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Courses
The ISS’ Immigration Project’s faculty fellows taught 26 theme-related courses 33 times during the course of their term. For a full list of all immigration-related courses taught at Cornell, see http://www.socialsciences.cornell.edu/1013/Migration_Courses.html.

Anthropological Representations: Ethnographies on Latino Culture (AMST 2765): Vilma Santiago-Irizarry - Fall 2010
Conflict, Dispute Resolution, and Law in Cultural Context (ANTH 3428): Vilma Santiago-Irizarry - Fall 2012
Crossing Borders: Migration in Comparative Perspective (ILRIC 6010): Maria Cook - Fall 2012
Field Seminar in American Politics (GOVT 6031): Michael Jones-Correa - Fall 2012
Immigration and Refugee Law (LAW 7311): Stephen Yale-Loehr - Fall 2012
Immigration in US History (HIST 1800): Maria Cristina Garcia - Fall 2011 and Fall 2012
Immigration since 1965 (HIST 4850): Maria Cristina Garcia - Fall 2010
Introduction to Asian American History (HIST 2640): Derek Chang - Fall 2010, Fall 2011, Fall 2012
Introduction to Asian American Studies (AAS 1100): Derek Chang - Spring 2013
Latino America (HIST 3800): Maria Cristina Garcia - Fall 2010 and Spring 2013
Law, Latin@s, Illegality (ANTH 3762): Vilma Santiago-Irizarry - Fall 2011
Low-Wage Workers & the Law (ILRLR 6079/LAW 6079): Kate Griffith - Spring 2013
Mexico: Politics, Economy, and Society (ILRIC 4335): Maria Cook - Fall 2012
Migrants and Migration (ILRIC 2301): Maria Cook - Spring 2012
Power and Politics (GOVT 1101): Richard Bensel - Fall 2012
Racial and Ethnic Politics in the US (GOVT 3191): Michael Jones-Correa - Fall 2010
Refugees (HIST 4251): Maria Cristina Garcia - Fall 2012
The Politics of Immigration (GOVT 6454): Michael Jones-Correa - Fall 2011
The United States (ANTHR 3777): Vilma Santiago-Irizarry - Fall 2012
US-Mexico Border (HIST 4256): Maria Cristina Garcia - Spring 2013
Work, Labor & Capital in Global Economy (ILRIC 2350): Maria Cook - Spring 2012

Student Grants
The ISS’ Immigration Project awarded 16 student research grants during their term.

Kunbi Adefule, CIPA, Ley 70: The (Un)intended impact on Afro-Colombian communities (2011)
Lauren Honig, Government, Drawing the Boundaries of Membership in Africa: Patterns of Migrant Inclusion (and Exclusion) in Senegal (2011)
Elan Jones, ILR, “It wasn’t supposed to be like this:” Understanding the Resulting Disconnect when Migrant Experiences and Expectations do not Coincide (2011)
Marion Robine (Undergraduate), Biology, Healthy Nutrition for Children of Immigrant Families: American and Traditional Ways (2011)
Kathleen Sexsmith, Development Sociology, Migration, Production, and Social Reproduction: Guatemalan Workers on New York and Quebec Dairy Farms (2011)
Ivan Small, Anthropology, Generational Shifts in Vietnamese American Collective Remittance Giving (2011)

Maite Tapia, ILR, Labor and the Integration of Immigrant Workers: Germany, France, the United States and United Kingdom in Comparative Perspective (2011)


Katie Rainwater, Development Sociology, The Men who are Building Singapore? The Labor Market Segmentation of Thai and Bangladeshi Migrant Construction Workers (2012)


Lingwen Zheng, Economics, A Longitudinal Analysis of Immigrant Earnings Accounting State Fixed Effect and a Comparison between Asian and Hispanic Immigrants (2012)

**Special Events and Workshops**

*The ISS Immigration Project hosted four workshops, two project lectures, one public forum, and one student research event during their term.*

April 12, 2011  
Kick-Off Lecture: *Immigration: Settlement, Integration and Membership*  
4:30-6:00 p.m., 423 ILR Conference Center

September 23, 2011  
Workshop: *Labor Immigration: Good or Bad for America?*  
9:15 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., 229 ILR Conference Center  
Co-sponsored by JLPP and LALSA

October 3, 2011  
Public Forum: *DREAM Act: A Pipe Dream or Eventual Reality?*  
7:00-9:00 p.m., Hollis E. Cornell Auditorium, Goldwin Smith Hall

December 9, 2011  
Workshop: *Second Generation & Racial Boundaries*  
9:15 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., 423 ILR Conf. Center

March 2, 2012  
Workshop: *New Immigrant Destinations*  
8:45 a.m. - 5:15 p.m., 229 ILR Conf. Center

March 30, 2012  
Workshop: *Criminalizing Immigration: Perspectives on Regulation, Citizenship, and Advocacy*  
8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Statler Hotel

April 18, 2012  
Student Grant Awardees’ Event: *ISS Immigration Student Fellows’ Research Colloquium*  
1:00-5:00 p.m., 229 ILR Conference Center

April 3, 2013  
Capstone Lecture: *Immigration: Settlement, Integration and Membership*  
4:30-6:00 p.m., 423 ILR Conference Center
Seminar Series & Co-organized Lectures

The ISS Immigration Project hosted 11 seminars and co-organized 13 additional events.

August 29, 2011
ISS Immigration Seminar
Policing Immigrants: Local Dilemmas of Immigration Enforcement
Amada Armenta, ISS Immigration Postdoctoral Associate, Cornell University
12:00-1:30 p.m., 225 ILR Conference Center

September 12, 2011
ISS Immigration Seminar
Minimum Wages for Immigrant Workers: Nonprofit Advocacy in the Shadows of Unions
Els de Graauw: ISS Immigration Research Associate, Cornell University, & Asst. Professor, Dept. of Political Science, Baruch College
12:00-1:30 p.m., 225 ILR Conference Center

September 19, 2011
ISS Immigration Seminar
Dangerous Journeys: How Central American Migrants Navigate Unauthorized Routes through Mexico and the United States
Noelle Brigden, Government, Cornell University
12:00-1:30 p.m., 225 ILR Conference Center

September 22, 2011
Co-organized Event (Cornell Immigration Clinic, the ISS Immigration Project and LALSA)
9/11's Impact on U.S. Immigration Policy: A Scorecard 10 Years Later
Muzaffar Chishti, Director, Migration Policy Institute, New York University School of Law
5:00-6:00 p.m., G85, Myron Taylor Hall

October 24, 2011
ISS Immigration Seminar
Meet the Neighbors: Immigrant Political Incorporation in Suburbia
Michael Jones-Correa, ISS Immigration Team Leader and Professor of Government
12:00 -1:30 p.m., 225 ILR Conf. Center

October 31, 2011
ISS Immigration Seminar
Placing Water in the Desert: Migrant Deaths and Humanitarian Aid in Arizona
Rev. Robin Hoover, Ph.D.
12:00 - 1:30 p.m., 423 ILR Conf. Center

November 1, 2011
Co-organized Event (Committee on U.S.-Latin American Relations (CUSLAR), Central American United Student Association (CAUSA), Quisqueya: Dominican Students Association, Haitian Students Association, SAFC)
Immigration, Economics and Working for Social Transformation
Raldy Santos and Elvia Acosta, Justicia Global, Dominican Republic
7:00 - 9:00 p.m., Rockefeller 122

November 2, 2011
Co-organized FGSS Event
Moral Imperialism and the U.S. War on Trafficking
Rhacel Parreñas, Sociology, University of Southern California
4:30 p.m., A.D. White House

November 7, 2011
ISS Immigration Seminar
Race, Illegality, and Public Opinion on Immigration
Karthick Ramakrishnan, UC Riverside
12:00 - 1:30 p.m., 225 ILR Conf. Center
November 28, 2011
ISS Immigration Seminar

*Labor Market Access and Immigrant Flows Within Europe: The Role of the State in Shaping Destination Choices*
John Palmer, Ph.D. Candidate, Princeton University
12:00-1:30 p.m., 225 ILR Conference Center

February 13, 2012
Co-organized Event (Latin American Studies and Latin Studies Seminar)
Brothers in the Road: Central American Migration and Human Rights
Padre Alejandro Solalinde, Priest, Human Rights Activist, and Founder/Director of the Hermanos en el Camino Migrant Shelter in Ixtepec Oaxaca
12:15 p.m., 153 Uris Hall

February 20, 2012
ISS Immigration Seminar

*Subject to Change: Identifying Refugees at the Borderlines of Multicultural Nationalism*
Gerald Kernerman, Associate Professor of Political Science, York University & Visiting Fellow, ILR School, Cornell University
12:00-1:30 p.m., 225 ILR Conference Center

March 26, 2012
ISS Immigration Seminar

*Thickening Borders and the New Nightmares of Insecurity*
Gilberto Rosas, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
12:00-1:30 p.m., 225 ILR Conference Center

March 27, 2012
Co-organized Event (Latino Studies Program, Anthropology, and Society for the Humanities)

*Low-Intensity Reinforcements: Cholos, Chünтарos, and the “Criminal” Abandonments of the New Frontier*
Gilberto Rosas, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
4:30 p.m., A.D. White House

April 17, 2012
Co-organized American Studies’ Event

*Stories from the Frontlines of the New America: Detention, Deportation and the Power of Democratic Resistance*
Maria Hinojosa, NPR
4:30 p.m., 165 McGraw Hall

April 23, 2012
ISS Immigration Seminar

*Birthright Citizenship, Immigration and the Slavery Analogy*
Linda Bosniak, Rutgers School of Law
12:00-1:30 p.m., 225 ILR Conference Center

April 30, 2012
ISS Immigration Seminar

* Evangelical Asian Americans and Latinos: Reshaping the Right?*
Janelle Wong, University of Southern California
12:00–1:30 p.m., 225 ILR Conference Center

September 26, 2012
Co-organized American Studies’ Event

*Discussion of the Deferred Action Program*
Susan Hazeldean, Cornell Law School
12:00 p.m., M101F McGraw
October 26, 2012
Co-organized Latino Studies’ Colloquium
*Dignity’s Revolt!: Threat, Identity & Immigrant Mass Mobilization*
Chris Zepeda-Millan, Loyola Marymount University
4:30 p.m., 429 Rockefeller Hall (LSP conference room)

November 9, 2012
Co-organized American Studies’ Event
*Challenging the Narratives of Immigration: Building Solidarity Through Latina Community Media*
Mari Castañeda, Associate Professor, University of Massachusetts Amherst
1:30 p.m., M101F McGraw

November 9, 2012
Co-organized Latino Studies’ Colloquium
*Horatio Alger Lives in Brooklyn, But Check His Papers: Diverging Second Generation Fates Among Children of Immigrants*
Robert Smith, Baruch College
4:30 p.m., A.D. White House, Guerlac Room

February 8, 2013
Co-organized Latino Studies’ Colloquium
*La Otra Frontera: Exploring Migrant Foodways in Vermont*
Teresa Mares, University of Vermont
4:30 p.m., 429 Rockefeller Hall

February 20, 2013
Co-organized Event
*Undocumented and Unafraid: The Dreamer Movement and the Future of Immigration Reform*
7:00-9:00 p.m., G01 Uris Hall
Lorella Praeli, Director of Policy for United We Dream Network and Esmeralda Arrizon-Palomera, graduate student in English, Cornell

February 22, 2013
Co-organized Latino Studies’ Colloquium
*Confronting Anti-Immigration Hostility*
Inés Valdez, Ohio State University
4:30 p.m., 429 Rockefeller Hall

Film Series
*The ISS Immigration Project co-organized the screening of two film series and other single showings for a total of 11 films.*

October 10, 2010
*Mao’s Last Dancer*
Followed by discussion with Steve Yale-Loehr, ISS Faculty Associate
4:25 p.m., Cinemapolis, 120 East Green St. Ithaca, NY

October 20, 2010
*Northless*
This film is part of the Visions of Mexico Film Series held in conjunction with the class “The Mexican Revolution at 100: Politics, Economy & Society,” taught by Maria Cook, ISS Faculty Fellow.
7:15 p.m., Willard Straight Theatre
October 27 & 29, 2010
Sleep Dealer
Visions of Mexico Film Series, ISS Faculty Fellow
10 p.m., Willard Straight Theatre

November 3, 5, & 9, 2011
Alamar
Visions of Mexico Film Series, Maria Cook, ISS Faculty Fellow
7:15 p.m., Willard Straight Theatre

November 10 & 13, 2011
The Inheritors
Visions of Mexico Film Series, Maria Cook, ISS Faculty Fellow
7:30 p.m., Willard Straight Theatre

November 12, 15, & 17, 2011
The Milk of Sorrow
Visions of Mexico Film Series, Maria Cook, ISS Faculty Fellow
7:00 p.m., Willard Straight Theatre

February 2, 2011
9500 Liberty
Immigration Investigations Film Series, Introduction by Mary Katzenstein, ISS Faculty Fellow
7:00 p.m., Willard Straight Hall
Cosponsored by Latino Studies Program, Asian American Studies Program, Cornell Cinema

February 9, 2011
Children of Invention
Immigration Investigations Film Series, Introduction by Derek Chang, ISS Faculty Fellow
7:00 p.m., Willard Straight Hall

February 16, 2011
From the Other Side
Immigration Investigations Film Series, Introduction by Michael Jones-Correa
7:00 p.m., Willard Straight Hall

February 23, 2011
A Thousand Years of Good Prayers
Immigration Investigations Film Series
Introduction by Derek Chang, ISS Faculty Fellow
7:00 p.m., Willard Straight Hall

April 20, 2011
The Naturalized
Co-organized by the Cornell Latino American Law Student Association
Discussion with Aaron Lubarsky, the documentary’s director, to follow.
4:00 p.m., G90 Myron Taylor Hall

Selected Outreach
The ISS’ Immigration Project’s faculty fellows and research associates presented their work to diverse professional and lay audiences on campus, across the nation, and around the world during the course of their term.


Els de Graauw. Immigrants in the Media: Civic Visibility in the United States and Canada, Social Science History Association, (Co-authored with Irene Bloemraad and Rebecca Hamlin.) Boston, MA November 19.


Maria Cristina Garcia. "Fireside Chat" on Labor and Immigration in the United States. 5:00 -6:00 p.m., 185 Rockefeller Hall, Cornell University, February 23, 2012.


Maria Cristina Garcia. “What happens when we are what we study? Migrant scholars and migration studies.” Roundtable Presenter, Social Science History Association, November 1, 2012.


Stephen Yale-Loehr. Spoke at congressional briefing on need to reform our legal immigration system. DC, April 16, 2012.

**Funding and Awards**

The ISS Immigration Project’s faculty fellows have been awarded over $788,000 in funding during their project’s term.


Michael Jones-Correa. “Latino Immigrant National Election Survey (LINES).” Co-Principal Investigator with James McCann. Russell Sage Foundation, 2012-2013, $30,000; MacArthur Foundation, 2012-2013, $50,000; Global Policy Research Institute, Purdue University, 2012-2013, $25,000; Population Center, Cornell University, 2012-2013, $10,000. Total $115,000.


Mary Fainsod Katzenstein (Cornell University), Leila Mohsen Ibrahim (Cornell University), and Katherine Rubin (The Bronx Defenders) received the 2011 APSA Heinz I. Eulau Award for the best journal article published in Perspectives on Politics during 2010, "The Dark Side of American Liberalism and Felony Disenfranchisement" (Perspectives on Politics, Volume 8, Issue 04).

Sharon Sassler (Principal Investigator) and Margaret Usdansky. "Race and Gender Variation in STEM Employment and Retention: A Cohort Analysis Using SESTAT Data." National Science Foundation, 2012-2014, $250,000.

Publications
The ISS Immigration Project’s faculty fellows and research associates have produced 44 publications that are in print or in press.

2010 Publications


2011 Publications


2012 Publications


**2013 Publications**


**Video Archive**

*The ISS*’ *Immigration Project documented 36 presentations via video. They are posted on the web in a permanent archive, giving the general public access to information delivered at project events: http://www.socialsciences.cornell.edu/1013/Imm_Video.html*