from July 2014 to January 2017, where she provided legal counsel to the agency and interacted with the DHS General Counsel and other immigration component counsel. She is currently Director of DHS Watch at America’s Voice.

She was previously responsible for developing and executing congressional strategy for the U.S. Department of State as Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Bureau of Legislative Affairs. Prior to that, Ms. Jaddou was Chief Counsel to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security in the U.S. House of Representatives and Senior Counsel to Representative Zoe Lofgren.

Ms. Jaddou is a graduate of UCLA Law School and Stanford University.



BITTA MOSTOFI

COMMISSIONER, MAYOR'S OFFICE OF IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS,
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Bitta Mostofi is Commissioner of the New York City Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs, a position she was appointed to in May 2018. A longtime immigrant-rights advocate and human-rights organizer, she started her legal career practicing civil-rights law with a particular focus on the discriminatory impact of immigration practices on Muslim and Middle Eastern immigrants.

Shortly thereafter, she joined Safe Horizon and continued her legal practice representing immigrant crime victims, asylees, and others in both affirmative and defensive petitions before the immigration court. She also led Safe Horizon's advocacy work on behalf of immigrant crime victims seeking U visas.

Throughout her career, Commissioner Mostofi has continued her community organizing, increasing awareness of global human-rights injustices and the plight of refugees. Since joining the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs in 2014, she has worked to advance the rights and wellbeing of immigrant New Yorkers and in January 2016 was promoted to Assistant Commissioner. Commissioner Mostofi is a graduate of DePaul University Law School in Chicago.



JAMES F. PETERSON

ATTORNEY, JUDICIAL WATCH

Jim Peterson is a Senior Attorney with Judicial Watch, a conservative, nonpartisan educational foundation that seeks to promote transparency, accountability, and integrity in government and the law.

As a senior member of Judicial Watch's legal team, Mr. Peterson has led many of its lawsuits seeking to compel the enforcement of the nation's immigration law. These include lawsuits challenging various sanctuary policies and other governmental assistance programs that it believes undermine the rule of law. Mr. Peterson personally represented the Arizona State Legislature in its legal defense of the immigration enforcement law known as SB 1070. Prior to joining Judicial Watch in 2002, Mr. Peterson was a member of the litigation practice of a large national law firm in Washington, DC and a major national trade association.

He is a graduate of the George Mason University School of Law and Kent State University. He is a member of the bars of the District of Columbia, Virginia, and numerous federal courts, including the Supreme Court of the United States.

SESSION IV

ADMINISTRATIVE POWER: BUILDING AN INVISIBLE WALL AROUND THE UNITED STATES

SESSION MODERATOR



JILL BUSSEY

DIRECTOR OF ADVOCACY, CLINIC

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Jill Bussey is Director of Advocacy with CLINIC. She works with the Executive Director and senior staff to develop policy recommendations and designs, and to evaluate and execute strategies to promote the dignity and protect the rights of immigrants. She joined CLINIC in April 2015 as an Advocacy Attorney, working closely with CLINIC affiliates and coalition partners to monitor the implementation of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, to identify and address individual and systemic problems with application processing, and to research and develop policy and advocacy recommendations.

Ms. Bussey has nearly 20 years of experience in the field of immigration and was in private practice prior to joining CLINIC. She is actively engaged in her community, serving as Chair of the Howard County Consumer Protection Board, representing economically disadvantaged groups in Maryland.

Ms. Bussey earned her Juris Doctor with a concentration in business law, cum laude, from the University of Baltimore School of Law and her Bachelor's in Law and Society from American University.

PANELISTS



HIS EXCELLENCY, PAUL G. ALTIDOR

AMBASSADOR OF HAITI TO THE UNITED STATES

Paul Getty Altidor was named Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Haiti to the United States in January 2012 and presented his credentials to President Barack Obama on May 2, 2012.

Before assuming office, Ambassador Altidor was Vice President at the Clinton Bush Haiti Fund in Washington, DC. He has an extensive private-sector background. As a management consultant, he counseled firms in different countries on corporate governance and responsibility. In the aftermath of the 2010 earthquake in Haiti, he led a team of professors and researchers from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Community Innovators Lab that, at the request of Haitian authorities, provided guidance to reconstruction officials on housing policy and financing.

Previously, Ambassador Altidor worked at the International Finance Corporation, where he advised governments on infrastructure projects and public-private partnerships. He has also worked for the World Bank and taught at Ecole Supérieure Catholique de Droit de Jérémie.

Ambassador Altidor received his undergraduate degree from Boston College, earned an advanced degree from MIT, and pursued graduate studies in law and economics at the University of Paris X. Julie Kornfeld is a Staff Attorney and former Skadden Fellow at the International Refugee Assistance



JULIE KORNFELD

STAFF ATTORNEY AND FORMER SKADDEN FELLOW,
INTERNATIONAL REFUGEE ASSISTANCE PROJECT

Project (IRAP) based in New York, where she represents refugees and Special Immigrant Visa applicants before the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the U.S. government. In this role, she represented Haider Al Shawai, one of the first travelers affected by the Trump administration's travel ban.

Ms. Kornfeld also assists with IRAP's strategic international initiatives, identifying and developing pilot programs to build the capacity of new pathways to safety for refugees. Before joining IRAP, Ms. Kornfeld worked for UNHCR in Washington, DC; Lawyers for Human Rights in Johannesburg, South Africa; Human Rights Watch in Washington, DC; and a development NGO in Uganda.

She is a graduate of the University of Michigan Law School, where she was named a Dean's Public Service Fellow and a Program in Refugee and Asylum Law Fellow, and where she served as the Editor-in-Chief for RefLaw.org, an online scholarly journal focusing on international refugee law.

SESSION IV



REBECCA K. PETERS

DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

COUNCIL FOR GLOBAL IMMIGRATION

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Rebecca Peters is Director of Government Affairs at the Council for Global Immigration (CFGI) in the Washington, DC metro-area. She has been with CFGI for nearly 15 years, helping to advance high-skilled immigration and employment-verification reforms with the U.S. Congress, the White House, and the federal agencies. She has served as Chair of the policy committee of the Compete America coalition and on other coalitions and working groups to educate and advance immigration system efficiencies.

She is a frequent speaker on issues of high-skilled immigration reform and is regarded as an immigration policy expert both inside and outside the Beltway. Mrs. Peters also serves on the Women in Government Relations leadership team as a Vice Chair of its membership committee.

Prior to joining CFGI, she practiced immigration law at a Washington, DC-based law firm and served as an attorney and policy analyst at the Immigration and Naturalization Service. Mrs. Peters also spent time representing the government in immigration court proceedings.

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Members of CLINIC's network employ about 2,300 attorneys and government-accredited legal experts who serve the most vulnerable immigrants without regard for age, ethnicity, gender, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation, or any other distinguishing characteristics. Through the legal help of the network, hundreds of thousands of immigrants gain hope. Families are reunited. Communities gain new members, seeking to become integrated as U.S. citizens.

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