

Immigration and the Immigrant Experience: Houston and Beyond

PROGRAM

8:30-12:30 Panel Presentations (UH Writing Center, 212-216 Agnes Arnold Hall)

Topics:

- **Establishing Community**
- **Communication & Medical Issues**
- **Women & Children**
- **Music & Literature**
- **Diverse Approaches to Immigration: Narrative, Politics and Theory**

12:30-1:30 Lunch (KIVA Room, Farish Hall First Floor) *Registration Required*

1:30-5:00 Speakers (KIVA Room, Farish Hall)

• **Keynote Speaker: Charles C. Foster** Mr. Foster is founding partner of the Houston-based law firm FosterQuan, LLP, the nation's second largest immigration law firm. One of the leading immigration lawyers in the United States, Mr. Foster has served as President of the American Immigration Lawyers Association, Chairman of the American Bar Association Coordinating Committee, and as an adviser on immigration policy to President George W. Bush. Mr. Foster is recognized as a reasonable and experienced voice on the contentious issues surrounding immigration law. His work in promoting immigration reform has earned widespread recognition. He played a key role in the 1981 release of Houston Ballet star Li Cunxin from detainment inside Houston's Chinese Consulate, a role that was recreated in the 2009 film *Mao's Last Dancer*.

• **UH Immigration Law Clinic Panel:** Led by University of Houston Professor **Geoffrey A. Hoffman**, a specialist in immigration-related federal court litigation and deportation defense before the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR), asylum cases, adjustments, and appeals before the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA).

• **Concluding Plenary Speaker: Michael A. Olivas** Professor of Law at the of the University of Houston Law Center, Olivas is being honored March 16, 2012 with the "Immigration Champion Award" by two academic programs at St. John's University for his longstanding commitment to immigration issues. He has been elected to membership in the American Law Institute and the National Academy of Education, the only person to have been selected to both honor academies.

Save the Date:

**Friday, April 20,
2012**

8:30-5:00

On Friday, April 20, 2012, the University of Houston College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (CLASS) Ad Hoc Committee on Collaboration and Interdisciplinarity will host a symposium, *Immigration and the Immigrant Experience: Houston and Beyond*.



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