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### **RECENT REPORTS AND NEWS ARTICLES**

#### **U.S. IMMIGRATION POLICY**

**Bill to Require Reporting of Immigrant Detainee Deaths**, Associated Press, November 7, 2007. Currently no government body is in charge of keeping track of the deaths in immigration detention facilities, both private and government-run. The amendment proposed would require state and local agencies to report most of the deaths to state attorneys general.

**Immigration Detainees Are at Record Levels**, by Anna Gorman, Los Angeles Times, November 5, 2007. The detainee population jumped to nearly 20,790 nationwide in fiscal year 2007, up from about 19,700 the previous year, according to US immigration and customs enforcement. The spike in numbers is prompting the federal government to speed up deportations and increasingly rely on transfers and contracts with local jails and private companies.

**Treatment of Vulnerable Populations During the San Diego Fires**, San Diego Immigrant Rights Consortium, Justice Overcoming Boundaries of San Diego County, and ACLU of San Diego and Imperial Counties, November 1, 2007. The ACLU received reports of civil liberties, civil rights, and human rights abuses, including incidents involving the undocumented denied emergency services and denied access to relief operations. The report highlights in detail some of the incidents of abuse that occurred the last week of the fire provides an assessment and recommendations.

**Paying the Price: The Impact of Immigration Raids on America's Children**, by Miriam Calderón, National Council of La Raza and the Urban Institute, October 31, 2007. Acting as an independent, objective observer, this study examined the effects of large-scale worksite raids by focusing on three communities who experienced such raids in the past year: Greeley, Colorado; Grand Island, Nebraska; and New Bedford, Massachusetts. Among other findings, it reported that for every two arrests, one child is left behind, placing a heavy burden on communities, schools, social service providers, and religious institutions.

**Patriot Act Faulted in Denial of Visa for Muslim Scholar**, by John Eligon, New York Times, October 26, 2007. An ACLU lawyer asked a federal judge to declare unconstitutional a provision of the PATRIOT Act that he said denied a visa to a prominent Muslim scholar. The disputed wording could potentially restrict visa approval for individuals who disagree with U.S. foreign policy.

**DNA Test of Immigrants Sought**, by Suzanne Gamboa, The Associated Press, October 16, 2007. Republican presidential candidate Tom Tancredo wants foreigners seeking visas to join relatives in the U.S. to provide DNA samples to prove their family ties. The proposal is based upon the idea that immigrants provide unreliable documents to prove familial relations. A similar immigration bill passed recently in France. .

**F.A.I.R. Hearings: An Analysis of the Intimate Connections Between the 'Experts' Testifying Against the NYS DMV Policy and the Anti-Immigrant, Nativist Group F.A.I.R.**, by The New York Immigration Coalition, October

**15, 2007.** In response to the proposed policy to allow undocumented immigrants to receive New York driver's licenses, politicians and activists opposing the policy sought the opinions of experts who also disagreed with Gov. Spitzer's plan. The NYC's report discloses the links between the experts and the anti-immigrant organization, the Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR). For a copy of this report, please contact [Amanda@gcir.org](mailto:Amanda@gcir.org).

**[Brasher: Immigration Issue Threatens Legislation](#), by Philip Brasher, Des Moines Register, October 14, 2007.** Passing a farm bill has proved to be a challenge for the Senate, but now the issue of immigration has made the task even more difficult. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid hopes to add provisions for undocumented farm workers to the farm bill, but critics say this would encourage illegal immigration and overwhelm the already backlogged government with more applications from workers.

**[Landlords Can't Ask About Immigration](#), by Juliana Barbassa, The Associated Press, October 12, 2007.** California has become the first state to prohibit landlords from asking tenants about their immigration status, drawing sighs of relief from property owners who were concerned they might have to be "de-facto immigration cops."

**[Nativism in the House: A Report on the House Immigration Reform Caucus](#), by the Building Democracy Initiative, October 9, 2007.** This report by the Building Democracy Initiative of the Center for New Community in Chicago, Nativism in the House, narrates the growth of the House Immigration Reform Caucus (HIRC), assesses the legislation it has initiated, and compiles data on the voting records of its members. The report also analyzes the campaign contributions HIRC members have received, and looks at the demographic character of the congressional districts they represent. This report is also available in [PDF form](#).

## IMMIGRANT INTEGRATION

**[Some Cities Reach Out to Illegal Immigrants](#), by Amanda Paulson, Christian Science Monitor, November 9, 2007.** While some localities pass laws hostile to immigrants in response to Congress' failure to pass comprehensive immigration reform, other cities are adopting projects aimed at integrating immigrants. Some projects include a resource center in a Latino neighborhood offering ESL and computer literacy classes, creating a "sister city" in Mexico, or reaching out to Latino students.

**[Vietnamese Rebound in New Orleans](#), by Michael Kunzelman, Associated Press, October 30, 2007.** The Vietnamese community that arrived in New Orleans following the fall of Saigon in 1975 long remained on the fringes of society due to language and cultural barriers. But in the rebuilding process following the devastation of Hurricane Katrina, Vietnamese-Americans have played an active role in the rehabilitation of the community.

**[Between Here and There: How Attached Are Latino Immigrants to Their Native Country?](#) by Roger Waldinger, University of California, Los Angeles, October 25, 2007.** Most Latino immigrants maintain ties with their home country through transnational activities, which include sending remittances, return visits, and telephone calls. This Pew Hispanic Center report analyzes whether maintaining connections to a country of origin is associated with more positive or negative views of the U.S., a greater or lesser sense of attachment to this country and a stronger, or weaker sense of identity as an American. It finds a difference in transnational activities and attitudes of immigrants based on the length of time spent in the U.S., age of original migration, and country of origin.

**[Should We Welcome Undocumented Immigrants?](#), by Jennifer Ludden, NPR News, October 17, 2007.** A panel of experts discussed the immigration issue in October as part of the *Intelligence Squared U.S.* series. The proposition was "Let's Stop Welcoming Undocumented Immigrants." In an Oxford-style debate, three panelists argued for the proposition and three against it.

**[The Assimilation Gap](#), by Tomás R. Jiménez, Los Angeles Times, October 2, 2007.** The release of the "Nation's Report Card" shows that Latinos and black students did not make progress in catching up to the test scores of whites. Many describe the lower scores of black students as being attributed to the "race gap", but Latino students may be affected by an "assimilation gap".

**[Jews, Indian-Americans See a Role Model in Activism](#), by Neela Banerjee, New York Times, October 2, 2007.** Indian-Americans, who now number 2.4 million in this country, are turning to American Jews as role models and partners in diverse areas including establishing community centers, advocating on civil rights issues, and lobbying Congress. Indians hope to achieve similar success in combating prejudice and building political clout.

## DEMOGRAPHICS

[\*\*The Immigration Debate: 70 Percent of Mexicans in California are U.S. Citizens\*\*](#), by Javier Erik Olvera and Mike Swift, *Mercury News*, November 5, 2007. The findings are part of new data that casts a spotlight on a steady demographic transition between 2000 and 2006, with California leading the nation in the number of Mexican immigrants gaining citizenship.

[\*\*Wrongly Accused\*\*](#), by Eric Herman, *Chicago Sun-Times*, October 29, 2007. Some believe that undocumented immigrants are likely to increase crime after arriving in the United States. However, a study by the University of Illinois at Chicago indicates that undocumented immigrants are not the overwhelming population in area jails.

[\*\*In Shift, 40% of Immigrants Move Directly to Suburbs\*\*](#), by Sam Roberts, *New York Times*, October 17, 2007. The Census Bureau's annual survey shows that the suburbs are becoming increasingly diverse, and that there is a shift in immigration settlement patterns. Rather than settling in cities first, many immigrants find work and affordable living in America's suburban communities.

[\*\*DHS report: 270,000 Indians in U.S. illegally\*\*](#), by Adam Smith, *India New England*, October 15, 2007. Immigrants from India are now the fastest growing group of undocumented immigrants, now the sixth largest group. Some experts speculate that most of these have overstayed their visas for various reasons, or are waiting for their legal status.

[\*\*Burmese Refugees' U.S. Presence Spikes\*\*](#), by Ken Kusmer, *Associated Press*, October 14, 2007. The number of Burmese refugees settling in the United States has grown exponentially this year, threatening to overwhelm local aid groups and government services.

[\*\*The Rio Grande Rises\*\*](#), by Douglas J. Besharov, *New York Times*, October 1, 2007. This op-ed piece explains the Census Bureau's recent reporting of a drop in poverty and explores the Hispanic experience in relation to the new poverty statistics.

[\*\*How Los Angeles Deflected Mexican Immigrants to the American Heartland\*\*](#), by Ivan Light, *University of California at Los Angeles*, October 2007. Historically, Mexican immigrants usually settled in just three states: California, Texas, and Illinois. This study examines the various "push" and "pull" factors that have created a shift in settlement.

## HEALTH

[\*\*11 of 18 in Burn Unit Undocumented\*\*](#), by Cheryl Clark and Leslie Berestein, October 31, 2007. As fires ravaged Southern California last week, many migrants continued their journey North through the rough, dry terrain of East San Diego County. Sixty percent of the burn victims being treated at UC San Diego's burn center are undocumented, bringing these often unseen individuals to the front of taxpayers' minds.

[\*\*Adults as Red Herrings\*\*](#), Editorial, *New York Times*, October 10, 2007. President Bush claimed that the funds for the State Children's Health Insurance Program have been spent more on adults than children in many states. Some funds are spent on adults, but this article explores the reasons behind it.

[\*\*The Conflicted Life of the Modern Immigrant Doctor\*\*](#), by Abigail Zuger, M.D., *New York Times*, October 2, 2007. Doctors who write about medicine tend to dwell on the big themes: life, death, suffering, hope and the rest. Dr. Vincent Lam also looks into the life of the modern immigrant doctor.

[\*\*State Budget Cuts Threaten Efforts in Los Angeles County to Link Uninsured Children with Health Care\*\*](#), by Michael R. Cousineau, Eriko O. Wada, Albert J. Farias, Edwin Raffi and Catherine Carr, *University of Southern California's Center on Community Health Studies*, August 2007. More than \$9 million has been cut from the network of Los Angeles County agencies, threatening the collapse of the county's already fragile infrastructure of schools, clinics and agencies working together to enroll uninsured children. This evaluation looks at the effect of those budget cuts on the county's efforts to cover uninsured children.

## EDUCATION

[\*\*Title I and Early Childhood Programs: A Look at Investments in the NCLB Era\*\*](#), by Danielle Ewen and Hannah Matthews, *Center for Law and Social Policy*, October 2007. This paper explores the ways in which school districts use Title I funds for early education through Kindergarten and examines how the implementation of No Child Left Behind has impacted those investments. It also makes recommendations for Local Education Agencies (LEAs)

interested in creating Title I-funded early education programs or thinking about how to sustain these types of investments in the face of policy and funding challenges.

**[The Key to NCLB Success: Getting It Right from the Start](#)**, Foundation for Child Development, May 21, 2007. While pre-kindergarten (PK) enrollment is growing, large disparities in access and quality threaten to undermine the capacity of early childhood education to close achievement gaps. Research shows that at-risk children can catch up to their non-disadvantaged peers by participating in high-quality PK programs that are linked to K-3 structures.

**[Learning from Grantees: A Case Study on More Effective Education Philanthropy](#)**, by Caroline King, June 2006. In 2000, the Noyce Foundation and five school districts in the San Francisco Bay Area embarked on a partnership to improve teaching and learning in literacy. The results caused Noyce Foundation trustees and staff to embark on a strategic review of the program. Part of Grantmakers for Education's case study series on effective grantmaking, Learning by Doing, uses the Noyce Foundation's experiences to help grantmakers explore best practices and challenges inherent in using new information and knowledge to improve grantmaking.

## ECONOMIC IMPACT & MOBILITY

**[Mexicans Miss Money from Relatives Up North Migrants Sent Home \\$300 Billion in 2006](#)**, by Karin Brulliard, The Washington Post, October 18, 2007.

Migrants around the globe sent more than \$300 billion to their home countries last year, a "staggering" sum that surpassed foreign development aid and foreign direct investment and carries major development potential for poor nations if properly channeled, a report says.

**[When Immigration Goes Up, Prices Go Down](#)**, by Shankar Vedantam, The Washington Post, October 15, 2007.

Two gas stations of the same company in two similar suburbs advertised gas prices that differed by 36 cents. The answer one economist recently found was that immigration and the assimilation of immigrant populations has a strong influence on keeping prices down.

**[Immigrants in Arizona Provide Positive Net Fiscal Impact of \\$1 Billion Annually](#)**, by Judith Gans, Udall Center for Studies in Public Policy, The University of Arizona, October 2007. This report examines the costs and benefits of immigration in Arizona. It provides estimates of the incremental fiscal cost associated with immigrants – education, health care, and law enforcement – and measures their contributions to Arizona's economy both as consumers and as workers. The two categories of immigrants (naturalized citizens and non-citizens) are examined separately in order to disentangle the economic costs and benefits associated with each.

**[The Dividends of Investing Early: Why We Need to Help the Youngest Children of Immigrants](#)**, by Alexandra Fuenmayor Starr, The Foundation for Child Development, October 2007. As the centerpiece article of the Foundation's 2007 Annual Report, the essay argues young children of immigrants, over 90 percent of who are citizens, will have a large impact on America's cultural and economic vitality. Investing in the healthy development of these children is critical to our nation's future.

## IMMIGRANT WORKERS AND LABOR ISSUES

**[Different Kind of Domestic Abuse](#)**, Associated Press, November 1, 2007. Hundreds of thousands of foreign-born women, many undocumented, work as nannies, cooks, and housekeepers and remain mostly unseen. Some are paid decent wages, but others suffer abuse, intimidation, and threats of deportation. Their illegal status keeps them in a vulnerable and abusive situation.

**[Glare of Fires Pulls Migrants From Shadows](#)**, by Randal C. Archibald and Will Carless, October 27, 2007.

Many undocumented immigrants working in San Diego County live in the canyons and ravines near their place of work, often in the shadow of million-dollar homes. The devastation and deadliness of the wildfires in Southern California touched these often-unseen populations as well.

**[Tech CEOs seek U.S. Immigration, Regulation, Overhaul](#)**, by Stephen Lawson, PC World via The Washington Post, October 13, 2007. The U.S. government should give emerging companies a break on regulation and change its immigration laws to encourage well-educated newcomers to stay, panelists said at a conference Thursday.

**[Eradicating Modern-Day Slavery](#)**, by Kevin Bales, NPR, October 1, 2007. Activist Kevin Bales is continuing his long fight against human trafficking and contemporary slavery. In this interview, Bales talks about his new book, *Ending Slavery*.

[Engaging Employers in Refugee Employment Programs: Advice from the Field](#), Refugee Works, July – September 2007. In 2006, Refugee Works surveyed more than 200 refugee employment professionals nationwide to learn their strategies and secrets for engaging employers in their employment programs. The headlining article of the Refugee Works summer newsletter also explores what additional collaboration and support employers give to refugee employment professionals.

## INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION

[Europe Tries to Attract Migrants It Prefers](#), by Dan Bilefsky, *New York Times*, October 24, 2007. The European Union introduced a “blue card” plan on Tuesday aimed at attracting highly skilled immigrants like doctors, nurses and engineers, even as policymakers grappled with how to keep out unskilled migrants. Officials said they hoped that the proposal would reverse a trend in which skilled migrants from developing countries were choosing the United States over Europe.

[Updated International Migration Data for Australia and the United Kingdom](#), Migration Policy Institute, October 2007. MPI recently updated the stock, flow, net migration, and naturalization data for Australia and the United Kingdom on their country and comparative data web pages. Many of the tables for these countries now include data through 2005 and 2006.

[The Current Situation in Darfur](#), by Susan E. Rice, Brookings Institution, October 7, 2007. This is the transcript from Susan E. Rice’s interview with Wolf Blitzer on CNN’s Late Edition about the current situation in Darfur. The Sudanese foreign minister claims that only the United States is accusing Sudan of genocide.

[Where to Now? Decreasing Options for Displaced Iraqis](#), by Andrew Harper, Migration Information Source, September 2007. No one knows the exact number of Iraqis who were displaced either before or after the March 2003 invasion. However, the most accepted estimate is that over 4 million, or just over one in six, are either displaced within Iraq or have fled abroad.

[2006 Global Trends: Refugees, Asylum-seekers, Returnees, Internally Displaced and Stateless Persons](#), United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, July 2007. The *2006 Global Trends* report is the fourth edition in the series and reviews the trends and changes in 2006 in global populations including refugees, returnees and stateless and internally displaced persons (IDPs), collectively referred to in the report as “persons of concern”.

## U.S.-MEXICO BORDER

[Number of Border-Crossing Deaths Drops](#), by Jacques Billeaud, Associated Press, November 7, 2007. The number of undocumented immigrants who died while crossing the southern U.S. border fell for the second straight year, but the death toll still remained high, at four hundred.

[Border Crossers now Risk Jail](#), by Sean Holstege, *The Arizona Republic*, November 5, 2007. Arizona could become the first state to prosecute every adult caught at the border crossing illegally from Mexico. Federal agencies are discussing expanding Operation Streamline, now operating in the western part of the state, to include the Tucson area, considered the busiest human-smuggling route in the U.S. To make this happen, the Department of Homeland Security would lend lawyers to work exclusively on Streamline cases.

[Shift is Afoot On Mexican Border](#), by Joel Millman, *Wall Street Journal*, October 25, 2007. A security crackdown on the Mexican border is believed to have reduced the number of people trying to cross illegally into the U.S. while increasing business for professional smugglers with ties to the drug trade.

[Environmental Laws Waived for Border Fence](#), Associated Press, October 23, 2007. Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff invoked his power to bypass certain laws to restart construction of a fence on the Arizona-Mexico border. Chertoff’s action allows construction to go forward on about seven miles of fence in the San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area near Naco, Arizona.

[Tighter Border Delays Re-entry by U.S. Citizens](#), by Julia Preston, *New York Times*, October 21, 2007. Crossing the border between Mexico and the United States has become much more scrutinized by border agents, creating delays of two hours or more.

## [RESOURCES OF INTEREST](#)

**[Reframing the Immigration Debate: How the Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition Retooled its Communication Strategy](#)**, Using the context of a workplace raid by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents, the Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition (MIRA) examines their approach to communications with the media and how to improve in future situations. This report is also available in [PDF Format](#).

**[Partnership, Partnership: NGO Cooperation within the Global Humanitarian Platform](#)**, by Elizabeth Ferris, The Brookings Institute, September 29, 2007. An address to a conference of national and international NGO's in Geneva. The speaker discusses the importance of relationships and partnerships between NGO's.

**All Things Being Equal: Instigating Opportunity in an Inequitable Time**, Edited by Brian D. Smedley and Alan Jenkins, Fall 2007. A compilation of eight essays by leading thinkers on how to give all Americans an equal opportunity. The writers contend opportunity in America is in crisis, class mobility is at an all-time low, and the wage gap is extreme. These and other critical ideas about the state of opportunity are documented in the book. Price is \$24.95. [http://www.thenewpress.com/index.php?option=com\\_title&task=view\\_title&metaproductid=1695](http://www.thenewpress.com/index.php?option=com_title&task=view_title&metaproductid=1695)

**Frequently Requested Statistics on Immigrants in the United States**, by Aaron Terrazas, Jeanne Batalova, Velma Fan, Migration Policy Institute, October 2007. The U.S. debate over immigration policy has raised many questions about immigrants — their origins, numbers and characteristics, as well as who has settled in which states. The newly compiled data conflates resources from the Migration Policy Institute, the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey and Decennial Census, U.S. Departments of Homeland Security and State, and Mexico's National Population Council. For more information click here. <http://www.migrationinformation.org/USfocus/display.cfm?id=649>

#### GCIR PROGRAMS

**[Immigration Policy Update: A Webinar for Funders](#)**, Thursday, November 15, 3:00 – 4:15 PM ET, 2:00 – 3:13 PM CT, 1:00 – 2:15 PM MT, 12:00 – 1:15 PM PT. The webinar will track new developments in the immigrant rights debate and showcase opportunities as well as challenges at the local, state, and federal level. Join grantmaking colleagues to learn about: (1) The current state of the immigration policy debate at the national level and the proliferation of immigrant-related local ordinances and state policies; (2) Effective, proactive communications strategies, including a new "Welcoming America" campaign that is being implemented in local communities in states around the country; and (3) The practical roles that funders can play – and are playing – to build the service and advocacy capacity at the local, state and national levels with the intent to promote strong, cohesive communities. This webinar is cosponsored by GCIR and the Four Freedoms Fund. Please contact Amanda Graves at [amanda@gcir.org](mailto:amanda@gcir.org) or 707.824.4374 by Monday, November 12 to confirm your participation.

**Immigrant Rights and Immigrant Integration in Southern California: Perspectives from the Field – A Funders Briefing**, Wednesday, December 5, 3:30 – 5:30 PM, Los Angeles. Details forthcoming.

**Joint Affinity Group of Southern California Leadership Recognition and Holiday Reception Honoring New Foundation Trustees, CEOs and VPs**, Wednesday, December 5, 6:00 – 8:00 PM, Dorothy Chambers Pavilion, Los Angeles. Formal invitation forthcoming. To RSVP for this event, contact Nicole Jones, Senior Program Director at Southern California Grantmakers ([Nicole@socialgrantmakers.org](mailto:Nicole@socialgrantmakers.org)).

**[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 for 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](mailto:alison@gcir.org).

#### OTHER PROGRAMS OF INTEREST

**[2007 Healthy Communities, Healthy Youth Conference](#)**, November 8 – 10, 2007, Rochester, NY. The Search Institute's annual Healthy Communities, Healthy Youth Conference will be in Rochester, NY on November 8-10. The theme is "Transforming Relations for the Common Good" and the focus is working together to promote positive youth development through asset building. The conference is for adults and youth.

**[In the Cauldron of Drugs, Poverty and Environmental Destruction: A Conversation with Carlos Albacete and Piedad Espinosa](#)**, Tuesday, November 13, 2007, 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM PT, San Francisco. Carlos Albacete and Piedad Espinosa are the co-founders of the Guatemalan environmental organization, Trópico Verde, which is concerned with the conservation of natural resources and the rights of impoverished rural communities throughout Guatemala. In this presentation, they will discuss the confluence of narcotics, poverty and environmental degradation in Central America, its implications for the U.S., and what can be done about it. This program is sponsored by the Northern California Grantmakers. To register for the event, visit [http://www.ncg.org/events/reg\\_free.html](http://www.ncg.org/events/reg_free.html).

**[Bi-Annual Conference of the National Network to End Violence Against Immigrant Women](#)**, November 14 – 15, 2007, Lexington, KY. The conference will include sessions on issues that affect immigrant victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and trafficking. It is co-chaired by Legal Momentum, ASISTA Immigration Technical Assistance Project, and the Family Violence Prevention Fund.

**[American Humane Association's 2nd Annual Conference on Differential Response](#)**, November 14 – 16, 2007, Long Beach, CA. Differential response, also referred to as “dual track,” “multiple track,” or “alternative response,” is an approach that allows child protective services to respond differently to reports of child abuse and neglect. This conference aims to build knowledge, disseminate ongoing practices, and provide a platform for the exchange of ideas on a range of topics related to implementing differential response in child welfare.

**[TIRRC Fifth Annual Convention](#)**, November 17, 2007, Nashville, TN. The Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition's Fifth Annual Convention is a day when Tennessee's immigrant, refugee, and ally community have the opportunity to attend skill-building workshops, decide on the priority state and local issues, and develop strategies to advance the rights of immigrants in Tennessee.

**[Telephonic Briefing on Recent Immigration Media Analysis and Public Opinion Research](#)**, Tuesday, November 20, 2007, 3:00-5:00 PM ET. Members of The Opportunity Agenda staff will share their recently completed work analyzing media coverage of immigration. Research includes analysis of the mainstream press, minority press, and Web 2.0, and will include a public opinion research overview. Research was completed over the course of the last six months. Space is limited on the call; please RSVP early to save your place. RSVP to: Julie Rowe, Communications Coordinator: [partners@opportunityagenda.org](mailto:partners@opportunityagenda.org).

**[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.

**[University of Wisconsin-Green Bay 2008 Conference](#)**, January 31- February 2, 2008, Lake Buena Vista, FL. The University of Wisconsin presents the 14<sup>th</sup> Joint National Conference on Alternatives to Expulsion, Suspension, & Dropping Out of School. Of note is Richard Verdugo's presentation titled *Race, Ethnicity, and Alternative Schools: Key Issues*.

**[National Immigrants' Rights Conference](#)**, January 18 – 20, 2008, Houston, TX. 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 & 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. For more information and registration, click [here](#).

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

**[Association of Black Foundation Executives Announces Search for New President](#)**, ABFE, October 18, 2007. The board of directors of the Association of Black Foundation Executives (ABFE) today announced its national search for a new president. After six years of service to ABFE, President Kenneth W. Austin submitted his resignation to the board of directors to pursue other career opportunities. Please direct all inquiries to Judy M. Ford, ABFE Board Chair at [ABFESearch@abfe.org](mailto:ABFESearch@abfe.org).

[The California Wellness Foundation](#) has two job opportunities to announce: [Communications Associate](#) and [Executive Assistant to the Vice President of Programs](#). To apply, please e-mail [hr@tcwf.org](mailto:hr@tcwf.org) or for more information regarding the positions, click [here](#).

[Chicago Foundation for Women](#) announces an opening for a Program Officer. The position reports to the director of programs and is responsible for implementing programmatic aspects of the foundation's advocacy and direct service grantmaking, the grantee capacity building calendar and some educational programming. Deadline for applications is November 16, 2007. For more information, click [here](#).

[Florida Immigrant Coalition](#) is hiring a Grassroots Fundraiser. The coalition seeks an experienced person to help FLIC diversify their sources of funding. Creole and Spanish speakers encouraged to apply. Send resumes to [info@floridaimmigrant.org](mailto:info@floridaimmigrant.org).

[Funders' Committee for Civic Participation](#) is expanding its staff and will be hiring for the position of Program Director. This newly created position will oversee selected aspects of FCCP's program work in order to expand the base of support for building civic engagement infrastructure and non-partisan voter engagement efforts at the state level. Deadline for applications is November 12, 2007.

[Hyams Foundations, Inc.](#) seeks a Program Officer to lead its work in the Teen Development program, focusing on the low-income communities in Boston and Chelsea, Massachusetts. Interested individuals should submit a letter of interest and resume by Monday, December 3, 2007 to [jobs@hyamsfoundation.org](mailto:jobs@hyamsfoundation.org).

[Liberty Hill Foundation](#) is seeking a Director of Special Events who will be responsible for the successful management of fundraising, donor cultivation and education events hosted by the foundation. To apply, contact Darrell Tucci at [dtucci@libertyhill.org](mailto:dtucci@libertyhill.org).

[Migration Policy Institute](#) seeks an [Associate Policy Analyst/Deputy Data Manager](#) to conduct quantitative research and an experienced [Director of Communications](#) to lead an ambitious strategic communications program.

[Neighborhood Funders Group](#) is seeking an Associate Director. The successful candidate must have extensive experience and knowledge of both philanthropy and community development. The individual will manage NFG member services including development and marketing of NFG publications, member communications, membership recruitment, as well as staff committees and working groups. Applications are due by November 16, 2007. More information can be found at [www.nfg.org](http://www.nfg.org).

**Services, Immigrant Rights and Education Network (SIREN) seeks a Director of Programs.** The position is responsible for the overall development, management and implementation of SIREN's programs, overall strategic plan, and media initiatives, as well as support of the executive director in maintaining major donor relationships and securing funding. Bilingual/biliterate fluency in Spanish or Vietnamese preferred. For information and to apply, visit <http://www.siren-bayarea.org> or email Patricia Diaz, Executive Director, [patty@siren-bayarea.org](mailto:patty@siren-bayarea.org).

**Women's Foundation of California** announces the job opportunity for a Special Projects/Special Events Coordinator. The position located in San Francisco, reports to the Vice President of Development and Communications and also partners closely with the Program Team to implement special projects. The primary focus of the position is project management, including serving as primary liaison to key funders and consultants, and coordination of special events. Please email a cover letter and resume to John Perez at [johnp@womensfoundca.org](mailto:johnp@womensfoundca.org).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Campaign for a United America Aims to Uplift Voices of Everyday People Standing Up for American Values in Face of Anti-Immigrant Extremism](#), The Campaign seeks to unite communities and build on commonalities in the aftermath of the anti-immigrant movement's overreach.

[Carnegie Corporation Shifts Its Grant-making Approach](#), by Ian Wilhelm, **The Chronicle of Philanthropy**, **October 3, 2007**. The Carnegie Corporation of New York has announced it is changing its grant making and simplifying how it categorizes its giving. The foundation will continue to focus on its traditional goals — improving

education and supporting international peace — but most grants will fall into two broad categories, national and international programs, whereas before the foundation had more than six distinct grant-making areas.

The **Center for Intergenerational Learning** through Project SHINE at Temple University has launched the **Civic Engagement for All Initiative**, seeking to understand and encourage the civic participation of older immigrant groups. Focusing on both the college-age and 50+ age groups, the Initiative aims to engage them as individuals with the potential to actively strengthen their communities. Funded by the MetLife Foundation and the UPS Impact Fund, the Initiative contains two phases: first, it intends to learn more about the needs, skills, and interests of the focus groups; second, the initiative will employ the information to create practical and useful ways for non-profit organizations to engage both college-age and 50+ individuals in service.

The **Opportunity Agenda** announces the “spin off” of a new sister organization, [Creative Counsel](#). Previously known as the arts and culture team of The Opportunity Agenda, it is now a separate organization that showcases the work of talented artists as they promote social justice values through multimedia programs, exhibitions, screenings, and campaigns. Phoebe Eng, a co-founder and former Creative Director of The Opportunity Agenda, will now be Creative Counsel’s Executive Director.

[The Florida Immigrant Coalition \(FLIC\)](#), **Annual Statewide Congress, September 2007**. At the annual meeting of FLIC’s members from around the state, more than 200 immigrants, students, lawyers, social service providers and allies from across Florida met to reflect on the previous year and strategize on the most pressing issues for the upcoming year. Many of the materials distributed at the three-day conference are available online at the Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center (FIAC) website. When you go to [www.fiacfla.org/trainingdocs](http://www.fiacfla.org/trainingdocs) and sign in (Username: immigrant, Password: florida) the list of documents and materials will appear. Just click on any document to download it.