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## **IMMIGRATION AND DIVERSITY EVENTS ON CAMPUS**

The UO is hosting two conferences on immigration and human rights in Latin America in late January in a continuing effort to promote and spread awareness about diversity on campus and in Eugene.

“There are many lessons to be learned from the history of conflict in Latin America,” said UO professor Lynn Stephen. The events are being organized and promoted by the Latin American Studies department and in affiliation with the Wayne Morse Center for Law and Politics.

The first, “Immigration and Citizenship,” a one-day symposium on the policies and politics of immigration, will include prominent speakers advocating for a greater awareness and openness towards better immigration policies and for citizenship for undocumented immigrants. Community activists will discuss the politics of immigration policy and how it affects Eugene.

Among the speakers will be local human rights activist Guadalupe Quinn and professor Garrett Epps of the UO School of Law. The event will also include guest speakers from universities from around the nation as well as Secretary-Treasurer Larry Kleinman of Oregon's Pinosos y Campesinos Unidos del Noroeste (PCUN). The speakers will discuss the reworking of current border and immigrations laws, immigration policy and politics, and the event will conclude with a book signing.

The second conference, “Violence and Reconciliation in Latin America: Human Rights, Memory and Democracy,” is a three-day conference focusing on the societies of Latin America and how they are dealing with the human rights violations of their recent past. It will also address how they will build democratic societies in the affected regions. “The conference is important now because there are many lessons to be learned from the history of conflict in Latin America and the way it continues to play out today,” said Stephen. Local speakers include UO professors Gabriela Martinez, Pedro Garcia-Caro and Stephen.

Speakers from as far away as New York and Texas will discuss topics ranging from the political direction in which Latin America is heading, to gender, violence and human rights in Latin America, and literature and testimonies from political prisoners.

“Immigration and Citizenship” will be held from 9 am to 4 pm Jan. 25 in 175 Knight Law Center at 15<sup>th</sup> and Agate. “Violence and Reconciliation in Latin America” will be held from Jan. 31 to Feb. 2, in the EMU on campus. Both events are free and open to the public. Go to <http://www.waynemorsecenter.uoregon.edu> for more information. — *Mark Arellano*