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MARK YOUR CALENDARS & CALL FOR SESSIONS!

2008 GCIR National Convening, June 18 – 20, 2008, [The Blackstone Hotel](#), Chicago, IL. This year's convening theme, *Promoting Immigrant Integration: Leadership in Challenging Times*, will explore both the current political and policy realities in which we operate and the creative, cutting-edge, and inspiring work that is taking place across the country. We invite our members and grantmaking colleagues to submit session ideas and have attached the call for sessions for your review. Call-for-session proposals are due February 15th. Look for electronic updates from GCIR and online registration soon. In the meantime, get an early start and book your room now at the Blackstone Hotel by following this [link](#). For more information, please contact GCIR's program director, Alison De Lucca, at 323.251.6505, or via e-mail at Alison@gcir.org.

GCIR MEMBER IN THE NEWS

[Four Freedoms Fund: A Pioneering Foundation Partnership Advocates for Immigrants](#), by Karen Theroux, Carnegie Results, Winter 2008 Issue. The Four Freedoms Fund, launched in 2003 to energize American democracy by actively supporting and engaging the country's newcomers, has now grown to eight foundation members and have found a new way to work as a team: sharing ideas, learning from one another, leveraging funding and forging dynamic strategies to engage immigrants and refugees in American civic life.

RECENT REPORTS AND NEWS ARTICLES

U.S. IMMIGRATION & IMMIGRANT POLICY

Federal

[U.S. Issues National ID Standards, Setting Stage for a Showdown](#), by Matthew L. Wald, The New York Times, January 12, 2008. Under a measure known as READ ID legislation, which was enacted in 2005, the federal government issued national standards that states would have to meet in order for driver's licenses they issue to qualify as identification at airports and federal buildings. States must comply by May 11th or obtain a waiver from the Department of Homeland Security. However, several states, including Washington and Maine, have voted not to comply.

[New ID Rules May Complicate Air Travel](#), by The Associated Press, The New York Times, January 12, 2008. By May, the Real ID legislation could leave millions of people unable to use their licenses to board planes if their state

does not meet the requirements or apply for a waiver. Travels will have to rely in passports or certain types of federal border-crossing cards.

USCIS Faces Criticism over Visa Backlog, by Gretchen Reinemeyer, Aaron Matteo Terrazas, and Claire Bergeron, Migration Policy Institute, December 17, 2007. In this Policy Beat, MPI reviews the backlog in processing applications and petitions with USCIS, the postponement of the employee "no-match" rule, and recent local and state policies regarding drivers' licenses and identification cards.

Bus to the Border, Orange County Register, December 16, 2007. In this three-part series, reporters spent a year examining U.S. efforts to deport undocumented immigrants accused of crimes. They found that the United States spends \$2 billion a year on deportation efforts--with little measurable effect on either crime or illegal immigration--and a system overwhelmed by the number of people detained and hampered by public agencies working at cross-purposes.

2007 National Survey of Latinos: As Illegal Immigration Issue Heats Up, Hispanics Feel a Chill, Pew Hispanic Center, December 13, 2007. This survey explores the views and perceptions of Latinos on a range of issues including worries about deportation, views of enforcement policies and the immigration debate, and perceptions of discrimination.

Chertoff Addresses Immigration, Drugs and Terrorism, by Johanna Neuman, Los Angeles Times, December 13, 2007. Department of Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff announced that his agency would soon issue "retooled" regulations concerning national driver's license standards and warned states and businesses against obstructing efforts to crack down on undocumented immigration.

ICE Nets More Than 30,000 Immigration Fugitives in Fiscal Year, by Anabelle Garay, Associated Press, December 4, 2007. Federal agents who track down fugitive undocumented immigrants arrested more than 30,000 people nationally in fiscal year 2007, nearly double the previous year.

Homeland Security Changes Asylum Rules, by Suzanne Gamboa, Associated Press, December 2, 2007. More people seeking asylum in the U.S. could be detained and then jailed longer under a new Homeland Security Department policy. The new regulation applies to people placed in expedited removal, a broad post-Sept. 11 category for immigrants who arrive in the United States seeking asylum or whose immigration paperwork is questioned.

Spotlight on Refugees and Asylees in the United States, by Kelly O'Donnell and Jeanne Batalova, PhD, Migration Policy Institute, December 2007. In this Spotlight, MPI examines the data on persons admitted to the United States as refugees and those granted asylum in 2006. It also provides the number of refugees and asylees who received lawful permanent resident (LPR) status in 2006.

Paying the Price for Our Parent's Deportations, Then and Now, by Ruby Takanishi, New America Media, November 29, 2007. The contemporary workplace raids and subsequent deportation of immigrants sparks memories of the internment of the author's Japanese grandfather during World War II. In this opinion piece, the author recounts the scars these policies inflict upon families and describes the deportations and internments as civil and human rights issues.

Immigration Dilemma: A Mother Torn From a Baby, by Julia Preston, New York Times, November 17, 2007. Immigration officials separated a nursing mother from her American-born infant, a situation that sparked new written guidelines for ICE agents, establishing how they should treat single parents, pregnant women, nursing mothers and other immigrants with special childcare or family responsibilities who are arrested in raids.

State

Sanctions Law Debuts Quietly, by Ronald J. Hansen, The Arizona Republic, January 3, 2008. Prosecutors and law-enforcement officials around Arizona said the public has largely greeted the employer-sanctions law with a collective shrug. Few people called or filed written complaints on January 2, the first business day under the law.

Plan Limits Rights to Citizenship, by Howard Fischer, The Arizona Daily Star, December 30, 2007. The architect of Arizona's new employer sanctions law is crafting a series of new measures aimed at people who entered

the United States illegally. The most controversial is a measure that seeks to deny citizenship to children born to parents who are undocumented, a law that many say is in violation of the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

Michigan Attorney General: Only Legal Residents Can Drive, by David Eggert, Associated Press, December 27, 2007. Michigan state has been granting licenses to undocumented immigrants, but the state attorney general wrote an opinion stating that undocumented immigrants are ineligible for driver's licenses. The opinion is legally binding unless reversed by the courts.

Business Leaders Criticize State Immigration Law, Associated Press, December 8, 2007. In the absence of comprehensive immigration reform at the national level, a growing number of state and local governments are passing laws for their individual locales. Many laws in different states actually conflict, making it more difficult for multi-state firms to conduct business.

County Seeks Protection on Immigration Enforcement, by Kristen Mack, Washington Post, December 6, 2007. Prince William County which has been embroiled in a fierce immigration debate in the past months is seeking approval from the state of Virginia for the "broadest level of immunity" for local governments when it comes to enforcing federal immigration law. In the absence of comprehensive immigration reform, it also will ask the state to promote uniformity of federal immigration laws by Virginia localities and "lessen the burden of housing illegal immigrants in local and regional jails."

2007 Enacted State Legislation Related to Immigrants and Immigration, National Conference of State Legislatures, November 29, 2007. As of November 16, 2007, no fewer than 1,562 pieces of legislation related to immigrants and immigration had been introduced among the 50 state legislatures, almost triple the amount from 2006. This report gives a quantitative overview of introduced legislation and briefly analyzes enacted laws relating to immigrants and refugees.

Oklahoma Immigration Bill Hitting Business, by Tim Talley, Associated Press, November 26, 2007. Retailers and employers whose success depends on Latino businesses and workers have felt the pinch since Oklahoma's anti-illegal immigrant law went into effect on November 1. Some undocumented immigrants have left the state and others are reluctant to venture outside of their homes.

IMMIGRANT INTEGRATION

Far North Side Schools Struggle to Cope as Chicago Gets More Refugees, by Stephanie Banchemo, Chicago Tribune, January 1, 2008. A number of schools unexpectedly received refugees at the beginning of the school year, after federal officials issued a waiver to a section of the U.S. PATRIOT Act. Between July and September, about 1,200 immigrants fleeing war-ravaged nations arrived in Illinois, many of them fleeing Burundi and Myanmar. This new crop of transplants has little familiarity with western culture and many of them have spent their entire lives in refugee camps, with little formal education.

An Immigration Flashpoint, Through Our Lens, Opinion, The Washington Post, December 16, 2007. How did Prince William County, Virginia, one of the richest, most diverse counties in the nation, become a flashpoint in America's battle over immigration? What led to threats of racial violence during public meetings and grown men screaming at children on the streets? And how did a team of Asian American documentary filmmakers end up in the middle, with both pro-immigration and anti-immigration forces demanding that they take sides? In these two articles and a video essay, the filmmakers reflect on their experiences.

To Muslim Girls, Scouts Offer a Chance to Fit In, by Neil MacFarquhar, New York Times, November 28, 2007. Scattered Muslim communities across the United States are forming Girl Scout troops as an assimilation tool to help girls who often feel alienated from the mainstream culture, and to give Muslims a neighborly aura. Boy Scout troops are organized with the same inspiration, but often the leap for girls is greater because many come from conservative cultures that frown upon their participating in public physical activity.

Not From Here: An Opera for Houston's Immigrants, by Ralph Blumenthal, New York Times, November 12, 2007. The Houston Grand Opera put immigration center stage in a dramatic outreach to the more than 1 million foreign-born residents. The new musical event, "The Refuge", tells the stories of people who "are not from here".

Cultural Competency in Child Welfare Practice: A Bridge worth Building, by Bridging Refugee Youth & Children's Services (BRYCS), Winter 2007. When child welfare workers interact with foreign-born parents, cultural

and linguistic barriers often arise. This publication describes the relevance of cultural competence training for child welfare workers to bridge between the assumptions and practices of majority and minority cultures.

Mongrels, Bastards, Orphans, and Vagabonds, by Gregory Rodriguez Random House, Inc., October 2007.

This book offers an unprecedented account of the long-term cultural and political influences that Mexican-Americans will have on the collective character of the United States. The author examines the complexities of Mexican-American heritage and of the racial and cultural synthesis--*mestizaje*--that has defined the Mexican people since the Spanish conquest and throughout the decades since.

CIVIC PARTICIPATION

Hispanics and the 2008 Election: A Swing Vote?, by Paul Taylor and Richard Fry, Pew Hispanic Center,

December 6, 2007. In past years, Hispanic voters loosened ties with the Democratic Party, but a new study by the Pew Hispanic Center finds that many Hispanics identify more with Democrats than Republicans and pose a critical "swing vote" in the 2008 presidential elections.

The Citizenship Surge, Opinion, New York Times, November 27, 2007. Despite fee increases that were aimed to improve the efficiency of Immigration and Citizenship Services for immigrants desiring to become naturalized, applications filed after June 1, 2007 are expected to take 16 to 18 months to process. Many immigrants who hoped to vote in the 2008 presidential elections may be disappointed.

Latino Influx Shakes Up Iowa's Political Picture, by Bennett Roth, Houston Chronicle, November 22, 2007.

Between 2000 and 2005, the number of Hispanics in Iowa increased 37 percent. The changing demographics in Iowa may make immigration an important issue in the presidential race and may also change the electorate.

Jewish Group Bands with Latinos Against Discrimination, by Dianne Solís, The Dallas Morning News,

November 14, 2007. Leaders of a national Jewish group say the hate being directed at Mexican immigrants resonates with their own experience. So they've taken up the cause and convened a series of meetings and workshops with immigrant and Mexican-American leaders.

Live from Sacramento—Ethnic Voter Outreach, by Michael Krasny, National Public Radio, November 14,

2007. In a live broadcast from Sacramento, host Michael Krasny talks with experts about new ways of increasing voter participation among ethnic minorities.

New Experiments in Minority Voter Mobilization: A Report on the California Votes Initiative, by Melissa R.

Michelson, Lisa García Bedolla, and Donald P. Green, The James Irvine Foundation, September 2007. Many potential voters in low-income and minority households do not vote in elections. This study examines various approaches to mobilizing these voters and evaluates the most effective practices.

DEMOGRAPHICS

A Home Away from Home, by Lisa Finneran, Daily Press, December 23, 2007. Burmese refugees who had relocated to refugee camps in other countries are now resettling in the United States due to a 2006 decision from the State Department to lift restrictions for Myanmar refugees. Almost 14,000 have resettled in the United States in the last fiscal year, and many are settling in suburbs such as Newport News, Virginia.

Brazilians Leave for Home, by Juan Carlos Chavez, Miami Herald, January 3, 2008. Thousands of Brazilian immigrants in Florida and other states, who in the 1990s came to the United States on tourist visas and overstayed, are returning to their home country. Among the reasons: this summer's failure in Congress to pass comprehensive immigration reform that would eventually have legalized millions of undocumented immigrants.

Keeping Book on Immigration, The Wall Street Journal, December 31, 2007. As some voices in the media describe foreign nationals as driving crime rates and taking advantage of welfare, this article finds no correlation between immigration and crime rates and finds that welfare caseloads have decreased as undocumented immigration has risen. For a copy of the article, contact gcirnewsletter@gmail.com.

Guatemalans, Mexicans Blending as Families, by Daniel González, The Arizona Republic, December 12, 2007.

An emerging trend in the Southwest is the marriage of Guatemalan and Mexican immigrants, whose mixed-Latino

families have ties to three countries. Although it has yet to be studied, children of mixed-Latino families may adopt American culture faster.

Midwestern Refuge, by Nate Jenkins, Associated Press, November 29, 2007. For years, Hispanic immigrants have moved to towns across the Midwest to staff the meatpacking plants. Now African refugees are coming, drawn by a combination of factors — including a six-state federal raid that cleared undocumented Hispanic aliens from packing houses and word-of-mouth advertising of meatpacking jobs by African refugees who want to flee big U.S. cities.

Spotlight on Legal Immigration to the United States, by Gretchen Reinemeyer and Jeanne Batalova, Migration Policy Institute, November 2007. This updated Spotlight takes a close look at the 2006 statistics on foreign nationals admitted to those who adjusted to lawful permanent residence (LPR) during the fiscal year.

HEALTH

Chronic Indifference: HIV/AIDS Services for Immigrants Detained by the United States, Human Rights Watch, December 2007. The agency's investigation of HIV/AIDS care for detained immigrants, which included interviews with current and former detainees, DHS and detention facility officials, and an independent medical review of treatment, found that ICE-supervised facilities failed to deliver complete anti-retroviral regimens in a consistent manner, to conduct the necessary monitoring of detainees' clinical condition, and to prescribe prophylactic medications when medically indicated.

Study Finds Immigrants' Use of Healthcare System Lower than Expected, by Mary Engel, Los Angeles Times, November 27, 2007. Several emergency rooms in Los Angeles County have closed in the past years, citing the cost of treating the uninsured. Although undocumented immigrants are less likely to be insured, the study found that undocumented Latino immigrants are 50 percent less likely than U.S.-born Latinos to use hospital emergency rooms in California.

Health Care Lost in Translation, by Marcela Sanchez, Washington Post, November 19, 2007. Some Latin American governments concerned with the well-being of their nationals living in this country are providing eye exams and medical tests.

EDUCATION

Bill to Expand Head Start, Bolster Its Teacher Qualifications Is Approved, by Maria Gold, Washington Post, November 15, 2007. Congress reauthorized the federally funded Head Start preschool program, expanding access to the program for children from low-income families, elevating teacher qualifications, and eliminating testing for 4-year-olds.

High Schools for Equity: Policy Supports for Student Learning in Communities of Color, by Diane Friedlaender and Linda Darling-Hammond, School Redesign Network at Stanford University, November 2007. This study documents the practices and outcomes of five urban high schools in California that do an extraordinary job of preparing their students for success in higher education, productive careers, and a fulfilling life.

PPIC Statewide Survey: Californians and Higher Education, by Mark Baldassare, Dean Bonner, Jennifer Paluch, and Sonja Petek, Public Policy Institute of California, October 2007. The survey finds that many residents believe post-secondary education to be vital to the future of their children and the economy of California, but that accessing higher education is increasingly more difficult. It explores variations in perceptions, attitudes, and preferences regarding California's public colleges and universities among various socioeconomic, ethnic, and political groups.

Wasted Talent and Broken Dreams: The Lost Potential of Undocumented Students, by Roberto G. Gonzales, Immigration Policy Center, October 2007. There are 1.8 million undocumented children in the United States, many of whom have attended U.S. primary and secondary schools and grew up in this country. Denying undocumented students the opportunity to go to college or join the skilled workforce imposes economic and emotional costs on undocumented students themselves and on U.S. society as a whole.

ECONOMIC IMPACT AND MOBILITY

The Illegal Immigrant Named Texan of the Year, Associated Press, December 29, 2007. Dallas Morning News named the undocumented immigrant as Texan of the Year due to the critical importance the undocumented population plays in the Texas economy.

Assessing the Economic Impact of Immigration at the State and Local Level, Immigration Policy Center, December 28, 2007. Many states and municipalities are passing their own immigration legislation in response to perceptions of the impact of immigrants on their communities. This fact check publication addresses many of these local concerns and provides data on the impact of immigration.

Subprime Mess Hits Poor Immigrants, by Jonathan Karp and Miriam Jordan, The Wall Street Journal, December 6, 2007. Various immigrant groups have long been affected by financial scams. The subprime-mortgage boom offered new avenues for mischief. Potential buyers, especially those paying high rents, became embroiled in schemes to take advantage of banks' easy-money policies.

Immigrant Integration in Low-Income Urban Neighborhoods: Improving Economic Prospects and Strengthening Connections for Vulnerable Families, by Lynette A. Rawlings, Randolph Capps, Kerstin Gentsch, and Karina Fortuny, Urban Institute, November 26, 2007. The paper explores the financial well-being and economic integration of immigrant groups compared with native-born minorities and whites in vulnerable urban neighborhoods. The study's findings suggest that even in tough neighborhoods, the potential for economic integration of immigrants is strong.

Working for a Better Life: A Profile of Immigrants in the New York State Economy, Fiscal Policy Institute, November 2007. Immigrants contribute nearly one-fourth of the economic output of New York State, and outside of New York City, they are overrepresented in some of the most critical occupations, including higher education and health care.

The Global Remittances Guide, Migration Policy Institute. The money that immigrants send to their countries of origin often rivals the amount of direct foreign investment in those countries. The Global Remittances Guide contains data and maps on remittance trends and patterns sent through formal channels.

IMMIGRANT WORKERS AND LABOR ISSUES

A Southern Accent on Day Laborers, by Richard Fausset, Los Angeles Times, December 28, 2007. In the Deep South, African American workers along with undocumented Latinos vie for the same jobs as day laborers. Mostly Latino workers fill day labor positions in the United States – over 90 percent nationwide – however this region provides a different outlook due to the large number of African Americans – nearly 20 percent – looking for work.

Tomato Pickers' Wages Fight Faces Obstacles, by Steven Greenhouse, New York Times, December 24, 2007. The migrant farm workers who harvest tomatoes in South Florida have convinced Taco Bell and McDonald's to increase their pay in the past years, but Burger King has refused. Now Florida tomato growers are threatening to fine growers who cooperate with the previous pay increases.

Arizona Employers-Sanction Law 101, by Ronald J. Hansen, The Arizona Republic, November 28, 2007. This overview provides extensive, clear information about the new employer-sanctions law, in effect January 1, 2008. It also includes a list of organizations and websites that contain relevant information about the law and its implementation.

From Anti-Immigrant to Pro-Worker: What Can States and Cities Do About Immigration and Workers' Rights, National Employment Law Project, December 2007. This guide focuses on sanctions laws across the country intended to halt the employment of undocumented immigrants. It argues that these policies are the wrong solution to the wrong problem and provides applicable policies and actions that states and municipalities can follow.

Govt. Seeks Changes in Ag Worker Hiring, by Suzanne Gamboa, Associated Press, November 15, 2007. The Labor Department quietly proposed that employers no longer be required to place ads for available agricultural jobs with print and broadcast media outside of where they plan to use the workers. Advocates for farm workers say the change violates a 1986 federal law and could hurt farm workers who are U.S. citizens or legal residents.

LANGUAGE ACCESS AND ACQUISITION

English Usage among Hispanics in the United States, by Shirin Hakimzadeh and D'Vera Cohn, Pew Hispanic Center, November 29, 2007. A study on English use and prevalence conducted by the Pew Hispanic Center found a dramatic increase in English-language ability from one generation of Hispanics to the next. Nearly all Hispanic adults born in the United States of immigrant parents report they are fluent in English, but only a small minority of their parents describe themselves as skilled English speakers.

Language Rights: An Integration Agenda for Immigrant Communities, Asian American Justice Center (AAJC) and Mexican American Legal Defense & Educational Fund (MALDEF), November 2007. The United States is home to millions of citizens and legal permanent residents with limited English proficiency (LEP), such that these individuals cannot speak, read, write, or understand the English language at a level that permits them to interact effectively with private and government service providers. This briefing book intends to educate staff on the makeup of these communities, current legislation, and the broad range of issues that affect the LEP population.

INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION

The Proposed European Blue Card System: Arming for the Global War on Talent?, by Elizabeth Collett, Migration Policy Institute, January 2008. The Blue Card system proposed in the European Union seeks to lure the highly skilled workers to Europe and away from countries like the United States and Australia and reduce the disparities between EU member states. This article reviews the legislation, including the positive and negative aspects and the questions that remain unanswered.

A Global Trek to Poor Nations, From Poorer Ones, by Jason DeParle, New York Times, December 27, 2007. Known as "south to south" migration, there are 74 million migrants who move from one developing nation to another. Nearly as many migrants move to developing nations as to richer nations, but their hardships and income tend to be different from "south to north" migrants.

Top 10 Migration Issues of 2007, Migration Policy Institute, December 2007. MPI reveals its top 10 issues of the year, including the failure of U.S. immigration reform, Iraqi refugees, and the Blue Card Europe adopted to attract more highly skilled workers.

Europe's Disappearing Internal Borders, Migration Policy Institute, December 2007. Within the Schengen Area of the European Union travelers, both European citizens and non-citizens, may cross national borders without being required to pass through immigration inspection. On December 21, 2007, the EU enlarged that area to include nine of the 10 countries that entered the E.U. in 2004.

Iraq Lacks Plan on the Return of Refugees, Military Says, by Michael R. Gordon and Stephen Farrell, New York Times, November 30, 2007. As Iraqi refugees begin to stream back to Baghdad, American military officials say the Iraqi government has yet to develop a plan to absorb the influx and prevent it from setting off a new round of sectarian violence.

Shaping Ethnic Identities – Ethnic Minorities in Northern and East Central European States and Communities, c. 1450-2000, by Marko Lamberg, East-West Books Helsinki, Winter 2007-2008. This book contains eight scholarly insights into the history of ethnic minorities in Northern and East Central Europe. The central themes deal with stereotypes and identities, migration and refugees, interaction or alienation caused by differences in religion, language, geographic origin or other cultural features.

U.S.-MEXICO BORDER

The Undocumented Hesitate to Enter a Less-Alluring U.S., by Marla Dickerson, Los Angeles Times, December 26, 2007. Despite increased employer sanctions, border enforcement, and hundreds of miles of new border fencing, some experts say the apparent decrease in border crossings may be due to a lagging U.S. economy.

Smugglers Build an Underground World, by Randal C. Archibold, New York Times, December 7, 2007. Border Patrol agents have found 56 cross-border tunnels in the Southwest since September 11, 2001, with the latest discovered near Tecate. The authorities believe that the increased border enforcement has helped deter

undocumented immigrant traffic and allowed agents to make more drug seizures. But they acknowledge that it has also been driving traffickers to redouble their efforts to find alternative ways of breaching the border.

[Kidnapping of Illegal Immigrants on the Rise](#), by Lindsey Collom, *The Arizona Republic*, November 29, 2007. Kidnappings have long been an issue among undocumented immigrants, where predators know victims are less likely to turn to law enforcement. But authorities say the rate of such crimes have reached a new high.

[Web Cameras on Border a Reality Again](#), by Rosanna Ruiz, *Houston Chronicle*, November 19, 2007. In Texas, \$3 million in federal funding will restore the “virtual border watch” program that allows Internet users to access video feeds from cameras set up along the border. Over 220,000 registered users clicked on individual cameras nearly 28 million times, and the 13,000 emails they sent led to the arrest of at least 10 undocumented immigrants and the seizure of drugs.

[A Fence without Offense](#), by Richard Marosi, *Los Angeles Times*, November 16, 2007. With 225 miles of border fence planned to be erected in 2008, the United States wants to build fencing that effectively slows undocumented immigration, but that is humane, environmentally friendly, and sensitive to the fact that it stands between two friendly nations. This article looks at designs of the past, the present, and those that may be on the border’s horizon.

RESOURCES OF INTEREST

[When Givers Join Forces](#), by Ian Driscoll, *Financial Times*, December 10, 2007. Donor collaboratives – groups of donors who share a common interest, often hosted by community foundations – can help donors make best use of their donations by exchanging knowledge and experience and pooling funds. This article explores the potential positive and negative sides of collaboratives.

[The Effective Exit: Managing the End of a Funding Relationship](#), by GrantCraft. This guide examines the oftentimes tense experience of ending a funding relationship and provides advice on how to clarify expectations. Learn how to use the end of a funding relationship to boost a grantee’s capacity, find new sources of support, and even multiply the value of the foundation’s investment.

[State Law Resources](#), Alliance for Justice. Alliance for Justice is concerned with aiding non-profits to aggressively and efficiently organize and advocate while staying within their legal limits. This new resource details state laws on campaign finance and ballot measures, and lobbying disclosure and voter registration issues for 13 states.

[A Call to Advocacy for Nonprofits](#), by Jeffrey H. Birnbaum, *Washington Post*, November 20, 2007. In a new book by Gary D. Bass titled *Seen But Not Heard: Strengthening Nonprofit Advocacy*, the author encourages nonprofits to lobby for their causes.

[Human Rights in State Courts: An Overview and Recommendations for Legal Advocacy](#), The Opportunity Agenda. This report details the ways in which state courts have considered and interpreted international human rights law. It is intended for public interest lawyers, state court litigators, and state and municipal policymakers.

GCIR PROGRAMS

[2008 GCIR National Convening](#), June 18 – 20, 2008, The Blackstone Hotel, Chicago, IL. Mark your calendars now for GCIR’s national convening at the Blackstone Hotel in Chicago. A longstanding immigrant destination with vibrant ethnic neighborhoods, Chicago provides a rich laboratory for exploring barriers and promising approaches to immigrant integration, civic participation, and leadership development. Foundations will glean important insights, lessons, and best practices to guide their work back home. Look for electronic updates from GCIR and online registration soon. For more information, please contact GCIR’s program director, Alison De Lucca, at 323.251.6505, or via e-mail at Alison@gcir.org.

[The Promise of Immigrant Integration in Southern California](#), Wednesday, January 16, 2008, 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM, California Community Foundation, Los Angeles, CA. The failure to pass comprehensive immigration reform has generated much debate. At the same time, those who care about immigrant communities recognize that the challenge has shifted to a new regional and community scale. The California Community Foundation (CCF) is

proposing that we take on this challenge together, finding innovative ways to ensure our regions' economic and social health and improve conditions for immigrant newcomers, settled immigrants, and their children in Los Angeles County. In order to move toward a collaborative solutions-based approach to this challenge, and to inform its own future giving agenda, CCF will convene several small groups of selected stakeholders, to delve deeply into the issues. The CCF, in conjunction with GCIR, invites the philanthropic sector to participate in a grantmaker discussion. If you are interested in participating, please contact Alison De Lucca at 323.251.6505 or Alison@qcir.org. This program is organized by the CCF in conjunction with University of Southern California's Program for Regional and Environmental Equity and co-sponsored by GCIR.

Funder Briefing on Immigrant Civic Engagement, Thursday, February 14, 2008, 8:00 a.m.– 9:45 a.m., The Freedom Museum, Chicago Tribune Building, Chicago, IL. In 2006, more than four million immigrants and their allies marched and spoke out for the rights and dignity of their communities. In the aftermath of these unprecedented mobilizations, a diverse alliance of immigrant rights organizations in the Chicago Metropolitan Area joined together to create the **New Americans Democracy Project** of the **Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights**, and fourteen nationally respected organizations (including ICIRR) created the **We Are America Alliance**. Using demographic and electoral data, the Democracy Project and Alliance have developed a shared list of priority program areas and goals for citizenship, voter registration, voter education and voter turnout that extends through 2008 and beyond. They have developed a map of the immigrant civic participation work that needs to be done locally and nationally, and have collaborated on a plan for action that involves coordinating and reducing overlap. Representatives of Alliance members will be sharing the results of this process to date at the discussion. The event is co-sponsored by the Chicago Community Trust, Joyce Foundation, McCormick Tribune Foundation, and GCIR. To register, please contact Nora Garcia at ngarcia@icirr.org or 312.332.7360 x210 by February 10.

Immigrant Integration: Connecting Communities and Cultures, Thursday, February 28, 2008, Grantmakers in Health 2008 Conference, Los Angeles, CA. As the nation grows increasingly diverse, demands on health care, education, and community development increase. Grantmakers must react strategically to engage the full community, including health care providers, educators, businesses, faith-based organizations, and immigrants themselves. This session will highlight approaches for working across issue areas in order to facilitate immigrant integration, address broad community needs, and seize opportunities that arise with these new community members. To register for the conference, visit www.gih.org.

OTHER PROGRAMS OF INTEREST

Microenterprise Funders Group: The Emerging Immigrant Market and Microenterprise, January 16-17, 2008, New York City. The Citi Foundation will host a session exploring the role of immigrant businesses in urban economies and the experience of microenterprise development organizations in serving this market. A site visit to ACCION New York and its clients launches the event. For more information, contact Elain Edgcomb at elain.edgcomb@aspeninst.org.

National Conference for Immigrant and Refugee Rights, January 18 - 20, 2008, Hyatt Regency Houston. The National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights (NNIRR) aims to bring together immigrant and refugee community leaders and organizations, activists, organizers, advocates, and allies to strategize on directions and priorities for an immigrant and refugee rights movement based on justice and dignity.

Africa Grantmakers' Affinity Group Conference, February 4 - 6, 2008 and Annual Retreat February 7-8, 2008, Hyatt Regency Johannesburg, South Africa. The inaugural conference titled, "Funding Impact: Partnerships, Networks, and Collaborations," is designed to bring together public and private funders supporting development projects in Africa.

Summer Course on Refugee Issues, Centre for Refugee Studies, York University, June 7 – 15, 2008. The summer course provides an interdisciplinary, interactive, and experiential approach to the study of forced migration. It serves as a hub for researchers, students, service providers and policymakers to share information and ideas.

Sixth National Conference on Quality Health Care for Culturally Diverse Populations, September 21 - 24, 2008, Minneapolis, MN. This biennial conference focuses on improving cultural competence and health disparities reduction in the United States. The theme for the conference is "Partnerships for the Future: Supporting practitioners and advancing the field through innovation, policy, and research."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Grantmakers Concerned with Immigrants and Refugees (GCIR) recently hired **Rebecca E. Dames** as its new research and program associate. In this capacity, she will play a key role in helping GCIR keep foundations informed of the latest immigrant-related issues and trends by assisting with a myriad of GCIR's resources, including its programs and publications. Dames joined GCIR in 2007 as a consultant and became part of the staff in January 2008. She graduated from the University of California, San Diego with a B.A. in International Studies: Political Science, and completed minors in International Migration and Spanish Literature. Dames also studied at the University of Alcalá de Henares in Spain and is fluent in Spanish. As a result of the field research she conducted in rural Yucatán, Mexico, she co-authored a chapter titled "Impacts of U.S. Immigration Policies on Migration Behavior" in the book *Mayan Journeys: The New Migration from Yucatán to the United States*, which was published in the fall of 2007.

The Ford Foundation announced the appointment of a new president, Luis Ubiñas, who will succeed Susan V. Berresford. Ubiñas has worked at McKinsey & Company for 18 years and led McKinsey's Media Practice on the West Coast of the United States. He succeeds Berresford as president; she spent 38 years at the Ford Foundation, including twelve years as president.

John-Paul Chaisson-Cárdenas has joined the **Social Justice Fund Northwest** as the Executive Director, bringing his experience in grassroots organizing, government service, and social justice philanthropy to the organization. The Social Justice Fund Northwest is committed to long-term social change through fundraising, grantmaking, and member involvement. Most recently, Chaisson-Cárdenas worked for the Northwest Area Foundation as Program Manager.

The **Open Society Institute's** U.S. Program, under the leadership of a new director Ann Beeson, announces the development of new funding initiatives to confront the challenges to U.S. democracy and promote a more open society. Of note is the Democracy and Power Fund which will engage and mobilize youth, immigrants, and communities of color.

The Purpose Prize aims to recognize and invest in Americans over 60 who are leading a new age of social innovation. It awards five people with \$100,000 and ten others with \$10,000 for their work in tackling society's biggest challenges both domestically and outside the United States. Nominations for 2008 are due by March 1.

The **U.S. Human Rights Fund** announces the release of its **Request for Letters of Inquiry** for its June 2008 docket. The agency will only consider projects in the issue areas of immigrant rights and human rights, access to healthcare as a human right, and elimination of life sentences without parole for children. For more information, visit their [web site](#), and to submit a letter of inquiry click [here](#).

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Council on Foundations seeks a **Director of Education and Leadership Development** to advance education programs and initiatives that meet the needs of members and constituency groups, and who will provide strategic program direction and leadership. The successful candidate will also serve as a catalyst and convener by organizing meetings of recognized leaders and experts to advance strategies.

Grantmakers for Education is looking for a **Project Associate** for their Portland, OR office. The Project Associate will provide assistance in the planning and organization of all programs and will help with communications activities for the organization as well.

Knight Foundation seeks an **Online Community Manager** who will play a key role in creating a vibrant online discussion community for the Knight Foundation and shape it into the premier digital presence on journalism excellence, communities and systemic, transformational change. Those interested in the position may also [view a video](#) on YouTube.com from the Communications Director, Marc Fest.

Mobilize the Immigrant Vote! (MIV) seeks a Program Director who will be a critical leader within MIV both for the 2008 California Campaign this election year and beyond. A qualified candidate will have experience and commitment to working with low-income immigrant communities of color, and will develop and supervise the implementation of MIV's annual statewide, capacity-building programs. Send a cover letter, resume, and three references to: **Mari Ryono**, Coordinating Director. For more information, contact Ms. Ryono at 323.363.3970.

National Immigration Forum, founded in 1982 and headquartered in Washington, D.C., seeks a new **Executive Director**. The ideal candidate will have an established reputation in the field of immigration, proven success in building a multi-dimensional coalition, as well as a track record in sound managerial and administrative oversight.

Northwest Immigrant Rights Project (NWIRP) seeks an **Executive Director** who is committed to advancing the legal rights of immigrants, and who has a strong background in community and public relations, fund development, personnel management, program development and implementation, and fiscal management. Interested candidates should apply by January 25, 2008.

The California Wellness Foundation is recruiting for two positions, a **Program Director** and **Program Associate**, to work in their San Francisco branch office. The Director will manage TCWF's grantmaking portfolio on special projects, and will oversee the associate, who will provide program and administrative support.

The Opportunity Agenda offers a Summer 2008 Law and Human Rights Internship in New York City for first- or second-year law students who have demonstrated commitment to social justice and equal opportunity. Qualified candidates will possess strong research and writing skills, and the initiative to take on new and innovative assignments. A sense of humor and a dose of modesty are essential.